

Welcome

Dear Parishioners,

In starting to write this newsletter, the word **welcome** was foremost in our minds. Why you might ask?

We recently **welcomed** Fr Mark Reynolds to St Jude's as our new Parish Priest. Fr Mark is looking forward, now that restrictions are easing to get to know the parishioners of St Jude's and **welcome** them to church, when we can once again gather together to celebrate Eucharist.



Good News – which is very **welcomed!**

Fr Mark will commence weekday Mass at our church, beginning on **Wednesday, June 10**. From that date, Mass will be celebrated each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at **9.15am** and in accordance with Government Guidelines will be limited to 20 people (excluding those required to enable the service). It is hoped the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses will commence in late June. People attending mass will be required to register upon entering the church and adhere to the Government Guidelines pertaining to Covid 19.

Some minor refurbishments have been carried out in the presbytery and are near completion, allowing Fr Mark to move to Scoresby on June 2nd. If you live around the George Street area, keep an eye out for Fr Mark, make him feel **welcome**, as he takes his dog *Jack* out for a walk and gets to know his way around the neighbourhood.

Members of the Parish Pastoral Council have met with Fr Mark (keeping social distancing of course) and we are very much looking forward to his pastoral leadership.

Back to School

What a lovely **welcome** greeted the Preps, Grade 1's and 2's as they returned to Holy Trinity and St Jude's this week. There would have been big smiles a plenty, as little friends greeted one another. For the Preppies, it must have seemed like starting all over again. Parents would have been very happy too as they relinquished their 'teacher role' and once again had time for a quiet cuppa.

We are very thankful to have such dedicated and caring staff at our two schools. We know our children are in excellent hands.



A smile says it all

How are you coping with the 'new normal'?

Restrictions have eased a little and have given us the opportunity to catch up with family and some friends. Although we are advised not to hug one another or shake hands in greeting – the warmth of a beautiful smile that lights up a person's face can more than make up for the lack of physical contact.

It is lovely to see so many people out walking and greeting one another with an 'hello and a smile'. This was the norm some years ago and something that hopefully will stay a part of the 'new normal' post COVID-19.

"In the Time of Pandemic" by Kitty O'Meara

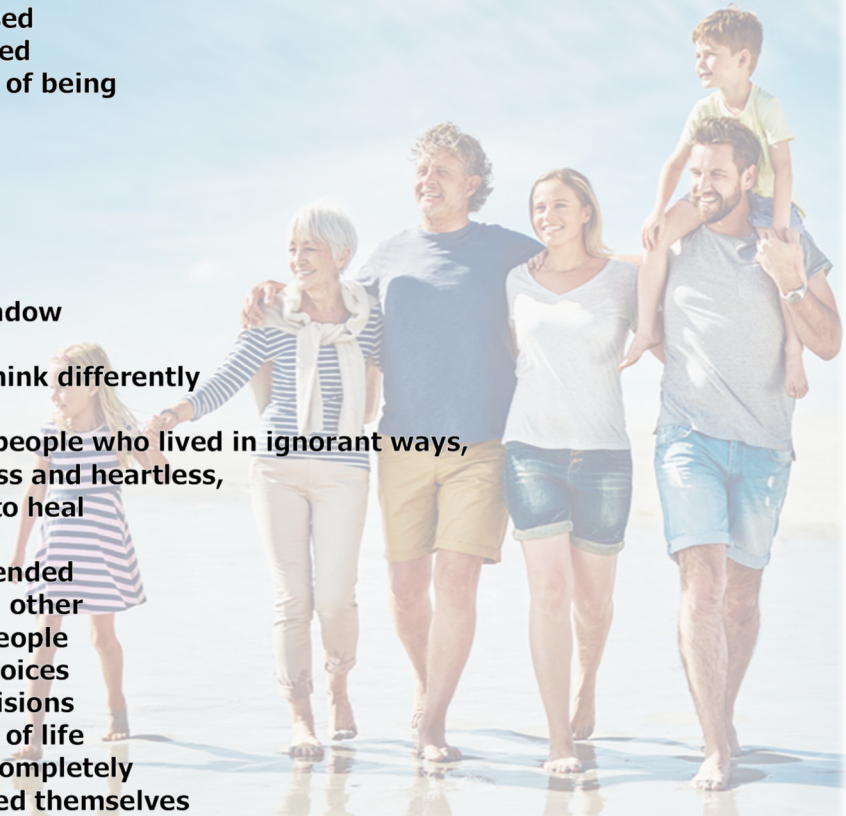


And people stayed home
and read books and listened
and rested and exercised
and made art and played
and learned new ways of being
and stopped
and listened deeper

someone meditated
someone prayed
someone danced
someone met their shadow

and people began to think differently
and people healed
and in the absence of people who lived in ignorant ways,
dangerous, meaningless and heartless,
even the earth began to heal

and when the danger ended
and people found each other
grieved for the dead people
and they made new choices
and dreamed of new visions
and created new ways of life
and healed the earth completely
just as they were healed themselves



Please remember that if you or any parishioner you know is in need, you can reach out to:

- St Jude's Parish Pastoral Team on pastoral.stjudes@gmail.com,
- St. Jude's Parish Admin Team: scoresby@cam.org.au or 9763 7302, or
- St Vincent de Paul Scoresby Conference: Carmel Quiney 0400 485 874

Thank you to all those who updated their email addresses as requested in the letter you received informing you of Fr Mark's appointment. We are endeavouring to bring our database up to date.

Streaming Mass - Can you help?

Many parishes have organised a system whereby parishioners can attend mass virtually through a streaming service. We are seeking the help of a parishioner/s, who has the relevant knowledge, to help set up such a system for St Jude's, so that each week Mass can be recorded and streamed.

Your Pastoral Team,

Peter Madden, Ann Doyle, Leon Raj, Mary King, Joe Fonseka, Robyn Pinches, Xavier David