

Dear Parishioners

Reflecting on the couple of letters that the St Jude's PPC has sent out, both coincided with special events, Easter Sunday and ANZAC Day. Although we could not gather and celebrate as we normally would, from what we have heard and read, most people organised a way to make each of these days special. Keeping with tradition, this letter coincides with another special day in our calendar – Mother's Day. Again, we may not be able to celebrate as we usually would but with the virtual world that we live in, Zoom, FaceTime and House Party will help us keep connected. Even the annual Mother's Day Classic is going virtual this year.

*We wish all mother's in our parish God's Peace and Joy on Mother's Day.*



Please click on the link to listen to 'A Mother's Prayer' sung beautifully by Celine Dion <https://www.youtube.com/watch> and while doing so enjoy this reflection.

*Most Gracious Heavenly Father,*

*We thank You for our mothers to whom You have entrusted the care of every precious human life from its very beginning in the womb.*

*You have given to woman the capacity of participating with You in the creation of new life. Grant that every woman may come to understand the full meaning of that blessing, which gives her an unlimited capacity for selfless love for every child she may be privileged to bear, and for all Your children.*

*Watch over every mother who is with child, strengthen her faith in Your fatherly care and love for her and for her unborn baby. Give her courage in times of fear or pain, understanding in times of uncertainty and doubt, and hope in times of trouble. Grant her joy in the birth of her child.*

*To mothers You have given the great privilege and responsibility of being a child's first teacher and spiritual guide. Grant that all mothers may worthily foster the faith of their children, following the example of Mary, Elizabeth, and other holy women who follow Christ. Help mothers to grow daily in knowledge and understanding of Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, and grant them the wisdom to impart this knowledge faithfully to their children, and to all who depend upon them.*

*Assist all "spiritual mothers", those who, though they may have no children of their own, nevertheless selflessly care for the children of others -- of every age and state in life. Grant that they may know the joy of fulfilling this motherly calling of women, whether in teaching, nursing, religious life, or in other work which recognizes and fosters the true dignity of every human being created in Your image and likeness.*

*We beseech You to send Your Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to all mothers who sorrow for children that have died, are ill or estranged from their families, or who are in trouble or danger of any kind. Help grieving mothers to rely on Your tender mercy and fatherly love for all your children.*

*We ask your blessing on all those to whom You have entrusted motherhood. May Your Holy Spirit constantly inspire and strengthen them. May they ever follow the example of Mary, mother of Our Lord, and imitate her fidelity, her humility, and her self-giving love. May all mothers receive Your Grace abundantly in this earthly life, and may they look forward to eternal joy in Your presence in the life to come.*

*We ask this through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.*

AMEN.

### **Please remember in your prayers**

We wish to acknowledge the recent deaths of two of our parishioners,  
**Noel Gleeson and Mario Appiah.**

To their wives Marie and Rose, our sincere condolences are extended to you and your families during this sad time.

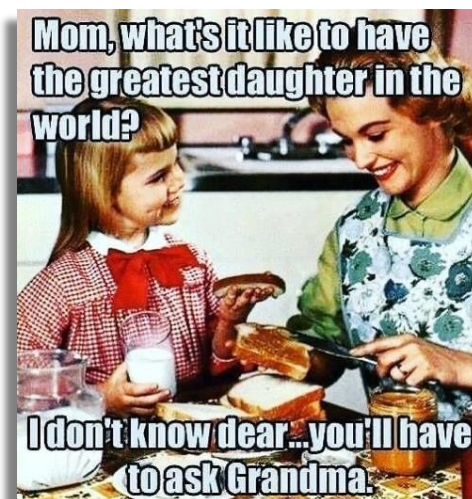
We offer you our love and prayerful support.  
May Noel and Mario Rest in Peace.

### **Parish Priest of St Jude's**

A new Parish Priest has been appointed by Archbishop Peter Comensoli to our parish and he will take up this position from May 20. Details will be sent to parishioners within the next week. We are very thankful to have had an appointment made so quickly and we look forward to welcoming our new Pastoral Leader.

Please also 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](mailto:pastoral.stjudes@gmail.com),
- St. Jude's Parish Admin Team: [scoresby@cam.org.au](mailto:scoresby@cam.org.au) or 9763 7302, or
- St Vincent de Paul Scoresby Conference: Carmel Quiney 0400 485 874



We would love to hear from you: stories, anecdotes of how you are surviving lockdown. If you wish to have an article/reflection included in our next newsletter please email to [pastoral.stjudes@gmail.com](mailto:pastoral.stjudes@gmail.com).

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