



# St Peter Julian Eymard Catholic Church Mooroolbark Parish

*We are a Welcoming, Eucharistic and Spirit Filled Community*

SPJE IS A CHILD SAFE ENVIRONMENT

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

14th April 2024 Issue No: 12

### PARISH CALENDAR

#### APRIL

- 13/14th Third Sunday of Easter**  
Monthly Church Collection  
Baptisms 9am & 11am
- 15th Mon **FUNERAL** - 10.30am  
Antonius Vandenbelt  
SPJE School Liturgy - 1.00pm  
Church
- 16th Fr Joseph on Leave
- 18th Thur Faith Development Meeting-  
10am  
Baptism Preparation Meeting -  
7pm Iris Gale
- 19th Fri Feast of St Richards Mass - 9am
- 20/21st Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**Visiting Priest - Fr Brian Kelty**  
World Day of Prayer for  
Vocations  
St Richards School Eucharist  
Commitment Mass - 6pm & 9am
- 24th Wed Musicians - Church 7.30pm
- 25th Thur ANZAC DAY - *Public Holiday*
- 27/28th Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
Visiting Priest - Fr Brian Kelty  
Baptism - 9am
- 29th Mon Eucharist Reflection Day -  
9.30am Mass

#### MAY

4/5th Sixth Sunday of Easter

### REFLECTION

#### Changing the goal posts

We sometimes use the expression 'changing the goal posts' to describe a situation when a new, previously unknown, condition is prescribed. Today's Gospel does just that. The Old Testament had given some information about the long-awaited saviour of Israel, the Messiah, or in Greek, the Christ. He was to be in the line of King David, he was to be born in Bethlehem, and he was to be God's chosen one. Jesus adds to the criteria for being a Messiah - that he must suffer and die.

Nothing in the Scriptures suggested this, which is why the death of Jesus destroyed the hopes of his first disciples. To them, his death meant failure. God had abandoned him, and their hopes were in vain. Jesus changes the goal posts to include suffering and death as part of his being the Messiah. Rather than being a sign of rejection by God, his death needs to be understood in another framework.

I find this helpful. There is much about God's ways I do not understand. Theological words don't always meet my need for consolation or certainty. There are times I just have to accept that God's goal posts are different from mine. God's perception is bigger than mine. Jesus reveals this explicitly to his disciples, 'Your way of understanding wasn't big enough'. Notice how even when they see Jesus, the Gospel says, 'They could not believe it'. Jesus needed to explain to them and stretch their understanding to accept what their eyes saw. Jesus is risen. A new dimension of human living is revealed.

God's love is stronger than death.

*Sundays Under the Southern Cross - Mary Coloe PBVM*

## St Peter Julian Eymard Parish Mooroolbark Parish

**Parish Priest**  
Fr. Joseph

**Parish Secretary**  
Mrs. Adriana De Leo

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

**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**

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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  
*Rosary after Tuesday morning Mass*

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

## ROSARY

While Fr Joseph is on leave, we will continue to pray the Rosary together on Tuesday Mornings at 9.30, after a short Holy Communion service.

### **This Week's Readings - 14th April 2024**

**Acts 3:13-15, 17-19: Ps 4:2, 5, 9:R**  
**1 Jn 2:1-5: Lk 24:35-48**

### **Prayers for the Sick**

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill, especially

**Cath Kilner (sister of Mary Rout),  
Adrian Klep, Maria Cordedda &  
Ignatius Suan Lian Thang.**

### **† Remembrance Diary †**

We remember those who have died, and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.  
**13/4 to 19/4**

Carol Braganza, Allie Allen, Madge Fox, Margaret Egan, John Van Rooden, Brenda Natoli, Jack & Dorrie Cleary, Stefan Turk, Michael Coleman, Ruza Mazar, Alice Quinless, Walter Sailah, Matthew Stapleton, Cath Phippard, Lesley Mutton, Patricia Walsh, Jamie Smith, Margarita Musayon, Francis Wilson, Helen Colacarro, Donette D'Rozario, Mary Wharton, Janet Lamers, Mick Maloney, Rita Bambach, Phillip Cawood, May & Bill Healy, Theresa Frisina, Ann Bloomer, Suzanne Pollard, Raynor Gray, Ben Slagman, Kimiora McElhinney, Michael Harnetty, Freddy Chavez.



We welcome to our Parish through  
Baptism

***Adeline Moseley, William Elston &  
Leo Dodd***

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

## ROSTERS

### Counters - Month of April

Paul & Marianne Redfern

### Flowers - Month of April

Pat Harman

### Cleaning - Month of April

Ged Wright & Kevin Dwyer

*(Please collect church key from parish office  
Monday, Tue, Thur & Friday, 9am - 3.30pm)*

### Readers & Commentators - 13/14th April

6.00pm Pat Harman & Iris Gale  
9.00am Muzzena D'Almeida & Karen  
Broughton  
11.00am Elizabeth & Reilly Acabado

### Readers & Commentators - 20/21st April

6.00pm Dypmna Beard & Angela Stainwall  
9.00am Lilette de la Harpe & Lilijana Stride  
11.00am Charlotte Wightman & Richard Knight

### Musicians - 13/14th April

6.00pm Paul & Co  
9.00am Shelly & Co  
11.00am No Music

### Musicians - 20/21st April

6.00pm Paul & Co  
9.00am Filipino Group  
11.00am Zomi Group

## 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

## KEYS FOUND

If you have lost a set of keys  
Please contact Adriana at the parish office on  
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



**Caritas Australia** would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2024. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) and donate online.

**Your generosity will empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and lift themselves out of poverty.**

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, **for all future generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.

## NEED TO DISPOSE OF A VEHICLE?

Disposal of a car from a deceased estate, or when a family member has had to relinquish their licence or go into residential care, can be a challenging process. Getting a roadworthy, taking photos to advertise on the internet, cleaning and polishing, taking calls (if they come), even finding a garage until a prospective buyer turns up (if indeed they do!).

If you need to dispose of a vehicle from a deceased estate or which is no longer required, could you consider gifting it to the “Lifeboat Foundation”, a registered charity with tax deductible status, which for ten years has been providing pastoral and practical support to nearly 150 victims / survivors across Australia of church-related sexual abuse.

Many of these suffer Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and have had limited or no employment., A donated vehicle could vastly improve their quality of life and / or generate much-needed funds to assist personal, medical and accommodation needs.

If you would like to explore the possibility of gifting a potentially suitable vehicle to “Lifeboat”, contact Fr. Kevin Dillon (frkdillon@outlook.com.au or 0421 777 360) or Adam Kaali (0411 486 605 or [adam-kaali@hotmail.com](mailto:adam-kaali@hotmail.com)).

## Caritas Australia’s Sudan Crisis Appeal

Following the outbreak of conflict in Sudan a year ago, 25 million people - including 14 million children - now need humanitarian assistance and support, according to the [United Nations](#). 9 million have been displaced from their homes making Sudan the largest displacement crisis in the world!

Damage to infrastructure has impacted access to food, water, healthcare services, and even banking. Sudan now teeters on the edge of a famine.

Since the outbreak of violence Caritas partners in Sudan have distributed food at 17 gathering points for internally displaced people, as well as delivering multipurpose cash assistance, water and hygiene services, and gender-based violence protection. Partners also have access to remote border towns in Chad and South Sudan, enabling them to support those displaced overseas.

As late as the end of last year, one partner reported seeing 4,200 refugees arrive there each day, around 90% of them women and girls.

The Sudan Catholic Bishops Conference has raised concerns “the international community has forgotten the Sudan crisis” and called on the Caritas network across the world to “engage their respective governments, donors, and the wider international community to urgently pick up and advocate for the needed resources to avert the looming famine.”

Caritas Australia take solace in the breadth of our partner network in the region. Their tireless work ensures the generosity of our supporters here in Australia reaches people in need.

**Please donate to Caritas Australia’s Sudan Crisis Appeal.**

You can donate online [www.caritas.org.au/sudan](http://www.caritas.org.au/sudan) or phone 1800 024 413

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