



St Peter Julian Eymard Catholic Church Mooroolbark Parish

*We are a Welcoming Eucharistic
and Spirit Filled Parish Community.*



SPJE PARISH IS A CHILD SAFE ENVIRONMENT

We acknowledge the Wurundjeri People, the traditional custodians of this land

Parish Priest
Fr. Joseph

Parish Secretary **Parish Assistant**
Mrs. Adriana De Leo Mr. Brian Twining

Parish Office
234 Hull Road (PO Box 2) Mooroolbark 3138
Telephone: 9723 4275

Office Hours:

Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri - 9.00am - 3.00pm
(Office un-attended on Wednesdays)

**Parish Mobile: 0493 071 811 - For emergency
and church registrations**

<http://pol.org.au/mooroolbark/Home.aspx>

Email: mooroolbark@cam.org.au

Parish Hall - Contact Parish Office

SPJE Parish School

Reay Road, Mooroolbark 3138
Telephone 9725 0595 Fax 9723 9255

School Principal – Mr. Greg Thomas

<http://www.spjemooroolbark.catholic.edu.au>

St. Richard's Parish School

672 Mt. Dandenong Rd Kilsyth, 3137
Telephone 9728 4378 Fax 9728 6272

School Principal - Mr. Marcus Gill

<http://www.srkilsyth.catholic.edu.au>

Normal Mass Times at SPJE

Weekday Masses

Tues: 9.30 am

Saturday: No morning Mass

Saturday: 6.00 pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 9.00 am

Sunday: 11.00 am

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.15 pm
or by arrangement with Priest.

Sacraments (Baptism, Weddings)
Ring Parish Office 9723 4275

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

18th December 2022 Issue No. 47

*When God is with us, we encounter
belonging*

Fellow Parishioners,

*As we prepare to celebrate the birth of
Our Lord Jesus Christ, may we take this
opportunity to thank each and every one
of you for your financial, physical,
emotional and spiritual support during
2022.*

*Our parish has undertaken a number of
upgrade projects this year to the Church
and to the Parish House and your
continued generosity has made this
possible.*

*We also remember our parishioners who
have passed away this year and the
families who will have their first
Christmas without their loved ones,
please keep them in your prayers.*

*On behalf of Father Joseph, the parish
staff and the parish leadership team, we
wish you all and your families a very
Merry Christmas and a healthy, safe and
prosperous 2023.*

*If travelling, safe journey have a lovely
break and we look forward to an exciting
New Year.*

God Bless
Father Joseph & Parish Leadership Team

PARISH CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2022

17/18th FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sat Baptism - 6pm Mass
20th Tue NO 9.15 am Morning MASS

Christmas Mass Times on Page 3

JANUARY 2023

31/1st Sun Mary, The Holy Mother of God
Visiting Priests during January

Fr Brian Kelty - 6pm & 9am
Fr Michael Morgan - 11am

7/8th The Epiphany of the Lord
Fr Brian Kelty - 6pm & 9am
Fr Michael Morgan - 11am
Baptism

14/15th 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Fr Brian Kelty - 6pm & 9am
Fr Julian Langridge - 11am

21/22nd 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Fr Brian Kelty - 6pm & 9am
Fr Julian Langridge - 11am

28/29th 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Fr Brian Kelty - 6pm & 9am
Fr Michael Morgan - 11am

Weekday Mass Times
NO Weekday Masses during
January 2023

Readings for Christmas Masses
All Masses

Is 9:1-7; Ps 95(96):1-3,11-13;
Titus 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;

*Eleanor Thompson, Judith Fitzgerald,
Max Pisotek, Marlene Daly &
Sharon Jenkins.*

† Remembrance Diary †

We remember those who have died and all those
whose anniversaries occur about
this time.

We pray for all those whose anniversaries
occur in late December & January

ROSTERS

Counters - Month of December

Christine Sellar & Office staff

Flowers - Month of December

No flowers during Advent

Church Cleaners - Month of December

Xavier & Muzeena D'Almeida

*(Please collect church key from parish office
Monday - Friday, 9am - 4pm)*

Readers and Commentators - 24/25th Dec

6.00 pm Special Roster
9.00 am Special Roster
11.00am Special Roster

Musicians - 24/25th December

6.00 pm Shelly & Co
9.00pm Paul & Co
9.00 am CD Merrill & Ann
10.30am CD

JANUARY ROSTERS

Flowers No Flowers required

Church Cleaners
Margaret Kim,
Esther Ngaihte

Readers & Commentators
As per church notice board

Musicians T.B.C.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL



If assistance is
required, please contact
1800 305 330
Mon to Fri 10am to 3pm

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve Mass (Oval) 6.00 pm
Carols commence at 5.30 pm

Christmas Eve Mass (Church)
9.00 pm
Carols commence at 8.30 pm

Christmas Eve Mass (Church)
11.00 pm *No Carols*

Christmas Day Mass
9 am & 10.30 am



CALLING FOR CHRISTMAS VOLUNTEERS

We are asking if you can assist with
Reading, Commentating &
Eucharistic Ministries
For Christmas Eve Masses in the
church and Christmas Day Masses

If you are able to help Father Joseph
especially on Christmas Day it would
be most appreciated.

Please see Bernadette or contact
Adriana on 9723 4275 or email
mooroolbark@cam.org.au

THANK YOU

SPJE CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Will be drawn after 6.00pm Mass this weekend

Good luck everyone

1st Prize: Dyson Vacuum Cleaner
generously donated by a Parishioner
2nd & 3rd Prizes are Hampers including
Bunnings Vouchers

**A BIG THANK YOU to all who have supported
Our fundraisers this year.**

VGCCC – Declaration Number 62230 - 21/3/2022 –
20/3/2032

Parish Child Safeguarding Team

If you have any child safety concerns please
contact the following team members

Brian Twining

brian.twining@cam.org.au

Meg Wright

mwright@spjemoroolbark.catholic.edu.au

Michael Mc Lindon

mclinoffice@gmail.com

Or request a call back on the Parish Office
phone 723 4275

WEEK 4 ADVENT

The **fourth candle** represents PEACE and is
called the Angel's Candle. The Angels an-
nounced that Jesus came to bring peace -- He
came to bring people close to God and to each
other again. It represents the peace and justice
that the angels and Christ bring to the world.

In view of God's great gift to us, this week you
are encouraged to share the gift of friendship
or connection with others ... connect with
someone who might otherwise be along this
Christmas and spend some time with them
over this festive season, or say hello to some-
one in our congregation that you haven't met
before and learn something about them.

JOSEPH'S DREAM Matthew 1.18-24

***"Your vision will only become clear when you look inside your heart.
Who looks outside - dreams; who looks inside - awakes."*** Carl Jung



There are two quite radical "Appearings" in the Gospel Birth Stories. "The Angel" comes to Mary, perhaps in the kitchen or by the veggie patch: "*Greetings Mary, you are graced, favoured by God, blessed among woman.....you will conceive a child...and you will name him Jesus...he will be great And be called Son of the Most High*": and her response is prompt, "*Here I am, the servant of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word.*" (Luke 1.28-33) Joseph, experiences a night time visitation, "*Joseph, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, she will give birth to a son whom you will name Jesus...the one who is to save his people...*"(Matthew 1,18-24). A dream which becomes awakening - from puzzle and awful conflict.

Usually our dreams are fleeting memories, in consciousness only seconds: there may be no recollection beyond knowing they happened. At stress times, we may not dream at all – or they may be wild & intrusive, quite out of focus; likewise, trauma & stress may lead to 'demon dreams', as we try to make sense of the seemingly unreal.

But occasionally we can experience a dream that stands out as deep truth, wise guide, timely prompt to difficult or decisive action. The "middle of the night dream" that we remember in detail. So it was for Joseph - "*..the Angel of the Lord appeared to him...*". Joseph, a good & faithful Jew - a "*just man*", is in deep quandary: a dilemma of faithfulness to Mary at an intensely personal level - along with faithfulness to precious religious observance. Mary is mysteriously "*with child*": the Law decrees that he "*dismiss her*", leaving her accused of adultery, liable to death by stoning. But this is his Mary, his Beloved. He knows her, knows her heart, her faithfulness to the Law; her loving, her goodness, her integrity. Though beyond understanding, he is a man of compassion & daring & will not allow harm or shame to his Betrothed: ignoring the Law's edict, he will protect her safety & reputation. He then sleeps.

Deep within, Joseph has sensed a profound message of a Love that seems the very essence of life; the Word within Mary's womb touches his deepest self as he is now opened in compassionate love, sensitive to a Truth beyond understanding, inviting total self-gift. Here is life-changing revelation, startling realisation; "*Do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit*". He experiences & embraces an intuition or inspiration beyond rationality yet intimately linked to the roots of his faith; "*The virgin will conceive & bear a son & they will call him 'Emmanuel' a name which means 'God-is-with-us'*".

So, Joseph, the "*just man*", "*took his wife to his home*": he turned from the path dictated by righteousness, embracing Mary wholeheartedly as his wife & made this Child of Sacred Mystery his own in fidelity is deeper Truth. Tradition tells us that Joseph did not live to know the child he was father to as an adult. Not hear the One whom he taught both trade & Sacred Teachings. Nor take pride in, nor fear for his son the itinerant preacher, the *Rabbi* who was "*sign of contradiction*". The "*Son of God, Son of Man*", the Hope that Joseph's daring trust helped unlock. His radical fidelity & courage invites us to daily dare & ever-alert to "*the Word*" within each of us, that we may bring *Jesus, the Christ* into our life, world & time.

Michael McLindon, parishioner & spiritual director, with every ChristMass blessing,

