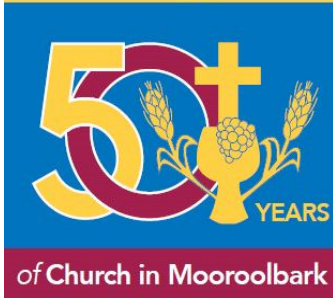


St Peter Julian Eymard Parish



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. Greg Thomas
<http://www.spjemooroolbark.catholic.edu.au>

SPJE - Outside School Hours Care
Tel: 8215 9206

St. Richard's Parish School
672 Mt. Dandenong Rd.
Kilsyth, 3137
Telephone 9728 4378 Fax 9728 6272
School Principal - Mr. Marcus Gill
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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

6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16th February 2020 Issue No 4

Reflection

Matthew 5:17–37
**I have not come to abolish the law and the
prophets but to fulfill them.**

Matthew continues the Sermon on the Mount with a three part instruction by Jesus on the Way of Life in the kingdom of heaven. Today's reading is part one and deals with the Law.

When Matthew speaks of “the Law and the prophets” he means the whole Scripture. When the Messiah brings the fullness of the kingdom none of scripture will be done away with. Instead it will be fulfilled. Matthew's Jesus does not overturn the Law of Moses, nor does he set his followers free from the Law. He requires his followers to go beyond the Law by doing more than the Law requires.

Jesus teaches us that we fulfill the Law by going beyond the minimum requirements and by responding with love in all that we do.

Jesus teaches us that “you shall not kill” is the minimum requirement of the Law, but in his kingdom we must also refrain from anger that is directed toward others. In all things, Jesus challenges us to go beyond the minimum.

God's Law of love can be thought of as rules that we are to follow in order to show our love and respect for one another.

Jesus' teachings teach us how to go beyond the minimum requirements of the Law and to respond to others with love.

Marcus Gill
Principal St Richard's Primary School

PARISH CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2020

- 15/16th Feb Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time**
CHURCH MONTHLY
COLLECTION - all Masses
Sat 6pm - SPJE Staff Commitment &
Prep Welcome Mass
Sun 11am - SPJE Staff Commitment &
Prep Welcome Mass
- 22/23th Feb Seventh Sunday Ordinary Time**
11am - Baptism
12.30pm - Private Baptism -
Visiting Priest
- 24th Feb Mon Formation Dinner & Presentation
(Parish Leaders) 6.30pm Church
- 26th Feb Ash Wednesday Mass**
9.15am & 7.00pm

MARCH 2020

- 30/1st Mar First Sunday of Lent**
11am - Baptism
- 5th Mar Thur Parish Pastoral Council Meeting -
7pm Parish House
- 7/8th March Second Sunday of Lent**
11th First Eucharist Family Night -
7pm Church

ROSTERS

Counters

- 17th Feb Bob & Wies Dight
24th Feb Paul Redfern & Norm Willingham

Flowers

- 22nd Feb Routley Family
Lent - NO FLOWERS

Cleaners

- 17th Feb Margaret Kim & Esther Ngaihte
24th Feb Anna & Kevin Dwyer & Fr Joseph

***(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 Volunteer
11.00am Daylin Rowland

Readers and Commentators - 22/23rd February

- 6.00 pm Judith Griffith & Gina Hume
9.00 am Lilette de la Harpe & Lilijana Stride
11.00am Jun Romero & Lorri Hayes

Musicians - 22/23rd February

- 6.00 pm Shelly & Co
9.00 am STRUM
11.00 am No Music

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday to Friday
9.15am

Readings for Next Week – 22/23rd Feb

Lev 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23;
Mt 5:38-48

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, James Heaton, Wilfred Howarth,
Matthew Arrowsmith, Rose Robert, Brian
Allan & Lorraine Downie**

✠ Remembrance Diary ✠

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

15/2 to 21/2

**Elena Casotti, Maria Margaletic, Stephen
Nowicki, Bruce Barlow-Barker, Isobel
Giuffrida, Ivy Crellin, Joe Ekanayake, Kathleen
Collins, Patricia Nugent, Jim McKenna,
Valentine O'Donnell, Margare Sheehan,
Giovanni D'Angelo, Brian Vear, Matt Grange,
Dorothy Gartlan, Peter Vincent, Matthew Ellis,**

What is a commitment in marriage?

Commitment isn't just a pledge made on your wedding day and forgotten. It's a daily practice of caring and communication, sharing and sacrifice. Of course, commitment is more than just being happy and comfortable in your relationship and wanting it to continue. It's easy to commit to a relationship when things are going well. It's when things aren't going very well when commitment kicks in. Commitment is more than loving your partner or your relationship; it's the decision to take action to maintain the relationship, even if it means not getting your own way. Couples with two people who are willing to make sacrifices for the sake of the marriage are more likely to be happy and go the distance.

February 16th, 2020
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:20)

The scribes and Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law, and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it’s the love that you have in your heart that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules out of obligation, not love, does not put you on the path to heaven. Attending Mass on Sunday and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of a modern day Pharisee.



Warmest Congratulations to Rachael & Padhraic Duffy who were married last Saturday 8th February 2020.

Combined Parishes Car Raffle

Named Raffle tickets are now in the foyer for collection by parishioners.

Tickets have also been distributed to both parish schools.

Tickets will go on sale in the foyer in the coming weeks.

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

Marg Vallence / Co-ordinator
SPJE Parish Mooroolbark Combined
Catholic Parishes Raffle 2020.



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Invest in your most precious asset.....Your Marriage!

Married couples, come and learn how to keep/rekindle the passion in your relationship and how to keep your love growing!

The weekend is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

Next weekend is on 17–19 April 2020 in Melbourne

Other weekends on 17-19 July and 13-15 November 2020

Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided.

Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

You are invited to join us for the



St Valentine's Day High Tea

Friday 14th February 2020 at Sofitel on Collins

Intense love does not measure. It just gives. - Mother Teresa

Catholic Mission would like you to invite you to attend St. Valentine's Day High Tea. Catholic Mission aim to raise \$100k at this event to establish a sustainable vocation center for the war-ravaged people of Cambodia and assist the Eden Garden Home in Nagaland India for 275 children.

Our aim this Valentine's Day is to address the needs of the poor in Cambodia, Ethiopia and India.

In **Cambodia**, Catholic Mission will develop student vocational learning, extend income-producing farm infrastructure, establish processing rooms for seed, soap and food production, and develop teacher-training programs.

In **Ethiopia**, we address intolerable gender imbalance by investing in women's education programs. This is vital in the fight against poverty, and our skills training courses offered by the Kidist Mariam Centre are targeted particularly at young women aged between 16 and 28, who have finished only primary education.

The region of **Nagaland** is one of the most impoverished in India, and Catholic Mission is partnering with the Eden Gardens Children's Home to help them deliver a series of development initiatives. We will work to ensure a reliable supply of water to the home throughout the year, as well as provide education beyond grade ten for five students and Improve the Home's sustainability, to cut costs, increase income generation and reduce negative environmental impacts.

Please Join us in this life-changing work as we celebrate the gift of love, which grows so much when we share it. Let us bring love laughter and loving into their lives by attending this event.

If you are able to book a table of 20, we at Catholic Mission will send you a signed certificate along with a gift for your as a keepsake as a memento, for the wonderful effort in helping us.

Booking for this event are available via www.trybooking.com/BHEDP For further information please contact Catholic Mission on (03)

9412 8412 or email us at

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PARISH THANKSGIVING

Monthly totals for Thanksgiving from
1st July 2019 to 31st January 2020

	Pledge	Given	Percent
July	\$8,288	\$7,703	93%
August	\$8,049	\$7,289	91%
Sept	\$9,673	\$8,214	85%
October	\$8,159	\$7,225	89%
November	\$8,113	\$7,014	86%
December	\$9,657	\$7,763	80%
January	\$8,258	\$6,307	76%



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'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 27 Feb 2020 at Heart of Life, 296 Glenferrie Road, Malvern.

Cost \$680.

For more information or application form, contact info@heartoflife.melbourne or phone 9890 1101.

*Not all of us can do great things.
But we can do small things, with great love --
Saint Teresa of Calcutta.*



Project Compassion boxes will be available next weekend.