

Parish Mission Statement:

In a spirit of Pastoral Outreach of St Jude's Parish, we, the people of the parish, are called to **Serve with Joy**. We respect diversity and welcome all who choose to belong to our community



MASS TIMES:

Week Days:

Wed, Thu, Fri 9.15am

Weekends:

Sat 6pm, Sun 8.30am & 10.30am

RECONCILIATION

Contact Fr Jerald or Fr Samuel at the Parish office

OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday—Friday 9am to 3.30pm

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Second Sunday of Advent—Year B
10th December 2023

PEACE

REFLECTION:

Mark 1:1-8 introduces the ministry of John the Baptist as the herald of Jesus. This passage inspires reflection on the significance of preparation and repentance in our lives. Just as John prepared the way for Jesus, we are called to prepare our hearts, turning away from distractions and embracing a renewed commitment to spiritual growth. It's a reminder that in moments of change, like the baptism of repentance, we find a path towards a more profound connection with our faith.

Gracious Father, as I reflect on Mark's Gospel, May I, like John the Baptist, prepare the way for your presence in my life. Grant me the strength to repent and return towards You, embracing a heart ready for transformation. Help me be a voice of encouragement and truth in the lives of those around me. In Jesus 'name, I pray for the courage to live a life that reflects the love and grace You have bestowed upon us. Amen

OUR PARISH OFFICE

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Parish Bookkeeper: Ema Rivera

Property Manager: Xavier David

Child Safety Officer: Kim Baxter

SERVICES

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St. Vincent De Paul

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PARISH SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

St Jude's Primary

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Holy Trinity Primary

Mr Adrian Scutt 9801 8296

St Mary's College for the Deaf

Ms Amanda Purcell 9800 2733

Mater Christi College

Ms Maria Hagggett 9754 6611

St Joseph's College

Ms Cathy Livingston 9758 2000

**Parish Advent
Reconciliation:**

Tuesday 12th December at 7.30pm

Christmas Eve:

6pm Mass

(Carols begin at 5.30pm)

9pm Mass

(Carols begin at 8.30pm)

Christmas Day:

8.30am & 10.30am Masses

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11

'Console my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God, 'Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

Second advent candle—*"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace".* Isaiah 9:6

The **SECOND** candle on the **Advent wreath** represents **PEACE** – Also called "The Bethlehem candle", this candle reminds us of Mary's and Joseph's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem before Mary gave birth to Jesus. After the division, destruction and dispersion in the Old Testament there may finally be PEACE on earth.



WE ARE HIRING!!!
Finance Administrator



St Simon's Parish Rowville & St Jude's Parish Scoresby are seeking to employ a Finance Administrator (To work across both Parishes). **For a position description and to apply visit:** <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies/stewardship-administrator-st-simons-parish>. **Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact Human Resources at** hadmin@cam.org.au

A visit to the Blessed Sacrament

Our lives, for all their frailty, are held firmly in His hands. Pope Francis
We usually are open from Tuesday-Friday, 9am-3.30pm

We ask for the peace and grace of Eternal Life for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time especially:

Kim Eng Teh Chuah, Stephen McMahon, Daniel Pagano, Kenneth D'Silva, Teng Khoon Khoo, Iva Thatcher, Tara Elders-Tilley, Margaret Neary, Michael Hageman, Patricia King, William(Bill) Storen.





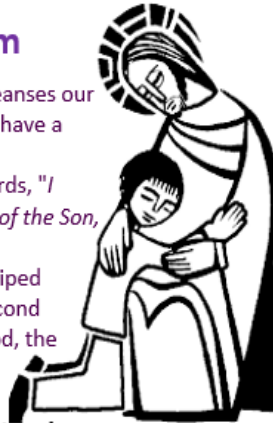
ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Tuesday 12th Dec at 7:30pm

The Sacrament of Reconciliation literally and truly cleanses our souls from sin. When we receive the Sacrament, we have a chance to give all our pain and brokenness to Jesus.

And then, once this is done, the priest says those words, "I absolve you," (You!) "in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

In this instant, everything is erased, and our soul is wiped clean! That is what Reconciliation is - it gives us a second chance. It reconciles us with God. And God, the Good, the Merciful, the Loving God, will forgive



You are invited to take this opportunity to receive the healing that comes with this beautiful Sacrament that will be held at St. Judes on Tuesday, 12 December at 7:30 pm

PIETY STORE NEWS

Columban calendar 2024 & St Vincent De Paul

Society Christmas Cards are on Sale at the piety store. Please Visit the store after mass or email Scoresby.conf.pres@svdp-vic.org.au and we will contact you

Wishing you Christmas blessings wrapped in love tied up with joy



Thank you

Thank you to those willing volunteers who made the Evergreen's Lunch such a special occasion. Without your help and support we could not do what we do. That also goes for all those people who so willingly help us throughout the year with funerals and various functions; providing a plate/working etc.

Thank you to Fr Jerald and Fr Samuel for their support of our community to have such events.

Thank you also to the students of St Jude's and their teachers who put in plenty of practice so they could entertain our Evergreens with Christmas carols.

A big thank you to our Evergreens who came to the Anointing Mass and lunch we trust you had a wonderful day.

Wishing you a peaceful and joy filled Christmas

**Ann & Robyn
Hospitality Team**

Third Sunday of Advent—Year B

First Reading *Isaiah 61:1-2. 10-11* **Second Reading** *1 Thessalonians 5:16-24* **Gospel** *John 1:6-8. 19-28*

Dec 16/17	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 8.30am	Sunday 10.30am
Celebrant	Fr Jerald Maria Das	Fr Jerald Maria Das	Fr Jerald Maria Das
Readers:	Lauren Pereira Rosary Pereira	Millicent Miranda Prema Pinto	Irene Wallis Trish Welti
Mass Projector	Stephanie Smyth	Bill Ta	T.J/Victoria Bulloch
Children's Liturgy	No Children Liturgy		
Altar Society	Cora Lijnders		
Church Cleaner	Rosanna Kelaart		

Thank you to all those who "Serve the Lord with Joy" by participating in these rosters. Please view the COVID Safe Plan for St Jude's displayed on the entry doors of the church.

GRATEFUL FOR YOU

Thank you to the Leadership team and everyone involved in making the Volunteers' Lunch such a success!

We extend heartfelt gratitude to Ann Doyle and Robyn Pinches for their remarkable service to the St. Jude's Parish community through their dedicated ministry of hospitality. They exemplify the spirit of our Parish to 'Serve with joy' and stand as wonderful role models for us all. Special thanks also go to the knitting group and to everyone who contributed to the preparation and distribution of our Christmas cards.

Our volunteers' selfless service at St. Jude's Parish enables us to fulfill our mission and service the community. Together, we have seized the opportunity to reach out to those on the margins and actively participated in the collective effort to build the city of God right here in Scoresby.

God bless you for your generosity and thank you for being a blessing to others.

Fr Jerald & Stephanie

Parish notice:

The 24th December we will only have the 8:30am Mass and there will be NO 10:30am Mass

MUSICIANS NEEDED



We are looking for parishioners or if you know of someone who may be interested who loves playing either the **piano** or the **drums** to come and join a friendly group of musicians to play at our weekend masses. We are hoping to organise a roster to play on monthly basis. **If you would like to share your gift of music, please contact: Xavier on 0448 766 705 or contact the Parish Office on 9763 7302**

Thank you to all the Alter Servers who attended the training session last Sunday.

We will schedule another session in the new year for those who were unable to attend.

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CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Help families in need this Christmas.

Donate what you can to the Scoresby St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal.

DONATIONS CAN BE MADE BY THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:

Over the phone- call 13 18 12 and quote 'Scoresby'

Online- scan the QR code to donate online.

Direct Deposit-

Account Name: St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria Gift Fund

BSB: 063 000

Account No: 106 07556

Reference: X23 + 421

Cash or Cheque, Gift cards

As always cash, cheque and Gift cards are welcome and can be left in the red box on the table in the Foyer or at the Parish office or call **(03) 9763 7302**

