



# 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

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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

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 15th December 2019 - Issue No: 47

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### *Signs of the Messiah*

*Jesus tells the disciples of John the Baptist to report to the prophet who is in prison that the One whom he baptised in the River Jordan, with the Holy Spirit descending on him in the form of a dove, is truly the Messiah. They do not have to look for another. The proofs can be seen in the blind regaining their sight, the lame walking, and the sick being healed. These are the signs of the presence of the Messiah and the coming of God's kingdom. These miracles and the proclamation of the kingdom should be sufficient to comfort John in his cell in Macherus. His efforts to prepare for the coming of the messiah have not been in vain.*

*The prophet Isaiah (First Reading) exhorts the Israelites to rejoice because the Lord himself is coming to bring salvation to his people. His presence will put an end to oppression. He will restore justice on earth.*

*In the Gospel, Jesus is working round the clock. He fulfils the prophecy of Isaiah, bringing healing to the lame, the blind, the lepers, and many other sick people.*

*The Second Reading teaches the Christians to be patient over the delay of the Lord's second coming. Christians should not become irritable.*

*If we cannot wait patiently, we will be sorry forever. There will be no joy in our hearts. Even if the Lord comes, his coming will have no meaning for us.*



**365 Days with the Lord**

## PARISH CALENDAR

### DECEMBER

<b>14/15th Dec</b>	<b>3rd Sunday of Advent</b> 9am Mass - Baptism
16th Dec	SPJE End of School Mass - 12.00 - School Undercroft Farewell to Maria Bast & Martine Verhagen
17th Dec	SPJE Graduation - 7pm
18th Dec	End of Term 4.
19th Dec	Music Practice - Church 7.30pm
<b>21/22nd Dec</b>	<b>4th Sunday of Advent</b> Monthly Church Collection 11am Mass - Baptism
<b>Christmas Mass Times</b>	
<b>24th Dec</b>	<b>6pm Mass - SPJE School Oval</b> <b>5.30pm Carols</b> <b>9pm Mass - Church</b> <b>8.30pm Carols</b>
<b>25th Dec</b>	<b>9am Mass &amp; 11am Mass</b>
26th Dec Thur	NO MASS
27th Dec Fri	NO MASS
<b>28/29th Dec.</b>	<b>HOLY FAMILY</b> 6pm Mass 9am & 11am Mass
31st Dec Tue	NO MASS
1st Jan Wed	Mass 10am

**Weekday Mass Times**  
**Tuesday 17th Dec 9.15am at St. Richards**

**There is no 9.15am Mass  
on Wed, Thurs & Fri [18-20 Dec]**

### Readings for Next Week – 21/22nd Dec

Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

### 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, Jan Smith, Wilfred Howarth,  
James Heaton, Joan McArthur, Honery  
Almeida, Gilbert Almeida, Aloysious Gomez  
and Louis D'Silva**

### † Remembrance Diary †

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

14/12 to 20/12

**James Corrigan, Caterina Zinghini,  
Tanya Suhr, David Tatnell, Anne Harding,  
Colin Reilly, Mary Wallace, Joy Blake,  
Pasqua Napolitano, Christopher Dennany,  
Paul Windsor, Patrick Walsh, James Malone,  
Jim Johnston, George Stanley, Alice Robe,  
Chris Slennett, Fay Dwyer, Lorraine  
Cameron, Elvia Caraffi, Fr Tom Lennon,  
John Turner.**

## ROSTERS

### Counters

16th Dec Paul Redfern & Norm Willingham  
23rd Dec Jan Phippard & Kate Warren

### Flowers

Dec Advent (**No Flowers**)

### Cleaners

16th Dec Peter & Anne Holt & Wernert Family  
23rd Dec Margaret Kim & Esther Ngaihte

*(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 - 21/22nd December

6.00 pm Volunteers Required  
9.00 am Muzeena D'Almeida & Karen Broughton  
11.00am Margaret Corker & Marie Mutton

### Musicians - 21/22nd December

6.00 pm Paul  
9.00 am Strum  
11.00 am Shelly & Co

## BAPTISM



We welcome the following  
child to our Parish through  
Baptism :

**Manny Taula**

As he receives the Holy Spirit through the  
Sacrament celebrated this weekend, may his faith  
guide him throughout his life.

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 12.00 (at School  
Undercroft)**

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.

**THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO  
PROGRAM – AIRS 22 December 2019**

As always, these notices are one week in advance.

We have an amazing lineup of inspiration for you  
before Christmas this week! We hear an amazing  
reflection from the Gospel from Fr Chris  
Pietraszko.

Go to [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au)  
and to ensure that you never miss a show it can be  
sent to you each week as a podcast via email – for  
free. If you love the show, let your local radio  
station know that you'd like to hear it broadcast  
locally each week.

**CHURCH NOTICE BOARD**

**Please see church noticeboard for more  
notices, flyers, school news, etc.**

**Catholic Theological College**  
*2020 Study Options Now Available!*

**The Parish and Pastoral Ministry in a New  
Environment**

Parish life today is facing many new opportunities and  
challenges. The parish of the future will be built on the  
missionary creativity of people and priests working  
together in a changed social and ecclesial environment.  
Fr Brendan Reed, author of *Engaging with the Hopes of  
Parishes*, will be teaching this new unit in 2020. This  
intensive course will be beneficial for anyone involved  
in parish life, parish councils, parish teams and parish  
ministry. It will be particularly of use to those wishing  
to engage in parish life in light of the 2020 Plenary  
Council. 12, 14, 19 March; 30 April; 2, 23 May + online  
learning (12 hours equivalent)

**Church History**

Discover more about the Church's story and the journey  
of faith across the centuries. Units include;

The Spirit of Trent and the Mystery of Vatican II,  
Lecturer: Rev. Dr Max Vodola – Semester 1,  
Wednesday 6-9pm.

Two Centuries of Catholic Experience in Australia,  
Lecturer: Rev. Dr Christopher Dowd OP – Winter  
Intensive, 29/6, 1/7, 3/7, 6/7, 8/7, 10/7 9.30-4.30pm

The Reformation in the British Isles, Lecturer: Rev.  
Prof. Austin Cooper OMI AM – Saturday Intensive,  
Semester 1: 7/3, 14/3 18/4, 2/5. Semester 2: 1/8, 29/8,  
12/9, 10/10 10-3.00pm.

Contact the Academic Records Office for all study  
options and further information.

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**CONTACT FORM FOR ALL PARISH MINISTRIES**

FAMILY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER NAMES: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PH: \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT ARE YOU INTERESTED IN RIGHT NOW ?

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|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Registering in parish            | <input type="checkbox"/> Sacrament Enquiry | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Request   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reading or Commentating          | <input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning Roster   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Ministries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Join Parish Thanksgiving Program |  | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER            |

**PLEASE PLACE THIS COMPLETED FORM ON THE COLLECTION PLATE, OR CONTACT THE  
PARISH OFFICE**



### CHRISTMAS ROSTER

The Christmas roster is available on the Church foyer Notice Board.

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 contact Bernadette Brown at Church or on mobile : 0447743138.

Bernadette will co-ordinate these rosters.

If you are planning to come to the Mass on the Oval on Christmas Eve and have children or grandchildren, please encourage them to come dressed up as Wise Men, Angels, Shepherds or Sheep.

### December 15, 2019 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

*"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand."  
(James 5:8)*

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer we better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

### "Melbourne Overseas Missions Annual Appeal Last weekend"

Thank you to all who generously donated to this appeal.

**Amount raised: \$516.30**

### PARISH FAREWELL MASS

Farewell  
Maria Bast &  
Martine Verhagen.

We thank them for all that they have contributed to SPJE school and the Parish Community.



### THANK YOU

**Have you noticed the lovely embroidered banners and altar cloths for Advent and Christmas?**

**You will see new pieces each week.**

A big thank you to Lilette de la Harpe



### Advent Sunday 3 - 15 December

"The Lord is Near" Today the Church bids us rejoice, the Lord is near, indeed He is with us. Let us rejoice today for those who have said 'yes' to the call of Jesus. Pray for our priests and religious. Pray for the fifty men in formation to the priesthood at our seminary in Carlton, Corpus Christi College.

### SVDP Conference Mooroolbark

We are selling Columban Calendars and Christmas Cards at all Masses .



Columban Calendars \$9.00  
Christmas Cards (pack of 8) \$5.00.

### December 15th, 2019 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

Today's readings and prayers help us focus on the joy that is within the Advent season. Christians are called to embody the joy that comes from encountering Christ. Pope Francis writes in The Joy of the Gospel that "the Gospel, radiant with the glory of Christ's cross, constantly invites us to rejoice". After all, the Pope writes in the exhortation, even amid persecution, the disciples were filled with joy. "Why should we not also enter into this great stream of joy?" the Holy Father asks.

