

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

Telephone: 9763 7302

Email: scoresby@cam.org.au

Website: pol.org.au/scoresby

Third Sunday of Advent—Year B

17th December 2023

JOY

REFLECTION:

John 1:6-8, 19-28 highlights the role of John the Baptist as a witness to the light. This passage encourages us to reflect on our own lives and consider how we can bear witness to the light of Christ, bringing hope and understanding to those around us. Just as John pointed others to the coming Messiah, we too can share the light of love and truth in our interaction, making a positive impact on the world.

Heavenly Father, grant us the wisdom to point others toward the source of everlasting hope, just as John pointed to the Messiah. Guide us in our journey to reflect Your light, and may our actions glorify Your name. Amen

OUR PARISH OFFICE

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Parish Leadership Team

Contact number: 9763 7302

Parish Coordinator: Ida Lancuba

Parish Bookkeeper: Ema Rivera

Property Manager: Xavier David

Child Safety Officer: Kim Baxter

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

Christmas Eve

6pm Mass

(Carols begin at 5:30pm)

9pm Mass

(Carols begin at 8:30pm)

Christmas Day

8:30am Mass

&

10:30am Mass



May the spirit of Christmas fill your heart with peace, and may the coming year bring you boundless joy and happiness

SERVICES

Community Centre

Parish Office: 9763 7302

Liturgy Group

Leon Raj

liturgy.stjudes@gmail.com

St. Vincent De Paul

Helpline 1800 305 330

St Simon's & St Jude's Youth Group

youthteam@stsimonsparish.com.au

0491 176 149

Fitness Class

Pam Jess 0419555694

PARISH SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

St Jude's Primary

Mr Tim McMullen 8761 9600

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

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2. 10-11

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord. 'I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels. 'For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.'

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus.

Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

Gospel: John 1:6-8. 19-28

A man came, sent by God.

His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light.

This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked, 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not,' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied:

a voice that cries in the wilderness:
Make a straight way for the Lord.'

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

Third advent candle



“But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.’” (Luke 2:10-12)

The third candle of Advent symbolizes **Joy**. As we continue to approach Christmas Day, our joy grows more and more. The third candle takes us back to the joyful anticipation of the shepherds who journeyed to see Jesus in Bethlehem, even before the wise men.

Caritas Australia's Global Gifts Cards

Caritas Australia's Global Gifts Christmas cards are a great way to spread joy and hope this Christmas season and to make a life-changing impact. Each gift represents a donation that will support vulnerable communities to create a brighter future. Order now to receive in time for Christmas at www.globalgifts.org.au

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A visit to the Blessed Sacrament

The Eucharist, 'a sacrament of love, a sign of unity, a bond of charity'. - 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:

Antonio Zarro, Hack Beard, Lorrie Bubeck, Francis Miranda, Cecilia Clement, Edmund Thavapragsam, Maria Baldin, Milton Gardiner, Pamela Hall, Robert Lewis, Rose Wong, Shmanthi Jeyaseelan, Stuart Linden Ferguson, Terry Eaton, Bruno Volpi, Carlos Morales, Gabor Nemeth, Pamela Hargreaves, Sheila Hill, Ian Duncan, Patricia M Ellison, Vincenzo Abbatangelo, Lusitano Carvalho.



PARISH SUPPORT

If you wish 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.

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

Advent Appeal for Ukraine

Since the start of the war, millions of Ukrainians have fled their home country, with thousands of refugees coming to Australia.



In response to the continued conflict in Ukraine, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli is launching a special Advent appeal, the proceeds of which will go towards providing aid and practical assistance to those who have been displaced and are without basic supplies, especially as winter approaches. "there are no winners in war, only families torn apart. Sadly, this is the painful reality facing so many at this time." Archbishop Comensoli reflected.

I'm inviting the faithful of Melbourne to offer whatever they can at this time. And I pray that together we can be a sign of God's nearness to those who need it the most."

Special Christmas Cards (and envelopes) are available in the church foyer. Archbishop Peter A Comensoli extends his gratitude for your generosity

Donations can also be done online:
<https://melbourncatholic.org/adventappeal>

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



Parish notice:

NO 10:30am Mass on December 24th; only 8:30am due to Christmas preparations, booked church activities and time constraints.

Thank you for your understanding.

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent—Year B

First Reading **2 Samuel 7:1-5. 8-12. 14. 16** Second Reading **Romans 16:25-27** Gospel **Luke 1:26-38**

Dec 23/24	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 8.30am	Sunday - No Mass at 10:30am
Celebrant	Fr Samuel Pearson	Fr Samuel Pearson	See Christmas Mass Times on the Front Page of this newsletter
Readers:	Filomena Uberti Thomas Chan	Special arrangements for Christmas Eve Mass	Special arrangements for Christmas Mass
Mass Projector	Adina Atmadja	Catherine Money	
Children's Liturgy	No Children Liturgy during the school holidays		
Altar Society	Amy David		
Church Cleaner	Lucille Everetts & Filomena Uberti		

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.

VINNIES NEWS BULLITIN

Small crosses generously donated by another parish are on the table in the Foyer for parishioners to offer it to any sick /lonely people to comfort them during the festive time.



As always any parishioner or their family/friends who are sick and lonely may request a Christmas Hamper or a visit by contacting Parish office on 03 9763 7302 or email scoresby.conf.pres@svdp-vic.org.au. All Vinnies members have completed police check and working with children clearance and will endeavour to visit before Christmas. All information will be held as **Confidential**.



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

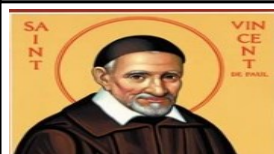
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Cash or Cheque, Gift cards

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](tel:0397637302)



“Charity is the Cement which binds communities to God and Persons to one another—God is Love and wants us to go to Him through Love”
(St Vincent De Paul)

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