



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

Mrs. Adriana De Leo

Parish Assistant

Mr. Brian Twining

Parish Office

234 Hull Road (PO Box 2) Mooroolbark 3138

Telephone: 9723 4275

**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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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*When God is with us, we encounter
Justice & Reconciliation*

In this week's Gospel Reading, our Advent preparation for Christmas invites us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus, Matthew describes the work and preaching of John the Baptist.

John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets of Israel, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. In this reading, John directs a particularly pointed call to repentance to the Pharisees and Sadducees, parties within the Jewish community of the first century. John marks the conversion of those who seek him out with a baptism of repentance. Other groups in this period are thought to have practised ritual washings for similar purposes, and John's baptism may have been related to the practices of the Essenes, a Jewish sect of the first century.

John's baptism can be understood as an anticipation of Christian baptism. In this passage, John himself alludes to the difference between his baptism and the one yet to come: "I am baptising you with water, for repentance . . . He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (Matthew 3:11).

In this reading, John makes very clear that his relationship to the Messiah yet to come (Jesus) is one of service and subservience: ". . . the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals" (Matthew 3:11). In the context of Matthew's Gospel, today's passage is followed by Jesus' baptism by John, an event that is attested to in all four of the Gospels and appears to have been the start of Jesus' public ministry.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus in the first century, we, too, are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by our repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives, as John did, the coming of the Lord.

*Marcus Gill Principal
St Richard's Catholic Primary School*



PARISH CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2022

3/4th Dec SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Monthly Church Collection

4th Private Baptism - 12.30 pm

7th Wed Baptism Preparation Meeting - 7 pm
Church - Naomi Dean

8th Thur St Richards Graduation Mass- 5.45pm

10/11th THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

11th Private Baptism - 12.30 pm

13th Tue SPJE Graduation Mass

15th Thur End of Year School Mass

Christmas Mass Times on Page 3.

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday 9.30am mass

Readings for Next Week - 11th December

Is 35:1-6, 10: Ps 145:6-10:
5:7-10: Mt 11:2-11

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.

3/12 to 9/12

**Antonia Kleverkamp, Ramfee Tungol, Chris
Butteriss, Ange Zangmeister, Gertrude
Darcy, Rosina Cincotta, Russell Cox, Jack
Robbins, Johanna Vanduppen, Maria
Kermac, Herman Van Rooden, Kevin
Johnson, Sr Francis Marshall, George
Watson, Nicholas Timms, Jack Gavin, Helen
Wilkinson, Betty Stats, Joseph Golja,
Avelino Ventura Jnr.**

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 - 10/11th Dec

6.00 pm Craig Hume & Mitchell Mazarella
9.00 am Tim Newcomb & Volunteer req
11.00am Charlotte Wightman & Volunteer req

Musicians - 10/11th December - 1st Sun Advent

6.00 pm Paul & Co
9.00 am Filipino Group
11.00am Shelly & Co or CD's

ST VINCENT DE PAUL



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

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD SHALL REST UPON HIM:
A SPIRIT OF WISDOM AND OF UNDERSTANDING,
A SPIRIT OF COUNSEL AND OF STRENGTH,
A SPIRIT OF KNOWLEDGE AND OF FEAR OF THE LORD

ISAIAH 11:12

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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



SPJE CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The Parish will be conducting a Christmas Raffle during December.

1st Prize is a Dyson Stick Vacuum Cleaner very generously donated by a Parishioner,
2nd & 3rd Prizes are Hampers & Gift Vouchers generously donated from Bunnings Croydon.

Prizes will be on display in church foyer
Tickets will be available for purchase at all masses

Winners will be drawn after 6.00pm Mass 17th December.,

Please come prepared to buy a ticket or two or three. Tickets are \$1 each.

We would be very grateful to have volunteers to sell tickets at all masses.

VGCCC – Declaration Number 62230 -
21/3/2022 – 20/3/2023

Permit allows for 8 hours of ticket selling.

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

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 9723 4275

CHILDSAFETY

A REMINDER ONLINE TRAINING IS
REQUIRED FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS

To access the training use this link in your
browser
You will need access to your email to register.

<https://safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org/>

THANK YOU

A huge thanks to Merrell Harris and her team for the beautiful Advent & Christmas Banners that will be placed in the church during Advent and Christmas.

Vinnies Christmas Tree

Parishioners are encouraged to take either a gift (for children) tag or a cash tag off our tree and respond with either a gift or cash.

Gifts can be left in the foyer and cash donations into the poor box please. This will help us supplement the food hampers that we distribute every Christmas to the needy whom we have met during the past year.

Thank you for your kindness



DORSET HOTEL (Lantern Room)

Tue. 6th December 2022 - 12 noon start

\$5 from each lady attending to cover the cost of room hire

Any excess money will be donated to SVDP Christmas Appeal (Mooroolbark)

Please place money in an envelope with your name on the front.

Payable directly to Philomena or dropped off to the parish office during weekdays.

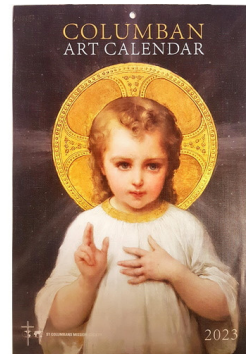
Confirmation required by: Mon. 21st November

Enquiries Philomena Turner - 0417 208 077



2023 Columban Calendars

2023 Columban Art Calendars
for sale \$9 each.



Christmas Cards 5 for \$5.00

Proceeds will assist Mooroolbark
Conference



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS

MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for 4 school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. A Training Day for new volunteers with emphasis on Child Safeguarding will take place prior to commencement in 2023.

Email: somml@bigpond.com

(preferred for contact)

Or

Tel: 9326 1895