



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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School Principal - Mr. Marcus Gill
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Normal Mass Times at SPJE
Weekday Masses - For February
Tues & Thurs: 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



ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

14th February 2021 Issue No. 3

Mark 1:40-45

Jesus cures a person with leprosy, who reports his cure to everyone.

Today's Gospel invites us to think about the choices we make as individuals and as a family. Jesus was faced with a choice in today's Gospel. By agreeing to heal the man with leprosy, Jesus showed God's compassion for the sick and the outcast. The man knew that Jesus had a choice and that Jesus could reject his request. He may have expected that Jesus would not help him. The social taboos regarding leprosy certainly gave him little on which to base his hope. In the person of the man with leprosy, we see an image of all those in need. The sick and the outcast of our world are watching us, to see if we as Christians will choose to extend ourselves to others in need of healing and compassion.

In agreeing to heal the man with leprosy, Jesus chose to show God's compassion and mercy. All our choices reflect our faith, and others are watching.

Marcus Gill - Principal St. Richard's



PARISH CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2021

13/14th Feb 6th Sunday Ordinary Time

Baptisms 9 am & 11 am

15th Feb FUNERAL

Alan Pritchard

**17th Feb Ash Wednesday
Beginning of Lent**

Ash Wednesday Mass

9.30 am & 7.00 pm

18th Thur Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
7.00 pm Church Foyer

**20/21st Feb First Sunday of Lent
Baptisms - 6pm**

27/28th Feb Second Sunday of Lent

MARCH 2021

6/7th March Third Sunday of Lent

12th SPJE Grade 5 Reflection Day

13/14th Fourth Sunday of Lent

16th Tue Grade 5. Eucharist Mass - 7pm

17th Wed Grade 5. Eucharist Mass - 7pm

18th Thur Grade 5. Eucharist Mass - 7pm

19th Fri School Closure Day

23rd Grade 4. Eucharist Family Night -
Church

25th Thur Parish & School Formation Night -
6pm Church

27th Sat Grade 4. Eucharist Mass - 6pm

28th Sun Grade 4. Eucharist Mass - 11am

ROSTERS

Counters Month of February 2021

Mon. Joan & Maurie Prendergast

Flowers February 2021

T.B.A.

Church Cleaners Month of February

Laurel Simpson & Francis Braganza

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

Ministers of Eucharist Coordinators for February

6.00 pm George Nantes

9.00 am T.B.A.

11.00am T.B.A.

Readers and Commentators - 20/21st February

6.00 pm Dymna Beard & Angela Stainwall

9.00 am Muzeena D'Almeida

11.00am Elizabeth Acabado & Margaret Corker

Musicians - 13/14th February

6.00pm No Music

9.00am STRUM

11.00am Shelly & Co

Weekday Mass Times

February 2021

Tuesday & Thursday

9.30 am

Readings for Next Week – 21st Feb

Gen 9:8-15; 1 Pet 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;

*Trish Fenton, Sister Rosalie Corrigan,
Rose Robert, Lorraine Downie, Trish Leahy,
Jean Blencowe & Danielle Devlin.
Gerard Hoogenboom, Rachael Ash*

† Remembrance Diary †

We remember those who have died, especially
Alan Pritchard and all those whose
anniversaries occur about this time.

13 to 19/2

**John Willcocks, Margarita Dunnington,
Josephine Makin, Don Raffaello Rossi &
Family, Jim Fitzgerald, Theresa Whitelaw,
Michael Murphy, Elena Casotti, Maria
Margaletic, Stephen Nowicki, Bruce Barlow-
Barker, Isobel Giuffrida, Ivy Crellin, Joe
Ekanayake, Kathleen Collins, Patricia Nugent,
Jim McKenna, Valentine O'Donnell, Margaret
Sheehan, Giovanni D'Angelo, Brian Vear, Matt
Grange.**

BAPTISM



We welcome
**Nash Sablinskis, Leo & Caleb Ivaldi &
Cole Ivaldi**
to our Parish through Baptism.

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

FUNERAL

R.I.P. Alan Pritchard

9.30am Rosary
10.00am Viewing
10.30am Funeral

Followed by refreshments in the parish hall.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

We have a few fold up chairs left behind from Christmas eve mass on the school oval.

Please contact SPJE School if these belong to you.

School phone : 9725 0595.

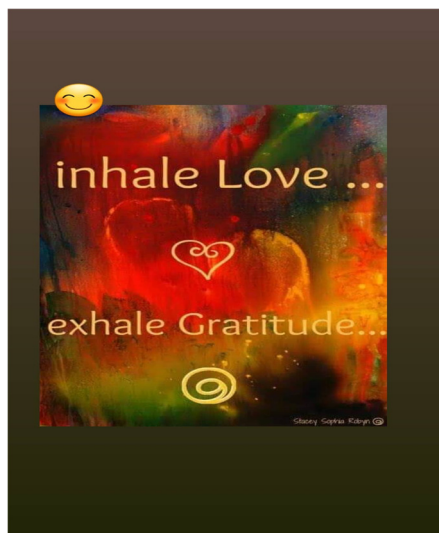
SPJE CHURCH PEWS

Last call

Is anyone interested in taking the old church pews?

They are free to a good home.

Please contact the parish office on 9723 4275 or email Mooroolbark@cam.org.au to arrange pick up.



Into a Strange Land A Country called Forgiveness

In this 5 days retreat we will be walking the arduous and sometimes lonely journey from unforgiveness to forgiveness: the journey that has the possibility of leading to joy and peace of soul that remains elusive, until we are able to let go and forgive.

St Antonia osb will guide you throughout the retreat.

Retreat begins: **21 Feb 2021** for 5 weeks during Lent.

Registration fee: \$200

For more information click on the following:

Online retreat – Into a Strange Land: A Country called Forgiveness

Migrant English Conversation Classes 2021

Funded by St Vincent de Paul

FREE - Limited Numbers

When:

**Mondays 10am – 11:30am
beginning February 8th**

**Wednesdays 7pm - 8:30pm
beginning February 10th**

**Where: St Peter Julian's Church
240 Hull Rd Mooroolbark VIC 3138**

(walking distance from Mooroolbark Station)

Contact: Jan on [0414 763 801](tel:0414763801) to book a place.

COVID safe - with social distancing and hand hygiene in place.



The focus will be on 'everyday' conversational English, with some reading and writing!

Have you Changed?

Phone Number

Email Address

Residential Address

Mail Address, Please notify the Parish Office on 9723 4275 or email ooroolbark@cam.org.au

**LADIES LUNCH GROUP
OUR FIRST LUNCHEON FOR 2021
WILL BE ON
TUESDAY 2nd MARCH at 12pm
AT THE DORSET HOTEL**



WE ARE SO HAPPY TO BE STARTING UP OUR WONDERFUL PARISH LADIES LUNCHESES AGAIN

This is a great opportunity for any ladies who might be new to our parish or who have been considering joining our group to come along as we start this new-year.

We ask all who are interested in attending to please contact either **Philomena or Nancy by TUESDAY 23rd FEB** so numbers can be provided to the venue

Philomena Turner 0417 208 077
Nancy Gough 0411 137 251

'Let the Heart Listen' is a 15-week formation program on Thursday mornings for people involved in listening to and supporting others. The program includes: the principles of listening and discernment, facilitated group participation, guided reflection etc. Facilitated by Carole Carmody rsm, the program begins on 25 Feb 2021 at Heart of Life, Rear 41 Stanhope Street, Malvern or online. Cost \$680. For more information or application form, contact info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel 9890 1101."

The Marriage Kit - Online Seminar

Join us for a six-week workshop series for married couples wanting a lasting, passionate relationship. This initiative is in partnership with the Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton.

START DATE: MONDAY EVENING - 15 FEBRUARY

COURSE COST: \$25

FIND OUT MORE: www.smartloving.org/rockhampton



ST. VALENTINE'S DAY - 14th FEBRUARY

Saint Valentine, officially known as Saint Valentine of Rome, is a third-century Roman saint widely celebrated on February 14 and commonly associated with "courtly love. St. Valentine was arrested numerous times for continuing to try to convert people to Christianity. He was sent to Rome under the emperor Claudius Gothicus (Claudius II). The story tells that St. Valentine was imprisoned for marrying Christian couples and aiding Christians being persecuted by Claudius in Rome. Both acts were considered serious crimes. A relationship between the saint and emperor began to grow, until Valentine attempted to convince Claudius of Christianity. Claudius became raged and sentenced Valentine to death, commanding him to renounce his faith or be beaten with clubs and beheaded. St. Valentine refused to renounce his faith and Christianity and was executed outside the Flaminian Gate on February 14, 269.

Archaeologists have unearthed a Roman catacomb and an ancient church dedicated to St. Valentine. In 496 AD Pope Gelasius marked February 14th as a celebration in honour of his martyrdom. St. Valentine is the Patron Saint of affianced couples, bee keepers, engaged couples, epilepsy, fainting, greetings, happy marriages, love, lovers, plague, travellers, and young people. He is represented in pictures with birds and roses and his feast day is celebrated on February 14.