



# St Peter Julian Eymard Catholic Church Mooroolbark Parish

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY

7th April 2024 Issue No: 11

### PARISH CALENDAR

#### APRIL

- 6/7th Second Sunday of Easter**  
Baptism - 6pm  
7th Daylight savings ends  
8th The Annunciation of the Lord  
12th Fri Private Baptism - 10am
- 13/14th Third Sunday of Easter**  
Monthly Church Collection  
Baptisms 9am & 11am  
15th Mon SPJE School Mass - 12pm 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
- 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

#### REFLECTION

#### BASKETBALL RULES

Some time ago, a man from Baltimore, U.S.A., invented a special toothbrush. If you used the toothbrush correctly - brushing the teeth up and down, up and down - music would play. But if you brushed the teeth incorrectly - left, right, left, right - the music wouldn't play. If you didn't follow the rules, you wouldn't get the music.

This is also true in life. For example, if you abuse our automobile - not changing the oil, mixing water with the gasoline - you will not "get music" out of your car. You will have many problems and headaches.

If a student doesn't listen carefully in class and doesn't study for his exams, he's not going to "hear music" when he receives his Report Card. The Ten Commandments, the teaching of Jesus and the teachings of his Church, were not given to make life harder. Rather, they were given to make life easier, to put "music" into our lives.

The rules in basketball were not made to make the game harder, but to make the game more fun - not only for the players but also for the spectators. In today's Second Reading (1 John 5:1-6), John says, "The love of God consists in this: that we keep his commandments; and his commandments are not burdensome."

Jesus was no spoilsport. God created us because he wanted us to be happy: 'his commandments are not burdensome.' If we are not so happy, as we should be, maybe it is because we are brushing from left to right, instead of brushing up and down, up and down.

## St Peter Julian Eymard Parish Mooroolbark Parish

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**Fr. Joseph**

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### **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

### **WEEKDAY MASS**

**Tuesday & Wednesday 9.30am**  
**Rosary after Tuesday Mass**

### **This Week's Readings - 7th April 2024**

**Acts: 4:32-35: Ps 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24:R**  
**1 Jn 5:1-6: Jn 20:19-31**

### **Prayers for the Sick**

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill,  
especially

**Adrian Klep, Margaret McFadden,  
& Maria Cordedda.**

### **✠ Remembrance Diary ✠**

We remember those who have died, especially  
***Maria Heinemann*** (*Mac Hoogenboom sister*) and  
all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

#### **6/4 to 12/4**

Godfrey Kensley (first death anniversary),  
Peter Allen, Gerry Rowan, Andrew Ehrenkreutz, Anne  
Grange, Patrick Fitzgerald, Walter Lehner, Mary  
Cummins, Evelyn Anthonisz, Gerard Peping, Richard  
Yee, Robert Carbould, Frank Haley, Emma Devitt,  
Mary & William Steane, Wallace Roberts, Joseph  
Williams, Antony Meyer, Andrew Roudie, Eva Munro,  
Julia Dana, Cecilia McMullan, Kathleen Argus, Murray  
Thomas, Helen Mann, Arthur Black, Allie Allen,  
Madge Fox, Margaret Egan, John Van Rooden.

### **DAY LIGHT SAVINGS ENDS**

**THIS SUNDAY 7th April**

Don't forget to turn your clock back 1 hour



## 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 - 6/7th April

6.00pm Paul Martin & Paul Redfern  
9.00am Tim Newcomb & Volunteer req  
11.00am Auna Wernert & Geraldine O'Hare

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

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

### Musicians - 6/7th April

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

### Musicians - 13/14th April

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

## Parish Child Safeguarding Team

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

### Brian Twining

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### Michael Mc Lindon

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Or request a call back on the Parish Office  
phone 9723 4275

## HAPPY 80th BIRTHDAY Mac Hoogenboom

On behalf of Fr Joseph and the parish  
community we wish you a happy 80th  
Birthday  
We hope you enjoy your special day.



## THANK YOU



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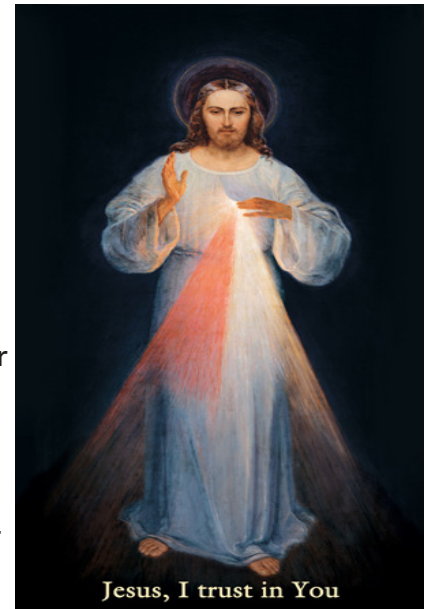
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# The History of the Chaplet of The Divine Mercy

In 1935, St. Faustina received a vision of an angel sent by God to chastise a certain city. She began to pray for mercy, but her prayers were powerless. Suddenly she saw the Holy Trinity and felt the power of Jesus' grace within her. At the same time she found herself pleading with God for mercy with words she heard interiorly:

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world; for the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us. (*Diary*, 475)



As she continued saying this inspired prayer, the angel became helpless and could not carry out the deserved punishment (see 474). The next day, as she was entering the chapel, she again heard this interior voice, instructing her how to recite the prayer that our Lord later called "the Chaplet." This time, after "have mercy on us" were added the words "and on the whole world" (476). From then on, she recited this form of prayer almost constantly, offering it especially for the dying.

In subsequent revelations, the Lord made it clear that the Chaplet was not just for her, but for the whole world. He also attached extraordinary promises to its recitation.

Encourage souls to say the Chaplet which I have given you (1541). Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death (687). When they say this Chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as the just Judge but as the Merciful Savior (1541). Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this Chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy (687). I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy (687). Through the Chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will. (1731)

Prayed on ordinary rosary beads, The Chaplet of The Divine Mercy is an intercessory prayer that extends the offering of the Eucharist, so it is especially appropriate to use it after having received Holy Communion at Holy Mass. It may be said at any time, but our Lord specifically told St. Faustina to recite it during the nine days before the Feast of Mercy (the first Sunday after Easter). He then added: "By this Novena, [of Chaplets] I will grant every possible grace to souls." (796)

It is likewise appropriate to pray the Chaplet during the "Hour of Great Mercy" — three o'clock each afternoon (recalling the time of Christ's death on the cross). In His revelations to St. Faustina, Our Lord asked for a special remembrance of His Passion at that hour.