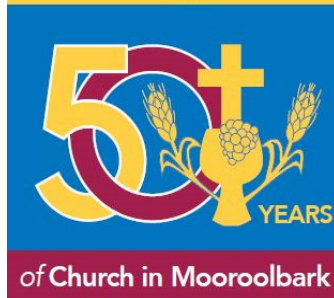


St Peter Julian Eymard Parish



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*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 LENT

1st March 2020 Issue No 6

Reflection

This weekend's gospel about the temptations presented to Jesus makes us aware of what can tempt us to move away from our true relationship with our God who loves us infinitely. Instead of being focused on God's love, we can be tempted to find security in possessions, building our sense of self-value on how we perceive ourselves as better than others and wielding power over others.

Jesus's mission was to help us get to know the Father. Through the parables he told, he revealed to us God's deep compassion and mercy he had for everyone. Jesus tried to help his disciples, and us today in the scriptures, to see our world, ourselves, others and creation as God sees us and how God dreams that we should love each other as brothers and sisters and live in harmony with nature that sustains us.

Our Lenten journey is a time to unite us with each other and create more love in our world. It is time for us to open our hearts and allow God to mould our hearts like His own.

Let us reflect on how God might be calling me, in one small way, to create more love amongst my family, friends, community and the larger world community this Lent?



Michele McCourt
Parishioner

PARISH CALENDAR

MARCH 2020

30/1st Mar First Sunday of Lent
11am - Baptism

3rd March Ladies Lunch - 12 noon
Chirnside Country Club
Baptism Meeting - Home of Tim & Lucy Newcomb - 7.30pm

4th March Faith Development Meeting - 10am

5th Mar Thur **Funeral Mass for Peter Margerison 10.30am**
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting - 7pm Parish House

6th March School Closure Day

7/8th March Second Sunday of Lent
BAPTISMS

9th Mar Mon LABOUR DAY (Public Holiday)

11th First Eucharist Family Night - 7pm Church

14/15th March Third Sunday of Lent

17th Mar Tue ST PATRICK'S DAY

21/22nd March Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sat WEDDING - 2pm Church
Year 4 Commitment Mass - 6pm

Sun Year 4 Commitment Mass - 11am

25th Wed The Annunciation of the Lord
Term 1. Ends
NO 9.15am Mass in the Church
9.15am Mass will be held at

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday - 9.15am

Funeral Mass for Peter Margerison
Thursday 10.30am
No 9.15am Mass on Thursday

Readings for Next Week – 7/8th Mar
Gen 12:1-4; 2 Tim 1:8-10; Mt 17:1-9

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;

Pat McCann, Trish Fenton, Freddy Chavez, Judith Griffith, Annette Andrewartha, Julia & Mabel Dana, Jan Smith, James Heaton, Wilfred Howarth, Matthew Arrowsmith, Rose Robert, Brian Allan, Lorraine Downie & Carol Braganza.

† Remembrance Diary †

We remember those who have died, especially **Roger Arrowsmith, Peter Margerison** and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

29/2 to 6/3

Gladys O'Connell, Kevin Keane, Christine Butler, Jean Dyason, Joseph Reading, Bill Fuller, Tom Findlay, Claire McKiernan, Michael Redfern, Heather Derix, Noreen Burke, Rosemary McGrath, Rosina Gajewski, Luke Scudds, Jack Beaumont, Nada Klepac, Michael Kinneary, Thomas Scanlon, Letitia Cairns, Marika Dyson, George Boness, Frank Sullivan, John Ernst, John Golja.

ROSTERS

Counters

2nd March Jan Phippard & Eileen Goltz
9th March Joan & Maurie Prendergast

Flowers

Lent - NO FLOWERS

Cleaners

2nd March Laurel Simpson & Francis Braganza
9th March Wojtek Nowicki, Eleanor Thompson

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

Ministers of Eucharist Coordinators for March

6.00 pm Bernadette Brown
9.00 am Karen Broughton
11.00am Lin Nowland

Readers and Commentators - 7/8th March

6.00 pm Dympna Beard & Angela Stainwall
9.00 am Andrea Braganza & Muzeena D'Almeida
11.00am Marie Mutton & Jun Romero

Musicians - 7/8th March

6.00 pm Paul & Co
9.00 am STRUM
11.00 am Tongon Group

Parish Registration Card

Parishioners who have not registered with the parish or are new to the parish or have changed address are asked to pick up and complete a Parish registration card .

Registration Cards are available next to the newsletters.

Once completed please hand to Fr Joseph or place in the box provided next to the newsletters.

Bushfire Recovery Appeal this weekend 29th Feb/1st March



Disaster recovery is a long process.

We know that families in East Gippsland have seen unspeakable devastation - their homes have been ravaged, their schools have been destroyed, and their communities have been scattered by evacuations.

In response, CatholicCare, in partnership with the Archdiocese of Melbourne and the Diocese of Sale, will be reinstating our **Bushfire Community Recovery Service** to provide long-term support for the children, youth and families of East Gippsland.

To support this mission, today we are launching our **Bushfire Recovery Appeal** to fund the counselling, chaplaincy, and community development projects rolled out as part of this recovery service.

Our goal is to raise \$2.5 million to fund the delivery of the Bushfire Community Recovery Service for three years.

BAPTISM

We welcome
Paige Dawson
to our Parish through Baptism.

As she receives the Holy Spirit through the



Sacrament celebrated this weekend, may her faith guide her throughout her life.

Combined Parishes Car Raffle

Parishioners please collect your named Raffle tickets from the tub in the church foyer.

Apologies to all those parishioners who were wanting to purchase raffle tickets last weekend. We ran out, but hopefully we will have more to sell this weekend and the coming weeks.

By way of explanation: Last year we had a great many books unsold and lost [mainly by the schools] so I restricted the number of books the parish purchased this year.

A big thank you to all those who have returned their books and money.

If you have any queries, I can be contacted on 0403 568 302 or by email: rafflespje@gmail.com

Marg Vallence / CoOrdinator
SPJE Parish Mooroolbark Combined
Catholic Parishes Raffle 2020.

LADIES LUNCH GROUP

Our next Ladies Lunch will be at Chirnside
Park Country Club

68 Kingswood Drive Chirnside Park

On Tuesday 3rd March

Meet at 12pm for lunch at 12.30pm

Contacts : Nancy Gough 0411 137 251

Philomena Turner 0417 208 077



Project Compassion
First Sunday of Lent - 1st March 2020



Indigenous minorities in the Philippines face regular discrimination and disadvantage. Manide woman, Shirley faced challenges supporting her children and sending them to school. With Caritas Australia's support, Shirley's life has been transformed.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to help people like Shirley, and her children gain confidence and respect within their community.

Let's Go Further, Together. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

LENTEN REFLECTION



My precious and crucified Lord, I offer You this Lent.

I offer it to You with total abandonment and trust.

I offer You my prayers, sacrifices and my very life this day.

Do with me, Lord, as You will.

I pray that this Lent will be fruitful.

I know You have much to say to me and much to do in my life.

May this Lent be a time through which Your mercy is poured in abundance into my soul,
and into the souls of all Your faithful.

Dearest Lord, help me to especially see my sin, this Lent.

Humble me so that I may see clearly.

Give me courage and strength to confess my sins,
and to turn from them with all my heart.

Enlighten me with Your Holy Word, dear Lord.

Help me to come to know You and to deepen the gift of faith in my life.

Show me the plan You have for me,
and place my feet upon the path You have chosen.

Lord, I thank You for the fullness of Your perfect Sacrifice.

I thank You for holding nothing back,
giving Your life to the last drop of blood.

Keep me faithful to my Lenten promises,
and bring forth new life through these sacrifices of love.

Strengthen my prayer and make me holy.

Help me to turn to You, each day,
seeking Your sacred and pierced Heart.

Blessed Mother, you stood by your Son in His suffering and death,
stand by me, I pray, as I journey through this life.

Pray for me and offer me to Your Son,
that He may take me into His loving embrace.

Lord, Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me a sinner.

Mother Mary, Mother of our Crucified Lord,
pray for us who have recourse to thee. Amen