



## 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

**Parish Priest**  
Fr. Joseph Xin Lu

**Parish Secretary**  
Mrs. Adriana De Leo

**Parish Assistant**  
Mr. Brian Twining

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**SPJE Parish School**  
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Kilsyth, 3137  
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**School Principal - Mr. Marcus Gill**  
<http://www.srkilsyth.catholic.edu.au>

**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

### THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST YEAR A 14th June 2020 Issue No 21

#### REFLECTION

Today's Gospel is taken from the Gospel according to John. The reading is part of a discourse between Jesus and a crowd of Jews. The discourse comes shortly after the miracle of Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and fishes. In John's Gospel, miracles such as this are identified as "signs" through which people come to believe that Jesus is the Son of God. These signs are followed by dialogue, or discourse that interprets and explains the miracle. In John's Gospel, Jesus' multiplication of the loaves is said to have occurred near Passover, thus linking it to the Exodus story and God's saving action toward the Israelites.

Having seen Jesus multiply the loaves and fishes, the crowd pursues him, perhaps seeking more food but also looking for another sign. Jesus tells the crowd that he is the bread of life. He explains that just as God gave the Israelites manna to sustain them in the desert, so now God has sent new manna that will give eternal life. It is in this context that Jesus repeats those words in today's Gospel and tells them again that he is the living bread that came down from heaven.

Jesus' words are not well understood by the crowd; they argue that Jesus is not from heaven but born of Mary and Joseph. The crowd also has trouble understanding how Jesus could give them his flesh to eat. Jesus tells them that when they eat his flesh and drink his blood, they will remain forever connected to him. These are difficult words, but they are important because they seek to show us our intimate connection with Jesus.

This is the mystery that is at the heart of our Eucharistic theology. In the elements of bread and wine, Jesus' Body and Blood are truly present. When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ, Jesus himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ's Body in the world.

*Pauline George - Religious Education Leader SPJE School*

## PARISH UPDATE

Dear Parishioners,

The further relaxing of restrictions allows for the increase of people allowed in places of worship.

**.....Bookings Now Open.....**

**As of 27th and 28th June,  
50 people are allowed at each Mass,  
including children & musicians.  
In mid July approx. 100 people will be  
allowed to attend Mass.**

The parish will be updated by the Archdiocese prior to the easing of this restriction.

Parishioners **must** email or phone to book your attendance.

Given limited numbers at each mass please state your mass time preference -

**6 pm Saturday**

**Sun. 9am & 11am, or the additional Mass  
at 5pm on Sunday.**

Please leave your full name and contact details clearly on the telephone if you do not have access to a computer and state your preference Mass with 1st & 2nd choice.

We will do our best to accommodate your request.

We ask that you please adhere to hygiene requirements - hand sanitiser and wipes available at the church and social distancing signage in the Church.

Family groups who live in the same household must sit together.

Individuals to sit where marked by a green cross on the pews.

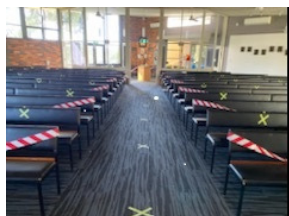
The church will be open 30 minutes before Mass.

We ask parishioners to kindly leave at the conclusion of Mass to allow for the cleaning of the church. After Mass please practise social distancing and only chat with Fr Joseph and other parishioners if it is really necessary.

No cuppas after Mass until further notice.

Yours in Christ

**Bernadette Brown  
Chairperson PPC**



## Readings for Next Week – 21st June

Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15;

Mt 10:26-33



We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;

**Trish Fenton, Annette Andrewartha, Julia &  
Mabel Dana, Matthew Arrowsmith, Rose  
Robert, Lorraine Downie, Trish Leahy, Maria  
Devlin, Jean Blencowe, Nancy Greco,  
Colin Hallam.**

## ✠ Remembrance Diary ✠

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

**13/6 to 19/6**

**Shani Hull, Donald Garland, Therese Smith,  
Dorothy Creasey, Fay Forder, Robert Enfred  
Crosby, Adam Howatt, Bert Chapman, Cvetko  
Klepac, William Burke, Lion-Heong Tan, Nellie  
Chapman, Gejkanu Bianco, Ernie Squirell,  
Maria Teresa Sini, Matthew Patrick Deany,  
Michelle Maguire, Alan Clark, Brendan  
Chapman, Jessie Pearson, Otto Zdrazil, David  
Joyce, Agnes Kerin, Peter Joyce, Patricia Lillian  
Bell, Chester Seagle, Carmen Busuttill, Bob  
Roberts.**

## THANKSGIVING PROGRAM

During this difficult time, parishioners are encouraged to continue to support the Parish financially. This support is essential to the ongoing weekly expenditure of our Parish.

Thanksgiving envelopes can be dropped off at the Parish Office. **(left side of front door).**

If you wish to donate via electronic funds you may wish to set up direct debit from your bank to the church account (please phone or email the office for the parish bank details)

If you prefer Credit Card payments this can be arranged by phone or email to the Parish Office. Please leave your name and phone number and Adriana will contact you.

Fr Joseph acknowledges your generosity and thanks you for your continued financial support.

# SVDP WINTER APPEAL



The St Vincent de Paul Winter appeal will take place at all the Masses on the weekend of 27/28th June 2020.

This year more than any other in recent history SVDP needs your support. The call on our resources will become greater as the restrictions are lifted and the government subsidies are reduced, and the true extent of job losses and cutbacks are realised.

We, at the Mooroolbark Conference, have been assisting people seeking our help throughout the last few months in accordance with the restriction guidelines and will continue to do so as the need increases as it no doubt will.

We are most grateful for an donation you are able to give to help us in our work.

We will have the usual envelopes in the church on the collection weekend and anyone not yet attending Mass can drop their donation in a marked envelope at the Parish House (front door letter box).

As there are no actual collections at Mass at present there will be two baskets at the front of the altar one for the church collection and the other for SVDP. They will be clearly marked.

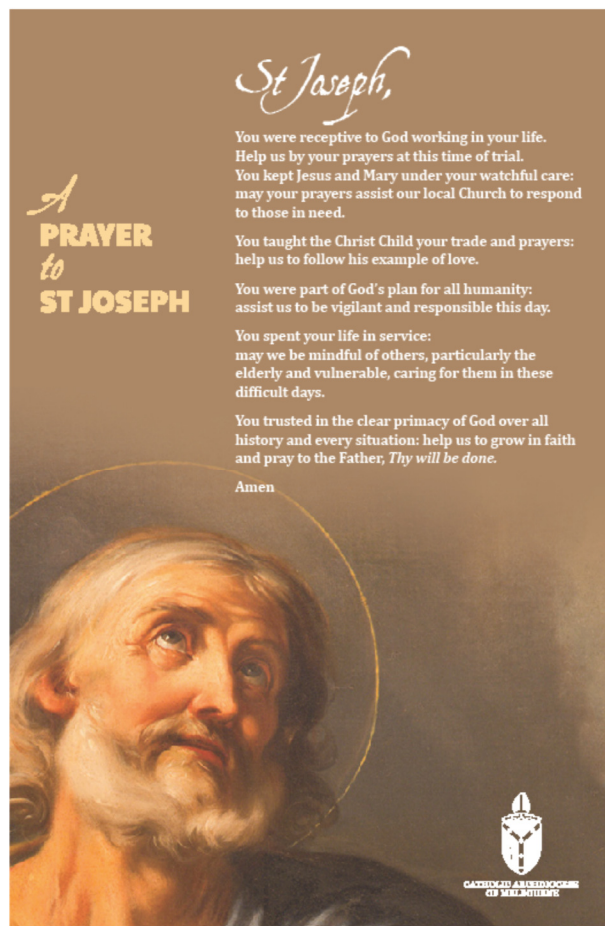
Receipts will be forwarded to anyone who requires them and donations can be made by credit card if required.

We are most grateful for any donation you are able to give to help us in our work as **St. Vincent de Paul Victoria receives very limited government funding.**

Any inquiries

Jan Phippard 0417 335 763  
Anne Goodall 0419 341 483

Thank you for your continuing generosity to Vinnies.



## THE COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2020

**3 x ALL NEW SUZUKI BALENO TO BE WON!!!**



**1<sup>st</sup>**

**2<sup>nd</sup>**

**3<sup>rd</sup>**

**4<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> Prizes – Coles / Myer Gift Cards**

**The Raffle Draw Date is now September.**

**NOW THAT CHURCH ATTENDANCE IS  
BEING INCREASED**

**There are approximately 25 parishioners who  
need to return their raffle books**

**SO**

**If this is you, could you please hunt out the  
book**

**and return it to mass or put it into  
the letter slot to the left of the  
Parish House front door  
in an envelope marked Raffle**

**by the end of July**

**Thank you to everyone who has sold and  
returned tickets.**

**Marg Vallence 0403 568 302  
[rafflespie@gmail.com](mailto:rafflespie@gmail.com)**

## Jim Fuller Community House Group

ABN 58 670 094 051

Would like to invite you to attend the opening of

### Mary Hill House.

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2020 11:00 am to 2:00 p.m.

at

23 Reay Road Mooroolbark.

Due to coronavirus the house will be open during these times for people to come along and see the house now that it has been upgraded and ready to accommodate older women experiencing the lack of safe, secure, affordable housing.

However we will have to ensure that limited numbers of people are in the house at any one time.

Tea and coffee and nibbles will be provided but should you feel that you would prefer to bring your own cup please do, however all will be provided.

RSVP to Kate on 0407 291 568 or [katecl@iprimus.com.au](mailto:katecl@iprimus.com.au).

We hope to see you there..



*As often as you did it for one of my least brothers, you did it for me.*

## A Message from Archbishop Peter (Corpus Christi)

Thursday 11th June 2020

Communications Office



### "Our spiritual hunger": Archbishop Peter's weekly video message to the faithful

In his latest video message to the faithful, Archbishop Peter reflects on the upcoming Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), and our 'spiritual hunger' for the Body of Christ during this time of COVID-19. He also reflects on the different ways we hunger for the Body of Christ in our own lives and in wider society -- such as our hunger for peace, harmony and reconciliation.

(Enter this link into your internet browser - <https://youtu.be/VYLMT-2Qcbs>)