



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
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Office Hours:
Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri - 9.00am - 3.00pm
(Office unattended on Wednesday)

<http://pol.org.au/mooroolbark/Home.aspx>
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Parish Hall - Contact Parish Office

SPJE Parish School
Reay Road, Mooroolbark 3138
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School Principal – Mr. Greg Thomas
<http://www.spjemooroolbark.catholic.edu.au>

St. Richard's Parish School
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School Principal - Mr. Marcus Gill
<http://www.srkilsyth.catholic.edu.au>

Normal Mass Times at SPJE

Weekday Masses
Tues & Wed : 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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
12th March 2023 Issue No. 6

REFLECTION

This weekend's Gospel Reading explores the isolation and fear some feel caused by the judgment some encounter, and the rumours spread by others. The woman comes to the well in the middle of the day at its hottest to avoid the other women of her town for fear of encountering their judgment being cast upon her.

At the well she encounters Jesus. She is deeply touched by this conversation. She was a Samaritan woman and Jesus was a Jewish man. Jewish men did not speak to Samaritan women. But there was something more that Jesus said that deeply affected her. As the woman herself tells us, He "told me everything I have done."

What truly seemed to touch her was that within the context of Jesus knowing all about her, all the sins of her past life and her broken relationships, He still treated her with the greatest respect and dignity. The way she lived in the past and the way she was living at the present was not an acceptable lifestyle to others and therefore she was avoiding people.

Jesus knew all about her but wanted to give her hope, purpose and to see the human dignity within. As He spoke to her, and as she experienced His gentleness and acceptance, she witnessed what we all need, she was no longer thirsty.

Interestingly, the woman went away and "left her water jar" by the well. She never actually got the water she came for. Symbolically, this act of leaving the water jar at the well is a sign that her thirst was quenched by this encounter with

Jesus. She was no longer thirsty,
at least spiritually speaking.



Greg Thomas
SPJE Principal

**PARISH
CALENDAR**



MARCH

11/12th **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**
Baptism - 11 am

14th Tue Baptism Preparation Meeting -
7.30 pm - Tim Newcomb

16th Thu F.D.T. Meeting - 10 am

18/19th **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
Baptisms - 11 am

25/26th **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
48 hour Prayer - 5pm - 5.50pm
Church Monthly Collection
Baptisms - 9am & 11am

29th Wed Eucharist Family Night - 7pm

31st Fri Feast of St Richard's Mass - 9am

APRIL

1/2nd **PALM SUNDAY**
6pm & 9am Eucharist
Commitment Mass

3rd **HOLY WEEK**
See page 3 for details

Weekday Mass Times
Tuesday & Wednesday
9.30 am Mass

Readings for Next Week - 19th March
Fourth Sunday of Lent
1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13: Ps 22:R.
Eph 5:8-14: Jn 9:1-41

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill, especially,

Ignatius Soon Lian Thang

† Remembrance Diary †

We remember those who have died
Andy Fitzsimons & Frances Brewer and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

11/3 to 17/3

Lorraine Downie, Elaine Taylor, Norma Boyd, Leo Liedtke, Ann D'Orival, Ereka Beekman, Mary Phillips, John Sheridan, Osvaldo Iacobucci, Christina Mosca, Elizabeth Elms, June Gunst, Patrick Corrigan, Carmel Barro, Anthony Beck, James O'Connell, Maria Bast, Patricia Snowball, Maria Cincotta, John Malone, Maureen Plastins, Eric James, Maria Nyhuis, Leon Watson, Rita & Frank Carrolan, Bernadette Fairbrother, Kevin Johnson, Brian Mitchell, William Douglas.

ROSTERS

Counters - Month of March

Karen & Parish Staff

Flowers - Month of March

No Flowers for Lent

Church Cleaners - Month of March

Xavier & Muzeena D'Almeida

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

Readers and Commentators - 18/19th March

6.00 pm Michael McLindon & Volunteer req.
9.00 am Karen Broughton & Lilette de la Harpe
11.00am Charlotte Wightman & Volunteer req

Musicians - 18/19th March

6.00 pm No Music
9.00 am Filipino Group
11.00am Zomi Group



BAPTISM

We welcome to our Parish through
Baptism

Isaac Eramo

As they receive the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament celebrated this weekend, may their faith guide them throughout their lives.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL



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

2023 EASTER TRIDUUM

APRIL
Thu 6th

Holy Thursday

No morning Mass

Mass of the Lord's Supper

7.30pm

Followed by Night prayer

Fri 7th

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross

In the Church - **10 am**

Outdoors Stations 10 am

(*weather permitting*)

The Lord's Passion - 3pm

Sat 8th

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil - 7.00pm

Sun 9th

Easter Sunday

Mass at **9.00am & 11.00am**

Mon 10th

Easter Monday

Public Holiday - No Mass



Lenten Reflection & Prayers

Parishioners are invited to attend our weekday mass

Mass on Wednesday 15th March 2023 at 9.30am.

This Mass will include an opportunity to listen to relevant readings, join in prayers of penance, examination of conscience and general confession (individual confession can also be arranged) with Father Joseph.



HAPPY 80th BIRTHDAY

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Happy Birthday Anne Dwyer
We hope you had a lovely celebration.

PROJECT COMPASSION

THIRD WEEK OF LENT



In the third week of Lent, our next Project Compassion story is of Priscilla, who lives with her husband, Charles, and two of their grandchildren in Zimbabwe. Climate change continues to bring unprecedented challenges for people living in Zimbabwe's most vulnerable and remote communities.

During times of intense drought and food shortages, Priscilla had to commute to the town centre and wait in long queues to collect food.

With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops. Priscilla produced a bumper harvest in her first year of practising conservation farming. She used the funds from her harvest to start poultry farming, which enabled her to sell eggs to pay for her grandchildren's school fees, books and stationery. Poultry farming provides a safety net for Priscilla and her family during times of hardship, like the current drought.

While the situation in Zimbabwe and across eastern Africa remains dire, the work of Caritas Hwange means that Priscilla can learn the techniques, tools and resources she needs to build resilience and support her family during this current food crisis.

Support Project Compassion today:
www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Watch Priscilla's story here:
www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/priscilla-story-video

Take the Way of the Gospel



Dear parishioners,
Pope Francis has asked the Archdiocese and parishes to look at how and when we can achieve his desire to bring people back to the church and love Jesus again.

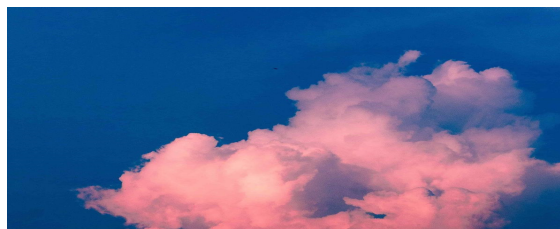
Parish priests will be participating in a number of learning seminars/workshops over the coming months to inform parish leaders and staff on how we can translate this into our broader parish and local communities. In the meantime, we as parishioners are being invited to ask family and friends to join us in our faith journey.

We are currently exploring what activities we can introduce to be more welcoming, hospitable and inclusive, especially to new parishioners. This can be a number of ways, morning teas, light lunches, light supper etc. Father Joseph and Parish Leaders will also attend the Eastern Regional Consultation session in April/May (date TBC). These sessions are to help inform and shape Take the Way of the Gospel.

Fiat (*The Angel Gabriel approached Mary and asked her to be Jesus' mother, she said "Let it be done"*) 48hrs of prayer 24th – 26th March 2023

The Archdiocese has invited parishes to participate in a one hour prayer session. This is seen as an opportunity for our parish to pray intentionally for the community to give the Holy Spirit permission to act in ever new and exciting ways.

We have accepted this invitation and will have Rosary and Prayer on Saturday 25th March 2023 from 5.00pm – 5.50pm. Mass will commence at 6.00pm. We would be excited to see many of you in attendance. More information will be available over the next couple of weeks on the details for this prayer session.



WORKING WITH CHILDREN CARD

WWCC is required by government legislation.

All volunteers working in a parish voluntary capacity must have a current WWCC card.

Please see notice below for further information or contact can be made with the Parish Child Safeguarding Team.

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/>

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

Attached to the newsletter email is the Parish's **Code of Conduct and Declaration** for volunteers.

All volunteers, in whatever role, **are required to read and acknowledge that they have read the declaration**, by signing it on the last page and having someone witness their signature.

Please ask Mass Co-ordinators if you require assistance completing the form.

The parish can provide full printed copies on request

When completed please give the forms to any Pastoral Council member, or to Fr Joseph