

St. Jude the Apostle Parish

49 George St, Scoresby

"In a spirit of Pastoral outreach, 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"

Second Sunday of Easter—Year B 7th April 2024

Divine Mercy Sunday

MASS TIMES:

Week Days:

Wed, Thu, Fri 9.15am

Weekends:

Sat 6pm, Sun 8.30am & 10.30am

RECONCILIATION

Contact Fr Jerald or Fr Joel at the Parish office

OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday—Friday 9am to 3.30pm

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SERVICES

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The transformative power of love: From doubt to Belief!

John 20:19-31 recounts the profound encounter between Jesus and his disciples after his resurrection. At first, the disciples are locked in a room, filled with fear and uncertainty about the future. Yet, in the midst of their anxiety, Jesus appears to them, offering words of peace and reassurance. His presence alone dispels their doubts and fills them with a renewed sense of hope.

Thomas, one of the disciples, is notably absent during this initial encounter. When he hears of Jesus' appearance, he expresses scepticism, stating that he will not believe unless he sees and touches the wounds of Jesus. However, when Jesus appears again and invites Thomas to touch his wounds, Thomas is overcome with belief, exclaiming "My Lord and my God!" This moment illustrates the transformative power of encountering the risen Christ firsthand. It demonstrates how even the most sceptical among us can be moved to profound faith when faced with the reality of Jesus' love and resurrection.

This passage inspires reflection on the nature of love and faith. Jesus' love for his disciples is unconditional and unwavering, even in the face of their doubts and fears. His willingness to meet them where they are, to offer them peace and reassurance, speaks volumes about the depth of his love. It reminds us that no matter how far we may stray or how uncertain we may feel, Jesus is always there, ready to embrace us with his love and grace.

Moreover, Thomas' journey from doubt to belief serves as a powerful reminder that faith is not always instantaneous. It is a process, often marked by moments of questioning and uncertainty. Yet, when we open ourselves to be touched by his love and grace, our doubts can be transformed into faith, and our fears into peace.

In our own lives, we are called to emulate the love and faithfulness of Jesus. We are called to be beacons of hope in a world filled with doubt and despair, to offer peace and reassurance to those who are struggling. And we are called to approach our own doubts and uncertainties with humility and openness, trusting that in the end, love will always triumph over fear, and faith will always lead us to new life.

Parish Update session

Join us for a parish update session hosted by Fr Jerald and the St Jude's leadership team immediately following the 10:30am mass on Sunday, 21st of April to gain insight into parish information, financial overview and future plans .

There will be **no mass at 9.15am on Thursday, April 11th** due to our priests attending a Clergy workshop. However, **we will still have a communion service.**

Divine Mercy Sunday - 7 April at St Simon's Parish Rowville.

2:00pm—Rosary & Confession

2:30pm—Divine Mercy Chaplet and Adoration

3:00pm—Mass



First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us;

this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God

has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith.

Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God;

Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

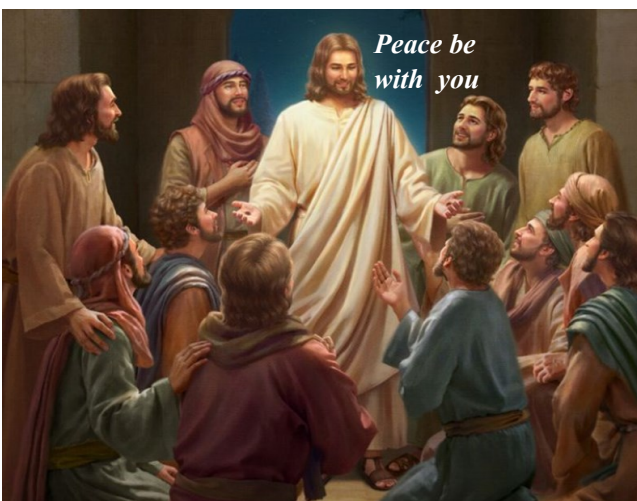
'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.



A VISIT TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

"No soul will be justified until it turns with confidence to my mercy, and this is why the first Sunday after Easter is to be the Feast of Mercy. On that day, priests are to tell everyone about My great and unfathomable mercy."-
Our Lord's words, Diary of St. Faustina Kowalska

We ask for the peace and grace of Eternal Life for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time especially: Anthony Grima, Carmel Underhill, Leslie Nelson, Rosa Harrold, Anthony Anthonypillai, Harry Callander, Joshua Nemeth, Macario Galang, Judy Fernandez, Vincent Habjan, Gwen Van Hees, Kate Strauch, Henry Brown, Annie Parkinson, Michael McKay



Our Working Bee day is scheduled for **April 13th, 9am to 2pm.**

Lunch will be provided!

Thank you so much for your support!

PARISH SUPPORT

If you would like to support our Parish via TAP and GO please use the terminal in the Church Foyer. All you need to do is choose the donation amount and tap or insert your credit card / debit card / smart phone or smart watch— your contribution will go straight into the Church Account.

If you would like to contribute to the support of our Priests please see bank details below:

Account Name: St Jude's Presbytery Account
BSB: 083 347 Account No. 648765671
Many thanks for your support.



Project Compassion

A gentle reminder if you have not returned your Project Compassion boxes and envelopes, could you please return to the Parish Office at your earliest convenience.



St Jude's Parish community, is committed to the Victorian Child Safe Standards & acknowledge that child safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

MULTICULTURAL ROSARY, ADORATION AND BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



On Wednesday, 15 May, 2024, our multicultural rosary, adoration and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be held at St Jude's parish church from 7.30pm – 8.30 pm. The intention is to honour Jesus and Mary and pray for our parish community and our world, so that all peoples may turn away from sin and turn back to God. We begin with a candle-lit procession accompanying

Our Lady's statue and the monstrance, followed by our multicultural Rosary, adoration and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. **All are welcome.**

Marian Team contact: Maureen 0410 755 972

Volunteers Needed!

We need two additional projectionists for Sunday 8:30am & 10:30am mass.

It is a very simple task and we provide training and supervision until you are comfortable to do the task on your own. If you are interested, please contact **Abigail on 0405725047.**

Thank you for your support!

St Jude's Parish—Liturgy Roster Third Sunday of Easter—Year B

First Reading 3:13-15. 17-19 **Second Reading** 1 John 2:1-5 **Gospel** John 24:35-48

April 13/14	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	Louise Cooper Iren Wallis
Mass Projector	Diyen Hettiarachi	Catherine Money	Giselle
Children's Liturgy	No Children Liturgy during school holidays		
Altar Society	Eve Buckeridge		
Church Cleaner	Jude Philip		

Confirmation

Classes for children attending non-Catholic Schools will commence at **9.30am** at the **Parish Reception Centre**.

Classes:

28th April, 5, 19, 26 May.

12th May is Mother's Day so no Classes.

Parent/Child Workshop

13th June 6pm.

Commitment Masses

15/16 June at 6pm and 10.30am

Sacrament of Confirmation will be on 1st August at 5.30pm and 7pm.

If you would like to register your son/daughter please contact the Parish Office on 9763 7302 or email scoresby@cam.org.au for an enrolment form. The cost of the program is \$30 per Sacrament.

KNITTING GROUP

The knitting group will take place Wednesday **April 17th** at the **Parish Reception Centre** at **9.30am-11am**.

A warm welcome awaits.
Enquiries: **Maureen** 0417 634 600



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PIETY STORE NEWS

The piety store will be open every fortnight and we now have some new products :

- First Communion Gifts
- Risen Christ Statue
- Our Lady of Health Statues
- St Joan Arch Statue
- Palm in Hand Statue
- Votive Candle Sacred Heart
- God Bless Home Plaque
- Rosaries



EXPERIENCED MUSICIANS NEEDED

We are looking for parishioners or if you know of someone who may be interested, who plays 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**

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