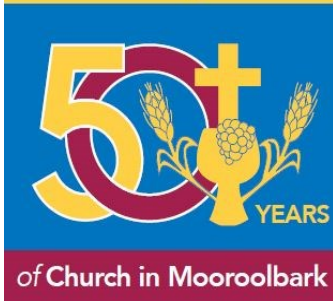


St Peter Julian Eymard Parish



# St Peter Julian Eymard Catholic Church Mooroolbark Parish

*We are a Welcoming Eucharistic  
and Spirit Filled Parish  
Community.*



**Parish Priest**  
Fr. Joseph Xin Lu

**Parish Secretary**  
Mrs. Adriana De Leo

**Parish Assistant**  
Mr. Brian Twining

**Pastoral Associate Emeritus**  
Michael Sellar

**RCIA Coordinator**  
Michael Mc Lindon

**Parish Office**  
234 Hull Road (PO Box 2)  
Mooroolbark 3138  
Telephone: 9723 4275 Fax: 9725 4377  
<http://pol.org.au/mooroolbark/Home.aspx>  
Email: [mooroolbark@cam.org.au](mailto:mooroolbark@cam.org.au)

**Parish Hall - contact Parish Office**

**SPJE Parish School**  
Reay Road, Mooroolbark 3138  
Telephone 9725 0595 Fax 9723 9255  
**School Principal – Mrs. Maria Bast**  
<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**  
<http://www.srkilsyth.catholic.edu.au>

**Normal Mass Times at SPJE**  
Weekday Masses - Tuesday - Friday: 9.15 am  
**Rosary prayed on**  
**Wednesday and Thursday after 9.15 am Mass**

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 17th February 2019 - Issue No: 4

### **Blessed are you who are poor**

When Jesus introduces the Beatitudes he draws distinctions under the headings of 'poor' and 'rich'. The poor are hungry now and they weep now. Their reward is in the after-life at peace in the presence of God. Their hunger will be satisfied and their weeping will be replaced with laughter. The rich on the other hand are not hungry now, they laugh now. At another time in another place, they will go hungry and they will mourn and weep.

Weeping is usually connected in the prophetic literature with the disasters that flow from "ungodly" decisions. In our times, there are many weeping over "ungodly" decisions in relation to asylum seekers and carbon emissions and just in these past few weeks, the floods in Far North Queensland and the bushfires in parts of our wonderful land. Laughter seems a remote possibility for many displaced people of our world. We are reminded today of the gospel imperative to work and pray that war torn and climate affected countries will once again resonate with the sound of happy laughter

It is only in handling life's challenges with dignity, grace, and single-minded focus on the gospel that we find blessing or happiness.



*Marg Vallence - Parish Pastoral Council*

### Weekday Mass Times

**Weekday Mass  
Tue - Fri 9.15am**

### **Readings for Next Week – 23/24th Feb**

1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23;  
1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

## **PARISH CALENDAR**

### **FEBRUARY 2019**

**16/17th Feb**      **6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
SPJE Prep Mass - 6pm  
SPJE Prep Mass - 11am  
**18th Feb Mon**      Jan Reilly Classes - 9.30am - 12  
Church  
**23/24th Feb**      **7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**25th Feb Mon**      Jan Reilly Classes - 9.30am - 12  
**26th Feb Tue**      Formation Meeting/Dinner -  
Parish & School Leaders  
6pm Church Foyer  
**28th Feb Thur**      Lenten Liturgy Planning Meeting  
7.30pm Parish House

### **MARCH**

**2/3rd March**      **8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Baptisms - 6pm, 9am & 11am  
**5th Mar Tue**      Eucharist Family Night - 7pm  
Church  
**6th Mar Wed**      **ASH WEDNESDAY**  
Ash Wednesday Liturgies SPJE  
Project Compassion  
Jan Reilly Classes - 7 pm Church  
**8th Mar Fri**      School Closure Day (St Rich)

### **Prayers for the Sick**

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill,  
especially,  
**Linda Young, Brian Alan, Peter Margerison,  
Jessie Eliz Elliott, Claire Lindsey, Paul  
Brinschwitz, Kay Williams, Richard Corrigan,  
Frank Covino, Simon Bissonette.**

### **† Remembrance Diary †**

We remember those who have died, **especially  
Ron Bell** and all those whose anniversaries  
occur about this time:  
**16/2 to 22/2**  
**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, Dorothy Gartlan, Peter  
Vincent, Matthew Ellis, Robert Bell, Tony  
Nugent, Michael Watson, Cyril Vincent, Mary  
Hewett, Henry de la Harpe.**

## **ROSTERS**

### **Counters**

**18th Feb**      Joan & Maurie (swap Des & Norm)  
**25th Feb**      Des Delahunt, Pam Dryden & Christine  
Sellar

### **Flowers**

**16th Feb**      Philomena Turner  
**23rd Feb**      Jane Parslow

### **Cleaners**

**18th Feb**      Graeme Vear & Gerard Wright  
**25th Feb**      Jessica & Gloria Romero & Catherine Tai

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

### **Ministers of Eucharist Coordinators for February**

**6.00 pm**      Bernadette Brown  
**9.00 am**      **Volunteer Required**  
**11.00am**      **Volunteer Required**

### **Readers and Commentators - 23/24th February 2019**

**6.00 pm**      Paul Redfern & Paul Martin  
**9.00 am**      Rosemary Cullinan & Muzeena D'Almeida  
**11.00 am**      Auna Wernert & Charlotte Wightman

The Readers and Commentators roster is an interim  
one. To be finalised

### **Special Monthly Church Collection February 2019**

Last weeks collection raised \$656.40  
Thank you to all who donated.

*Next Church Collection - 30/31st March*

### **February 17, 2019 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"Blessed are you when people hate you,...exclude and  
insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the  
Son of Man." (Luke 6:22)*

All of us have been in situations when someone has  
made a negative comment or joke about God or our  
Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay  
silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because  
you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you  
felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time, the  
Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray  
for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to  
others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

# Migrant English Conversation Classes 2019

Funded by St Vincent de Paul

**FREE - Limited Numbers**



## School Terms:

**When: Mondays 10am – 11:30am  
Wednesdays 7pm - 8:30pm**

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

(walking distance from Mooroolbark Station)

**Contact: Jan on 0414 763 801 to book a place**

**Term 1: February 18<sup>th</sup> – April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

*1<sup>st</sup> Monday: February 18<sup>th</sup>*

*1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday: February 20<sup>th</sup>*

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

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

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

Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit.

*There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.*

**2019 Melbourne weekend dates: 29-31 March 2019, 31 May-2 June 2019, 23-25 August 2019, and 15-17 November, 2019**

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

# 2019 Combined Parishes Car Raffle

One of these could be yours



**This is the one major fundraiser for the Parish  
Excellent Prizes  
Please collect your named raffle book from box in foyer  
Or  
Please buy a ticket or two on sale in foyer.**

Please return money & ticket butts to the church, no later than  
Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> March or drop them into the Parish Office.

I would greatly appreciate a volunteer or two to sell tickets at the 9.00am and 11.00am masses.

See Fr Joseph for the Raffle Tin

You can contact me on 0403 568 302

or by email: [rafflespje@gmail.com](mailto:rafflespje@gmail.com) Marg Vallence / CoOrdinator

## PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

### ***LISTEN TO WHAT THE SPIRIT IS SAYING***

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future.

To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question

**“What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?”**

### **PLENARY COUNCIL 2020**

To find out more about the Plenary Council 2020.

Website : [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

## **Annual Ladies Pallotti Weekend**

This years Ladies weekend will be held on the last weekend of May; 24 - 26th May.

Price \$200 pp. Single rooms allocated.

Meals provided. Please bring your own linen & Toiletries.

Christine is now taking bookings

Phone. Home 97260407, Mobile 0447638024.

Email [christinesellar@bigpond.com](mailto:christinesellar@bigpond.com).

## ***Plenary Council Prayer***

*Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.*

*Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.*

*O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia  
and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.*

*Give us the grace to see your face in one another  
and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.*

*Give us the courage to tell our stories  
and to speak boldly of your truth.*

*Give us ears to listen humbly to each other  
and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.*

*Lead your Church into a hope-filled future,  
that we may live the joy of the Gospel.*

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
bread for the journey from age to age.*

*Amen.*

***Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.  
St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.***



**Plenary Council 2020**  
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...



# Enrolling Now for Prep 2020



## St. Richard's Catholic Primary School Kilsyth

- Above average results in Literacy & Numeracy 2018
- Welcoming community that places the students at the centre of all that we do
  - Before & After School Care now available onsite
  - Seamless drop off & pick up in the school grounds

Open Morning Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 9.00am-11.00am

Information Evening Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 7.00pm-8.00pm

Personalised School Tours available by appointment

Contact Marcus Gill (Principal) on 9728 4378

[www.srkilsyth.catholic.edu.au](http://www.srkilsyth.catholic.edu.au)

Living the Gospel

Learning Together

Creating our Future



## St Vincent de Paul Society

*good works*

The Society has recently endorsed a programme of teaching English to migrants/refugees residing in the Yarra Valley Region.

This is a **FREE RESOURCE** to assist those seeking to learn the language and more quickly blend into the community

The Parish of St Peter Julian's has offered the Church as a premises and courses will begin in February and run on a weekly basis. There will be two sessions each week – one during the day and one in the evening.

In order for this to succeed **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** to assist in the management of this important work. If you think you can assist, please ring Jan Reilly on 0414 763 801.

Bill McConville  
Yarra Valley Region President.

*Let their conscience bother them, if they abuse the help we bring.*

*And let our conscience bother us, should we deny that help.*

ST PETER JULIAN EYMARD – RCIA  
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

“STRIVING TO BE A WELCOMING CATHOLIC COMMUNITY”



**DO YOU SOMETIMES WONDER WHAT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IS ALL ABOUT OR IS ON ABOUT? WHAT IT BELIEVES & TEACHES? PERHAPS FEEL A FRUSTRATION WITH THE CHALLENGES THE CHURCH PRESENTLY SEEMS TO ATTRACT OR INVITE?**

**OR YOU SIMPLY ASK - WHAT DOES JESUS MAKE OF ALL OF THIS!?!**

Perhaps some such thoughts have kept recurring for you – perhaps out of admiration for a friend or neighbour or wondering about the faith & practice of your partner or wider family or friends; or caring for the faith growth of your children. Even plain curiosity, frustration or puzzle... Or you may have fallen away from Church life some years ago & would like to re-join but feel a bit lost or left behind, wondering if it now all now makes sense and if I will be accepted or can receive the Sacraments.

It is possible that your questions and feelings can be answered through joining RCIA, “The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults”, offered by the Parish through the year.

If you or one of your family or friends have persistent questions like this, you might think of joining the Programme as an “Enquirer” or encouraging your friend or family member to join.

The Programme begins with a few Enquiry or Discernment Evenings; then, if you decide to proceed to the full Programme as a Candidate, you will be invited to meet with the RCIA Team.

These are a small group of parishioners who companion and support those who wish to learn more about Jesus, discover more about the Scriptures and the life of the Church and their own inner selves & call, and who may eventually decide to join the Parish as full members of the

Church. This Process of prayer, learning, deeping, sharing and discovering is called the Catechumenal Journey with a meeting at a Parish Mass each weekend over about 6 months for the Gathering Prayers, Scriptures & Homily, then moving to the Parish House to consider the person of Jesus & the teaching and life of the Church in the light of God’s Word in the Scriptures, so seeking to grow in understanding, faith & spiritual awareness and in the sense of Church as Community of Faith, Mission & Service.

**If you are interested to follow through on your thoughts or feelings, feel free to ring the RCIA Coordinator, Michael McLindon on 0401331131(or leave a message) or call the Parish House on 9723 4275 & perhaps speak to Father Joseph. Your call can begin to answer or sort your questions – without any pressure!**