



# 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, Thu, Fri - 9.00am - 3.00pm**  
*(Office unattended on Wednesday)*

<http://pol.org.au/mooroolbark/Home.aspx>  
Email: [mooroolbark@cam.org.au](mailto: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 & 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

## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT** **19th March 2023      Issue No. 7**

**REFLECTION**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

### **AN ECHO**

One time the father of a six year old boy took him to a place where you could hear the echo of your own voice. This was a new experience for the six year old.

The boy shouted "Hello" and voice came back, saying, "hello." Then he shouted. "What is your name?" and the voice came back: "what is your name?" Then the boy shouted. "You tell me first!" and the voice came back, "You tell me first!" At this last answer the little boy got a little angry and he shouted, "I hate you!" and the voice came back, "I hate you!"

This frightened the boy and he ran back to his father. The father comforted his son and told the boy what to do. The boy returned to the place on the side of the cliff and shouted, "I'm sorry, and he heard a voice say, "I'm sorry." Then he shouted, "I love you," and the voice came back, "I love you too !"

Life is like that. Usually we get from others what we give to others.

Some people have so many friends. Why is that? They are not rich. Maybe the reason why so many people are happy to see these friendly people is because these friendly people were the first to greet them. Usually we get from others what we give to others.

In today's gospel (John 9:1 -41) Jesus says, "I am the light of the world." Maybe so many people felt enlightened when they saw Jesus and listened to him because, for them, he was a light, and they became his echo.

Jesus was Good news to all who met him. To all who meet us, are we Good news and clear echoes of this Good News that we have received from Jesus?

## PARISH CALENDAR



### MARCH

**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 - 26th March

#### Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ezek 37:12-14: Ps 129: R  
Rom 8:8-11: Jn 11:1-45:

### Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who  
are ill, especially,  
**Ignatius Suan Lian Thang,**  
**Joseph Raborar De Sagun &**  
**Colleen Watson**

### † Remembrance Diary †

We remember those who have died, especially  
**Judy Fitzgerald & Mary Spencer,** and all  
those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

18/3 to 24/3

Emily Keeley, Gregory Commene, Molly Butcher,  
Peter Bright, Catherine Doensen,  
Felicidad Aleego Villarino, Trudy Hanegraaf,  
Mary Hanks, Nellie Hubbard, Hazel Jansz,  
John Berens, John Pierce, Peter Kavanagh,  
Geoffrey Hobday, Gerry Brinkhuis, Jean Stuart,  
Amanda Clancy, James Cairns,  
Josephine Dennany, Leo O'Leary,  
Fr Wally Silvester, Hilda Joyce, Nicole Rose,  
William Collins.

## 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 - 25/26th March

6.00 pm Craig Hume & Mitchell Mazarella  
9.00 am Lilijana Stride & Lisa Read  
11.00am Jun Romero & Volunteer

### Musicians - 25/26th March

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

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL



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



## BAPTISM

We welcome to our Parish through  
Baptism

**Patterson Di Nardo, Katia Lastrina,**  
**Levi Sablinskis, Theodore, Ziggy, Daisy**  
**& Sonny Fraser.**

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

## 2023 EASTER TRIDUUM

APRIL  
Thu 6<sup>th</sup>

### Holy Thursday

No morning Mass

### **Mass of the Lord's Supper**

7.30pm

Followed by Night prayer

Fri 7<sup>th</sup>

### Good Friday

### **Stations of the Cross**

In the Church - **10 am**

Outdoors Stations 10 am

(weather permitting)

### **The Lord's Passion - 3pm**

Sat 8<sup>th</sup>

### Holy Saturday

Sun 9<sup>th</sup>

### **Easter Vigil - 7.00pm**

### Easter Sunday

Mass at **9.00am & 11.00am**

Mon 10<sup>th</sup>

### Easter Monday

Public Holiday - No Mass



## *A Note from The Vinnies*

Dear Parishioners,

We thought that it would interest you to know that, over the last 10 years, we have assisted 822 families (many more than once)

This comprises 1278 adults and 814 children.

During this time, we have provided assistance with food, education expenses, some help with utility bills and some help with medical expenses and more.

We have distributed aid to the value of \$607,821 which is an amazing effort.

All this has been made possible by generous donations to us and provision of funds from Vinnies stores.

In order to continue these good works, we need the shops to prosper, and as they are in desperate need of more volunteers, this note is designed to ask you to consider if you are able to help out, even for a few hours a week or fortnight.

Lilydale Store Manager Donna Barling  
9735 4976

Kilsyth Store Manager Priscilla Enwright  
8199 4213

Thank you all and God Bless you.

Richard Knight  
Mooroolbark Conference President

## PROJECT COMPASSION FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

In this week's Project Compassion story, we learn about Thu from Vietnam. When Thu was 12 years old, he stepped on an unexploded land mine and lost his leg.

Living with a disability in rural Vietnam presented many challenges for Thu, who worked mainly as a rice farmer. Thu also took on the role of caring for his wife, Linh, after she suffered a stroke.

Determined to turn their lives around, Thu and Linh joined the Empowerment of People with Disabilities program, run by Caritas Australia's local partner in Vietnam. Thu received a loan to open a barber shop. For Thu, the greatest impact the program has had is enabling the change in Linh's physical and mental wellbeing. With the support of a physiotherapist, Linh can now walk short distances with the aid of a walking stick. 📷 Support Project Compassion today:

[www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

▶ Watch Thu's story here: [www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/thu-story-video](http://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/thu-story-video)



## REST IN PEACE Judy Fitzgerald

She will be lovingly missed by many of our parishioners especially members of St Vincent de Paul Society.



*Photo taken with Nancy Gough on  
10th February 2023*



## 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.

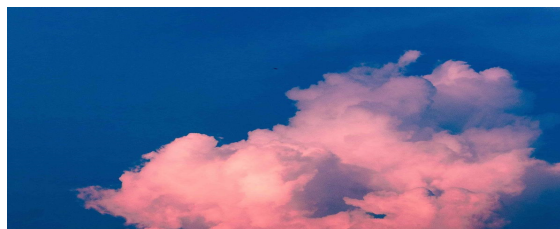
Parish priests will be participating in a number of learning seminars/workshops over the coming months to inform parish leaders and staff on how we can translate this into our broader parish and local communities. In the meantime, we as parishioners are being invited to ask family and friends to join 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 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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**

mclinooffice@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