



ST JUDE'S PARISH, SCORESBY

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Member of Knox Deanery

The Ascension of the Lord — Year C 29 May 2022

Weekday Masses this week

Wednesday 1 June & Thursday 2 June at 9.15am

(See Page 3 of Parish Newsletter)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 6pm, Sunday 8.30am & 10.30am

Reconciliation by appointment (contact Fr Samuel at Parish Office)

Some years ago, during work experience in a parish, I would join the parish choir and sing with them for mass. One particular Sunday Mass still stands out in my memory. The organist began the offertory music but suddenly swivelled around on his bench, while still playing and looked over the choir loft balcony. I did too, as did the other choristers. 'Oh my!' said the elderly lady in front of me. 'I can't believe it! Did they just leave?!' 'Now I've seen everything!' said the organist.

I looked down the nave of the church, as the family attending for the baptism, emptied the first two pews and exited through the side door. I was gobsmacked that after having received the Baptismal rite, they didn't bother staying for the rest of the mass.

'An absolute pastoral disaster!' said the parish sacramental coordinator indignantly, the following day at the office. 'I knew things were not going to end well, when she had the gall to ring me and ask if Sunday Mass could start before 10:30am as they had already booked the restaurant for 11:30am! I never thought they'd just up and leave though!'

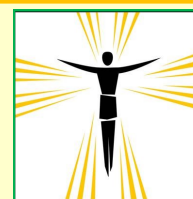
It was yet another moment, where I was reminded of the deep sadness within me as I confront again and again what people call the 'crises of faith'. It's normal now for us to know of friends and family who simply don't believe anymore. I thought of that moment in the Gospels where Jesus "did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith" (Matt 13:58). I thought, 'Well, if *you* couldn't do any miracles Lord, what do you expect *us* to do!'

I come back to this thought often in my prayer. Sometimes all I feel God saying to me is to be faithful to the little things that I have within my capacity to do. The great French Jesuit priest, Jean Pierre de Caussade, speaks of "the Sacrament of the present moment". The basic idea is that yesterday is gone, tomorrow is yet to come, but what we do have is the moment which we right now inhabit and the duties which it manifests to us. Our obedience to the call and duties of now, of the present moment, constitute the means and path to greater self-awareness, personal discipline and to holiness. In doing so, he shows how the moments of our days and the simple duties that make them up, are often the visible means to the invisible realities of God and our relationship with him; those invisible realities which are the very grounds of our visible existence.

There's no point lamenting away the precious time God has given us, thinking about how bad things are in the church and world. We must 'get on with it', as a wise priest once said to me. Our faithfulness to God in little things will ensure our faithfulness to Him in greater things and just imagine if we all did that! Far from a church mired in its current state of despair, we would realise anew in our own lives what God has always called us to be; his flock, his people.

De Caussade's classic work is published in contemporary translations as "The Joy of Full Surrender" or elsewhere as "Abandonment to Divine Providence". As we approach Pentecost, which calls us to live out the gifts of the Holy Spirit in our lives, perhaps you may find in this work some fruitful spiritual reading in the coming weeks.

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



OUR PARISH OFFICE

Parish Priest: Rev Mark Reynolds EV
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SERVICES & CONTACTS

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Ms Maria Haggett 9754 6611

St Joseph's College

Ms Cathy Livingston 9758 2000

Serve the Lord with Joy

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Second Reading: Eph 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Gospel: Lk 24:46-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

We welcome into the **Parish Family** through the **Sacrament of Baptism:**
Hugo & Lara Buick, William & Henley Murphy, Charlotte Brown, Vivienne Panic

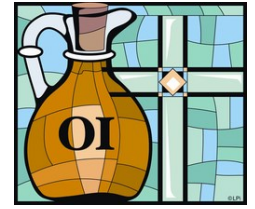
We ask for the peace and grace of Eternal Life for **Iraida Joaquina Gomes, Paul Di Bianco**
those whose memories are sacred to us at this time especially:

Kevin Thorneycroft, Andy Ellul, Peter Catanese, Barbara Kelton, Vernon Fnlay, Margaret Tai, Henricus Van Helmond, Julie, Kellie & Ruth Whelan, Raffaella Morganella, Rita Goudie, George Lee, Keith Westaway, Hellen Koevoets, Marjorie Lacy.



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Anointing Mass Change of Date

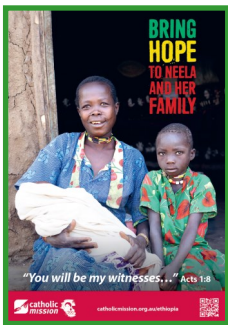


Please note that the **date** for the **Anointing Mass for the Sick and Elderly** has changed. This Mass is now a **Joint Anointing Mass** with the parishioners of St Simon’s Rowville and will be held here at **St Jude’s Parish** on **Tuesday 7 June** at **11am**.

This Mass will be followed by light refreshments in the Parish Centre. To assist with catering arrangements it would be appreciated if you could **RSVP** by **Friday 3 June** by contacting **Elisa Kelesidis** at the **Parish Office** on **9763 7302** or email **Scoresby@cam.org.au** confirming your attendance and if you have any special dietary requirements. Also please contact Elisa if you are requiring assistance with transport.

BRING HOPE TO NEELA AND HER FAMILY

Thank you so much for your generous partnership with life-changing mission programs like the establishment of the Deberety Goat Rearing Centre in Emdibir, Ethiopia.



Your gift is helping the Church and the local community work towards constructing the Centre, supplying feed and veterinary medication, and procuring goats to provide nutritious milk to help address problems like malnutrition in babies and children. Your gift also supports mission programs around the world that reach out and give life to those in most need.

To learn more about the impact of your support, visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work where you can also sign up for our regular newsletter. If you missed your opportunity to learn about this vital mission program, or wish to contribute again, please go to catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia or scan the QR code.



Freecall: 1800 257 296

Weekday Masses for the next couple of weeks for **St Jude’s Scoresby** will be held at **9.15am Wednesdays & Thursdays** and **St Simon’s Rowville Tuesdays & Fridays**. Please note there will be **NO Weekday Masses** from **Tuesday 13 June to Friday 17 June** as Fr Samuel will be attending the Clergy Conference.

St Jude’s Parish—Liturgy Roster

Pentecost Sunday

Fist Reading: Acts 2:1-11, Second Reading Cor 12:3-7 12-13 & Gospel Jn 20:19-23

4 /5 June	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 8.30am	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Lauren Pereira Rosary Periera	Kim Baxter Millicent Miranda	Louise Cooper Mary King
Mass Projector	Diyen Hettiarachi	Megan Pinto	Audrey/Isabelle Raj
Altar Society	Carmen Leitao, Aneeta Anthony, Frankie Belda, Thilani Hettiararchchy Marlene Kodituwakku		
Church Cleaner	Rosanna Jumonong		



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 or via the parish website pol.org.au/scoresby

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“SAUSAGE SIZZLE SUCCESS”



Thank you to those who assisted in the recent “Sausage Sizzle” event last weekend. The day was a great success not only in raising funds for our parish which totalled over \$1,000.00, but also just as importantly in building connections with our community. Again our most sincere thanks to everyone for all their efforts in making this such a successful day.

St Simon’s and St Jude’s

YOUTH GROUP

A Group for **Year 6 to Year 9** students
Starting: Sunday June 12th

When: Every **second Sunday** of the month at **5.30pm-7pm**
12/6, 10/7, 14/8, 11/9, 9/10, 13/11 & 11/12

Where: **St Simon’s Parish Centre, 2 Taylors Lane, Rowville**

What: Evenings of fun, friendship and food!

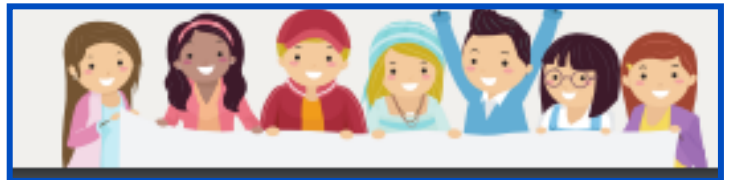
Dinner will be provided at each session.

A \$2 donation is most welcome.

To register: Please scan the QR code or go to
<https://stsimonsparish.com.au/youth-groups>



For more information, please contact:
youthteam@stsimonsparish.com.au
Phone: 0419 176 149
(Flyers in the Church Foyer)



Social Gathering – 1st Saturday each month

Parishioners are invited to stay and enjoy a social get together in the foyer following the **Saturday evening Mass**.

Beer, wine, soft drink, tea and coffee will be provided.

Please bring a small plate to share.

Our **first gathering** will be on **Saturday June 4th**

We look forward to your company



Please note the **Parish Office** will be **closed** on **Wednesday 1st June 2022** and will re-open on Thursday 2nd June at 9am.
Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

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