

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

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Normal Mass Times at SPJE
Weekday Masses - Tuesday - Friday: 9.15 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



ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 1st December 2019 - Issue No: 45

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A

The Liturgical year has turned full circle and we begin the new year with the first Sunday of Advent. This year we will read from the Gospel of Matthew, which was written sometime in the 80s, approximately fifty years after the death and resurrection of Jesus. Each of the four Gospels provides us with a portrait of Jesus, and a glimpse into the life and concerns of one very early Christian community.

This weeks Gospel, from Matt 24:37-44, continues to develop the theme of watchfulness. Jesus' warns his followers not to be absorbed in the everyday events of life such as eating, drinking and taking husbands and wives. We must always be watchful for the sudden and unexpected arrival of the Son of Man.

Jesus reinforces his message with the image that he frequently used in his teachings: that of a burglar breaking into a house at night. The point Jesus is making is simple. One never knows when a thief will strike. Households that make themselves prepared for potential burglaries are always vigilant and attentive for anything unusual. They do not become distracted by the trivialities of life. Christian life also requires us to keep a sharp ear and a keen eye for the coming of the Lord – not just his coming at the end of time, but His coming in all the various forms that we encounter on a daily basis.

Rudy Vail
Deputy Principal/Religious Education leader
St. Richards Primary School

PARISH CALENDAR

DECEMBER

30th/1st Dec	1st Sunday of Advent. <i>Bushfire Appeal</i> Junior Level Mass 6pm & 11am
3rd Dec Tue	Ladies Christmas Lunch - 12.30 Yering Golf Club
4th Dec Wed	Baptism Meeting - Marg & Lili Church Foyer - 7.30pm
5th Dec Thur	Mass of the Anointing- 9.15am Mass Music Practise- Church 7.30pm
6th Fri	SPJE School In-Service Day
7/8th Dec	2nd Sunday of Advent BAPTISMS 11am Parish Farewell Mass for Maria Bast & Martine Verhagen
12th Dec	Graduation Dinner - St Rich School - 5.30pm Music Practise - 7.30pm church
14/15th Dec	3rd Sunday of Advent Monthly Church Collection

ROSTERS

Counters

2nd Dec	Des Delahunt, Pam Dryden & Christine Sellar
9th Dec	Bob & Wies Dight

Flowers

30/1st Dec Advent (**No Flowers**)

Cleaners

2nd Dec Jessica & Gloria Romero & Catherine Tai

9th Dec D'Almeida Family

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

Ministers of Eucharist Coordinators for December

6.00 pm	Bernadette Brown
9.00 am	Pam Delahunt
11.00am	Mike McCann

Readers and Commentators - 7/8th December

6.00 pm	Dympna Beard & Angela Stainwall
9.00 am	Lisa Read & Tim Newcomb
11.00am	Joseph Mung & Auna Wernert

Musicians - 7/8th December

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

Weekday Mass Times

Weekday Masses
Tue - Fri 9.15am

Readings for Next Week – 7/8th Dec

Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill,
Pat McCann, Trish Fenton, Freddy Chavez, Peter Margerison, Judith Griffith, Annette Andrewartha, Julia & Mabel Dana, Jan Smith, Wilfred Howarth, James Heaton, Joan McArthur.

† Remembrance Diary †

We remember those who have died and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.
30/11 to 6/12

Jean Hardacre, Margaret Tait, Greg Dwyer, Joan Cowie, Frank Zappia, Nora Robinson, Anne Hoyne, Lil Gavin, Gato Cachia, Michael Dunlop, Alma Delzoppo, Antonia Kleverkamp, Ramfee Tungol, Chris Butteriss, Ange Zangemeister, Gertrude Darcy, Rosina Cincotta, Russell Cox, Jack Robins, Johanna Vanduppen, Maria Kermac.

December 1, 2019 - 1st Sunday of Advent

Lord we ask for your blessing upon this wreath. As we light these candles we wait with joyful hope for the coming of Emmanuel - the hope of ages.

Let your blessing also be upon us as we keep this time of Advent.

May the wreath and its light remind us of your presence and of the light of life that Jesus, the Emmanuel, God-with-us brings.



All past students and families of
ST PETER JULIAN EYMARD PRIMARY SCHOOL are warmly invited to farewell Mrs Maria Bast at our End of Year Mass on **Monday 16th December at 12.30. (On the oval)** Mrs Bast started teaching at SPJ in 1978 and has held many varied positions throughout her journey towards retirement. She has been Principal for the past 8 years and has left a lasting impression on many families throughout the parish of Mooroolbark. Mass will be followed by a sausage sizzle and some time to catch up with many friendly faces.
 Hope to see you there.
 Please join us to wish Maria a very happy Retirement.



St Vincent de Paul Christmas Tree Appeal for 2019

The St Vincent de Paul Christmas tree will be in the foyer of the church from the 15th November.

There will, as usual, be tags for gifts for children stating age and gender. There will also be tags for donations of money which will enable us to buy any extra gifts needed.

We would be most grateful if you could take a tag and return it with a gift or donation by the weekend of the 7-8th December.

You have been most generous in previous years and this has enabled us to give the children of the families to whom we deliver hampers Christmas gifts as well.

We usually deliver 90 hampers and supply gifts to over 120 children.

We thank you for your generosity in helping us make Christmas brighter for the needy in our Parish.

Jan Phippard - President - SVDP Mooroolbark



What is a Plenary Council? Why a Plenary Council?

A Plenary Council is a formal meeting of the bishops and other representatives of all the dioceses and eparchies of the Catholic Church in Australia. Its purpose is to discern what God is asking of us in Australia at this present time. While the church should be asking that question continually, a Plenary Council is a particularly graced instrument for seeking the Holy Spirit's guidance. And it has the authority to make church laws on the results of its discernment. Although in the end it will be the bishops who will vote on any future directions for the church in Australia, they will be making those decisions in the light of a long listening to the Holy Spirit speaking through the voices of any of the faithful who wish to speak around Australia. This makes the Plenary Council 2020 different from the last one in 1937. Everyone has a chance to participate and to express whatever the Spirit is saying to them in their heart.

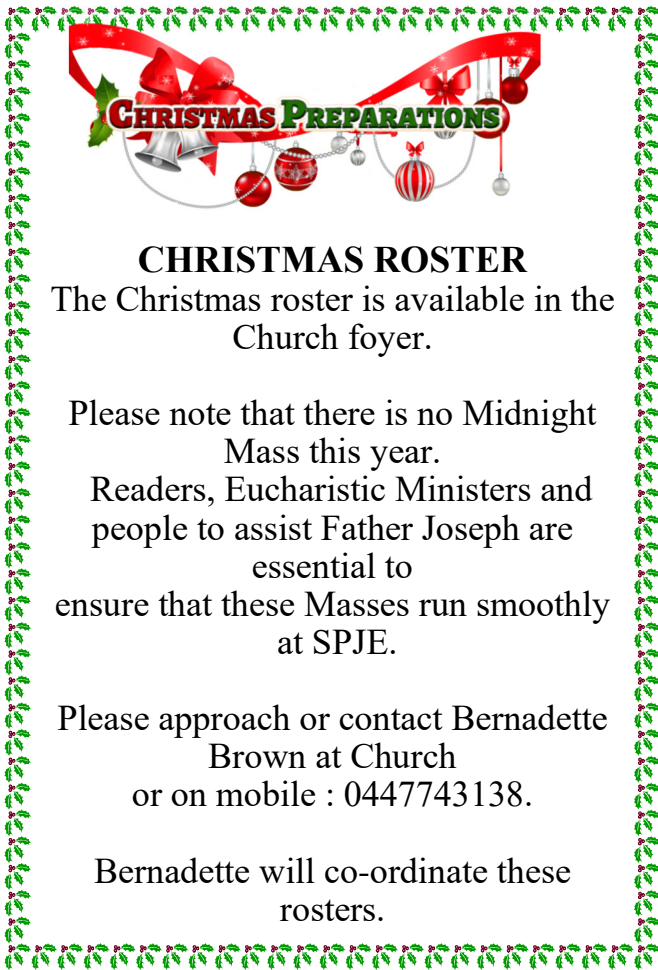
We hope over the next three years "to listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches".

This was the instruction given to the seven churches of Asia Minor in the Book of Revelation. From that time on Christians have met to listen to the Spirit at times of important decisions. We are called to do so again.

Vatican II spoke of how God, who spoke in the past, "continues to converse" with the church (*Dei Verbum*, 8). Through our Plenary Council 2020, the Catholic Church hopes to enter more intensely into that divine-human dialogue.

FRIAR ALESSANDRO AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL:

You are invited to an evening of Christmas music & readings with internationally acclaimed Franciscan tenor Friar Alessandro. The Friar is on his first ever tour to Australia and will be accompanied by Vivian Choi (Piano) and the Artes Christi Choir & Orchestra. ENTRY FREE or By Donation with all donations supporting the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. DETAILS: Sat 7 Dec (7.30pm), St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne. BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL at www.voicefromassisi.org.au There is also a yellow Parish sign-up sheet on the parish noticeboard.



CHRISTMAS ROSTER

The Christmas roster is available in the Church foyer.

Please note that there is no Midnight Mass this year.

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and people to assist Father Joseph are essential to ensure that these Masses run smoothly at SPJE.

Please approach or contact Bernadette Brown at Church or on mobile : 0447743138.

Bernadette will co-ordinate these rosters.

Advent Sunday 1 - 1 December

"Stay Awake". Jesus urges us to be ready. Today let us pray for the young people in our parish community, that they may be ready and alert to hear the Lord calling them to the faithful vocations of marriage, priesthood, consecrated or single life.

SVDP Conference Mooroolbark

We will be again selling Columban Calendars and Christmas Cards at all Masses commencing 22nd November.
Columban Calendars \$9.00
Christmas Cards (pack of 8) \$5.00.



A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM Sr Rosalie Corrigan

Wishing all parishioners blessings for Christmas.
From Sr Rosalie.

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND



We proclaim a crucified Christ
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MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

To all those facing the uncertainty, danger and devastation of the fires to the north, please know that you are in our heartfelt prayers. We ask the Holy Spirit to bring renewed courage and strength to those who give so much of themselves at these critical times - our people at the fire fronts, those ministering and attending the injured, those caring for the homeless and displaced, those who will continue to bring support long after the last ember has gone out. We place our trust in you Lord, to shelter and protect our loved ones, friends, and all those who need your help.

St Vincent de Paul are on the ground throughout our communities providing support in those life-giving ways that people need in times of disaster and tragedy. May I encourage our people of Melbourne and beyond to support the Vinnies Bushfire Appeal through www.vinnies.org.au or through your local parish.

With every grace and blessing, I remain,
Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne

The parish will be taking up a special collection this weekend 30th Nov/1st December to support SVDP.

December 1, 2019 - 1st Sunday of Advent

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." (Matthew 24:42)

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given. You begin to see God's active presence in your life.