



# 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

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**5th March 2023      Issue No. 5**

**Ponder and Reflect on our Faith Journey**

For the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert to his Transfiguration.

The Transfiguration is told in 3 Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke.

In each, the Transfiguration follows Jesus' first prediction of his death and his teaching about the costs of discipleship.

Jesus' Transfiguration is a promise of Jesus' glory, his Resurrection.

The Transfiguration occurs in the presence of just 3 of Jesus' disciples: Peter, James, and John.

In Matthew's Gospel, those disciples are among the first whom Jesus calls. They also encounter God. They experience the divine presence in the transformed Jesus Christ. The change in his face, which "shown like the sun" and his clothes which became "white as light" are a reference back to Moses' appearance after receiving the Ten Commandments.

The Transfiguration also foreshadows the resurrection of Jesus.

In his appearance to Mary of Magdala at the tomb, He also had bright white clothes.

And clearly something was significantly different about his appearance, for Mary did not recognize him.

**Do we recognize Jesus when we encounter him?  
Are we open to being transformed?**

**Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you**



Marg Vallence  
Parish Pastoral Council

**PARISH  
CALENDAR**



**MARCH**

<b>4/5th</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b> Baptism - 6 pm
7th Tue	Ladies Lunch - 12 noon Lilydale International
<b>11/12th</b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b> Baptism - 11 am
14th Tue	Baptism Preparation Meeting - 7.30 pm - Tim Newcomb
16th Thu	F.D.T. Meeting - 10 am
<b>18/19th</b>	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b> Baptisms - 11 am
<b>25/26th</b>	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b> Church Monthly Collection Baptisms - 9am & 11am
29th Wed	Eucharist Family Night
31st Fri	Feast of St Richard's Mass - 9am

**Weekday Mass Times**  
**Tuesday & Wednesday**  
**9.30 am Mass**

**Readings for Next Week - 12th March**

**Third Sunday of Lent**  
**Ex 17:3-7: Ps 94:1-2, 6-9:R**  
**Rom 5:1-2, 5-8: Jn 4:5-42:**

**Prayers for the Sick**

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;

**Sophia Aranco**

**† Remembrance Diary †**

We remember those who have died and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

**4/3 to 10/3**

Joyce Collins (first death anniversary), Jack Beaumont, Nada Klepac, Michael Kinneary, Thomas Scanlon, Letitia Cairns, Marika Dyson, Angela Slaviero, George Boness, Frank Sullican, John Ernst, John Golja, Ronald Whelan, Antononia & Petro Maniscalchi, John Leslie McKay, Sr. Rosalie Corrigan rsj, Mary Hanlon, Anton Soffici, Jack Lawrence, Margaret McMahon, Cora Sweerts, James Parslow, Agneta Pepping, Werner Rynski.

**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 - 11/12th March**

6.00 pm	Pat Harman & Iris Gale
9.00 am	Karen Broughton & Lilette de la Harpe
11.00am	Charlotte Wightman & Volunteer req.

**Musicians - 11/12th March**

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



**BAPTISM**

We welcome to our Parish through  
Baptism

**Lucy, Toby & Brodie Hicks**

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



## LADIES LUNCH GROUP

Our next Ladies Lunch will be on  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March  
At the Lilydale International Hotel  
471 Maroondah Hwy Lilydale  
We will meet at 12 pm for 12.30 lunch

Enquiries: Nancy Gough 0411 137 251  
Philomena Turner 0417 208 077



Catholic Social  
Services Victoria



## Voice to Parliament

Catholic Social Services Victoria (CSSV) have released their statement, *Relentlessly Pursuing Reconciliation*, in support of a constitutionally enshrined Voice to Parliament as articulated by the *Uluru Statement from the Heart*.

This year's national referendum on the constitution gives an opportunity for Australians to support the Statement from the Heart and to embrace the cries of our First Nations Peoples for a just future, a means of recognition and a way forward for healing and learning together.

To read the full statement please scan the QR code.

### Prepare for the Light of Love

Most people can pinpoint the moment when the attraction they felt for someone turned to love. It usually has to do with seeing the person in a new light. As one man described it, "One night I watched as a woman who had been my good friend for many years gently stroked her dying mother's forehead. I was struck by the sheer tenderness and beauty of the act. I knew then that my feelings for this woman were forever changed".

Whether it is a simple act of kindness or a bold or courageous gesture, something happens that brings the person's true character into relief, and the enlightenment leads to love.

Jesus' Transfiguration is one of those moments of light – a luminous mystery – as Pope John Paul II termed it, in which Jesus is glorified –transfigured – before the eyes of his chosen disciples. They see with utter clarity who Jesus truly is: The son of the living God, and they are filled with awe and a new level of love. Their lives are changed forever.

We cannot command enlightenment any more than we can force ourselves to fall in love. But we can be attentive as we walk with others. The more we notice the small details about our neighbours and God, the more likely we'll be awake when the big reveal takes place and we can see these people for who they truly are: Beings worthy of our unconditional love.

### Have you Changed?

Phone number

Email Address

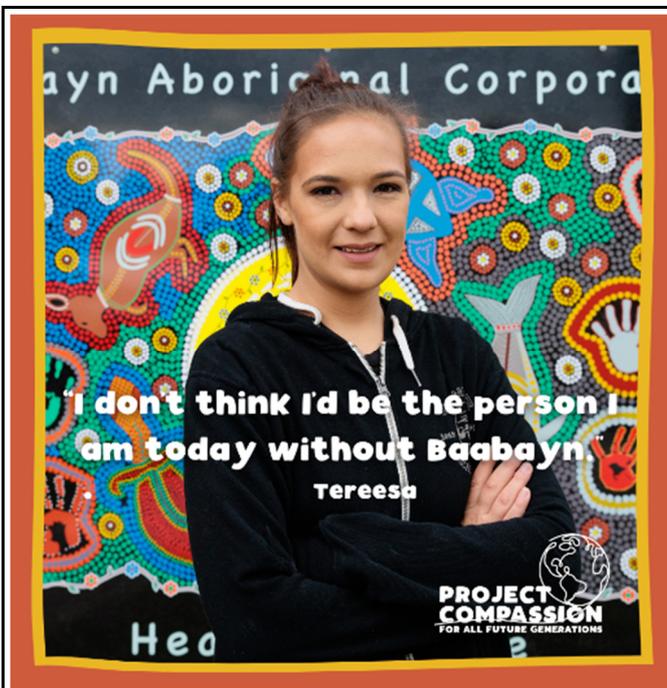
Residential Address/Mail Address,

Please notify the Parish Office on 9723 4275 or email mooroolbark@cam.org.au



Update  
Contact Info





This week through Project Compassion, we learn about Tereesa, a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children as a single mother.

Seeking a better future for her family, Tereesa joined Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation's Young Mums and Bubs Group, supported by Caritas Australia. Baabayn helped Tereesa access housing and psychological support. Tereesa was also able to hear stories from Indigenous Elders and reconnect with her culture.

Today, Tereesa is studying a certificate in Community Services so that she can strengthen her skills and give back to her community. Tereesa now works at Baabayn, supporting young mothers and mentoring the next generation of young people.

 Support Project Compassion today:  
[www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

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



# Palms Australia



## *Mission: Change their lives ... and yours.*

Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills with those who have less opportunity to develop their talents.

Explore 35 positions by scanning the QR code above. On our website you can also see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand.

Please enquire further about potential assignments for you or someone you know:

**RING: 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567. WEB: [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au)**

### **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](mailto:brian.twining@cam.org.au)  
**Meg Wright**  
[mwright@spjemoroolbark.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mwright@spjemoroolbark.catholic.edu.au)  
**Michael Mc Lindon** [mclinoffice@gmail.com](mailto: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.

The parish can provide full printed copies on request

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