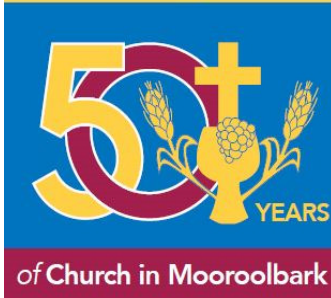


St Peter Julian Eymard Parish



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

Parish Priest
Fr. Joseph Xin Lu

Parish Secretary
Mrs. Adriana De Leo

Parish Assistant
Mr. Brian Twining

Pastoral Associate Emeritus
Mr. Michael Sellar

RCIA Coordinator
Mr. 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

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

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

**TWEENTIETH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**
18th August 2019 - Issue No: 30

Setting the Earth on Fire

In areas where firewood is scarce, people collect animal dung for fire. Animal dung is dried and used as fuel. It is salted so that it would burn better. Salt, then, is a catalyst for fire.

Jesus suggests that he came to light the earthen oven, that is, to be a catalyst. As used by Luke, the image is that of the earth's inhabitants set "on fire" by the message of the Gospel.

Fire is used in Scriptures to symbolize God's judgment where the just are purified and the evil ones destroyed (cf Mal 3:2-5). As metal is refined of dross by fire, so people are tested as genuine by life's ordeals. Here, Jesus states that the purpose of his coming is to test the hearts of men and women, to separate the good from the evil.

Christ becomes a "sign of contradiction," that is, people are divided over him—whether they are for him or against him. He cannot be ignored; one cannot remain neutral; one must take a stand. Since the world has values contrary to Christ's, division results between those who accept Christ and those who reject him. His good news is bad news for those who refuse him.

While Jesus is at times seen as "my sweet Lord," his teaching and demand are far from saccharine. They are "salt" that sets hearts on fire. It is true that Jesus comforts those who are afflicted, but he also "afflicts" those who are comfortable to remove them from their comfort zones.

Acknowledgement 365 Days with the Lord

Weekday Mass Times Wed to Fri at 9.15am

No morning 9.15am Mass Tue 20th Aug

Readings for Next Week – 25th Aug

Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13;
Lk 13:22-30

PARISH CALENDAR

AUGUST 2019

17/18th Aug	20th Sunday Ordinary Time Baptism - 6pm
19th Aug Mon	Faith Development Day - SPJE & St Richards School
20th Aug Tue	FUNERAL - 11.30am Brian Harman - No Morning Mass
24/25th Aug	21st Sunday Ordinary Time Monthly Church Collection
31/1st Sept	22nd Sunday Ordinary Time Priest Retirement Foundation Fathers Day
7/8th Sept 7th Sept Sat	23rd Sunday Ordinary Time WEDDING - 2pm BAPTISMS - 6pm, 9am & 11am
10th Sept Tue	Faith Development Meeting - 10am
14/15th Sept	24th Sunday Ordinary Time Monthly Church Collection
20th Sept	End of Term 3.

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill,
especially,

**Brian Alan, Frank Covino, Pat McCann,
Maria Cordedda, Trish Fenton, Robert Radjul,
Freddy Chavez, Reg Thaggard, Mary Ovans,
Peter Margerison, Pam Stephens, Judith
Griffith, Flora Cristafaro & Sue Hoogenboom.**

✠ Remembrance Diary ✠

We remember those who have died especially
Brian Harman and all those whose
anniversaries occur about this time.

17/8 to 23/8

**Brian Lee, Ellen James, Blandyna & Family
Ehrenkreutz, Elizabeth Gatens, Maria Carboni
Sini, Sr. Mary Rose O'Dwyer, Eileen
Lockwood, Audrey Smith, Graciano Catungal,
Margaret Briglia, Mary White, Carmel
Azzopardi, Xavier Clemann, Ann Merbis, Syd
Stephens, Veronica Ferrari, Lucy Allan, Frank
Scundi, Carmel Azzopardi.**

ROSTERS

Counters

19th Aug	Des Delahunt, Pam Dryden & Christine Sellar
26th Aug	Des Delahunt, Pam Dryden & Christine

Flowers

18th Aug	Cora Tungol
24th Aug	Pat Harman

Cleaners

19th Aug	D'Almeida Family
26th Aug	Peter & Anne Holt & Wernert Family

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

Ministers of Eucharist Coordinators for August

6.00 pm	Volunteer Required
9.00 am	Pam Delahunt
11.00am	Mike McCann

Readers and Commentators - 24/25th August

6.00 pm	Paul Redfern & Gina Hume
9.00 am	Andrea Braganza & Lilette de la Harpe
11.00 am	Joseph Mung & Auna Wernert

PARISH THANKSGIVING

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

	Pledge	Given	Percent
January	\$8,256	\$6,575	80%
February	\$8,311	\$7,477	90%
March	\$9,893	\$8,379	85%
April	\$8,466	\$7,532	89%
May	\$8,251	\$7,427	90%
June	\$9,752	\$8,103	83%
July	\$8,288	\$7,703	93%

REQUIUM FUNERAL MASS

Brian Harman
Tues . 20th August
11.30 am

All Welcome

Positions Vacant - Catholic Archdiocese

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of:

New Positions:-

[Support Analyst \(Ultras & Windows Desktop\), Catholic Development Fund, East Melbourne](#)

[Parish Secretary, St Ambrose Parish - Brunswick & Brunswick East](#)

[Catholic Chaplain-Barwon Health, University Hospital, Geelong.](#) Further details can be found on either the Archdiocese website at: <http://www.cam.org.au/jobs.aspx>

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Natural Fertility Awareness Week 19th - 25th August 2019

Did you know a woman's health is often reflected in her fertility? Learning The Billings Ovulation Method® can alert a woman to underlying health problems. If you would like to be able to manage your fertility naturally and to monitor your reproductive health, accredited Billing Teachers are available to assist you throughout Australia. For further information ring Billings LIFE on 1800 335 860 or visit www.billings.life

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES & STATEMENTS

The new set of Thanksgiving Envelopes and statements are available for you to collect from the church foyer.

We encourage you all to pick up boxes at your earliest convenience.

Credit card and direct debit statements are available for you to collect from the parish office.

Email Mooroolbark@cam.org.au or phone 9723 4275.

We encourage those who are not contributing via Thanksgiving to consider supporting our parish.

*See below example of the Thanksgiving envelope .
2 sections to the thanksgiving envelopes.
As displayed below.*

(Left side Church contribution, right side Priest offering)

ST. PETER JULIAN EYMARD
& ST. RICHARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH
(MOOROOLBARK, KILSYTH, MONTROSE)

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

- * To pay Parish operating costs and debt.
- * To subsidize Catholic education in the Parish.
- * To support growth of Parish services.
- * For Charitable Works.

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ST. PETER JULIAN EYMARD
& ST. RICHARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH
(MOOROOLBARK, KILSYTH, MONTROSE)

PRESBYTERY OFFERING

- * To support the Priests of this parish and meet normal household expenses.
 - * To support sick and retired priests.
- This amount not included in your pledge.*

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Plenary Council 2020

Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

The **Plenary Council 2020** moves into its next phase of preparation today with the release of the final report for Phase 1

The National Themes for Discernment invited people to reflect, to pray and to consider how God is calling the People of God to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia.

The Plenary Council's final report on **Phase 1—Listening and Dialogue** has been published

For those who wish to read this report are invited to go to:
<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports>

August 18, 2019 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."

(Luke 12:51)

Living a stewardship lifestyle means stepping out of our comfort zone when needed. Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves, stay in the middle of the road. In today's world we are called to be informed and take a stance for life, marriage and religious liberty.

BAPTISM

We welcome the following children to our Parish through Baptism :



Cassandra Hume

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

PERMANENT DIACONATE

For those who are interested in finding out more about becoming Permanent Deacons, there will be an enquiry meeting held on 31st August from 10-11am at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne.

Further details about the Permanent Diaconate can be obtained from the website

www.cam.org.au/permanent-diaconate.



Working with
Children Check

PARISH CHILD SAFETY WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

All parish volunteers are required to hold a
Working With Children Card.

Those volunteers who already have a card are
asked to come to the office to have the details
recorded.

Those who don't have a card need to apply for
one online.

Once you have completed your application
online you will need to take it to the post
office who will process it and take a photo for
you at no charge.

Please remember to bring identification with
you to the post office.

If you need assistance with this please contact
Adriana or Brian at the parish office
on 9723 4275

The Parish thanks those parishioners who have
responded by providing card details or
obtaining one.

For those that haven't please do so.



Aid to the
Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA

Aid to the Church in Need is an international
Catholic Charity that supports suffering and perse-
cuted Christians. Currently over 200 million
Christians worldwide cannot freely exercise their
faith; Christians are persecuted, discriminated
against or oppressed in more than 40 countries. The
primary work of *Aid to the Church in Need* is
focussed on providing spiritual and pastoral support
to keep the Catholic faith alive. We support projects
at the request of bishops and religious superiors
who have nowhere else to turn. We invite you to
stay informed by receiving news from the suffering
Church. Visit www.aidtochurch.org and click
'subscribe'. If you prefer to receive our newsletter
via post, call **1800 101 201** during business hours
to arrange.

ANNUAL MASS OF ALL NATIONS

Sunday, 25 August 2019

Rosary at 2pm, Mass at 3pm
St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne

Main celebrant:

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli

ALL ARE MOST WELCOME

MULTICULTURAL LUNCH SUNDAY 20th October 2019

A great response has been received to our
Multicultural Lunch

Location: Parish Hall

Date: 20th October 2019. After 11am Mass

We encourage parishioners to join us to celebrate
a multicultural lunch.

We ask that you make a dish of your culture and
bring a dish to share with many others.

If you wish to celebrate with us please place your
name on the list provided on the church
Noticeboard.

More details will follow on this parish event. This
is a great opportunity to get to know each other
and learn about the cultural diversity that we are
blessed with in this parish.

Any queries to Hyacinth on 0433 425 086 or
Adriana at the parish office on 9723 4275.



CatholicCare Sunday Appeal

Thank you to all those who contributed to
this appeal.

Amount raised: \$665.25

CHURCH NOTICE BOARD

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



RCIA – “Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults”
- ST PETER JULIAN EYMARD PARISH
Striving To Be A Welcoming Catholic Community

August is our month for promoting the RCIA Team & hopefully recruiting new members, women & men, younger & older, to join this vital work of our Parish life; companioning, preparing & welcoming those who maybe discerning an inner call to think about becoming members of the Church.

And, despite the huge & deserved negative press of recent years flowing from awful revelations of personal & institutional infidelity of Church personnel & leadership locally & globally, there are still many people who recognise the Church as an ever struggling & sinful yet graced & life-giving Community of Jesus that they feel a call to join.

Have you ever asked yourself if the Holy Spirit may be inviting you to consider this essential ministry of evangelization? Have you perhaps thought about it- but felt shy or unqualified or not having much to offer? In fact, that probably describes how many of the Team members felt, who have since gone on as active members over the years – & often for many years to retirement. Consider how much our generally smallish band has given to the Parish & especially to the individuals & families whom they have accompanied on their journey to the Church.

Those two words really sum up the task – to provide ACCOMPANIMENT to those on their SPIRIT-LED JOURNEY coming TO KNOW THE PERSON OF JESUS IN THE COMMUNITY OF CHURCH we call Parish – our Parish. While teaching or catechist or family experience can be important, the main requirement is one’s openness to & experience of Church in all its richness & struggle & our personal sacramental engagement & prayer life & enthusiasm are the greatest gifts one – YOU - can bring to this ministry. Really, the first qualification is faith in Jesus & a loving, critical membership of this community we call the Catholic Church - with all its/our stumbles & faults. As well, training, support, encouragement & guidance are available within the RCIA Team, from the Parish & from the Archbishop’s Office for Evangelisation.

The Parish RCIA Team gathers in the Parish House weekly with candidates over 6 months or so from Advent through Lent to Easter/Pentecost – usually after the Readings & Homily of Sunday Mass (which are central to the process), being “community companions” to the "candidates" or "seekers" - those who feel a call to discover more about Jesus, the Church & their own inner selves & faith life, & who may eventually decide to join the Parish as full members of the Church.

Following the Newsletter invitation/ explanation & speaking at the Masses last weekend , we were glad to welcome TWO possible new members & to receive a few other enquiries from parishioners with strong interest but with hesitations concerning time or availability; if that is your story – do come forward & it is possible that our Team could take on a different shape to accommodate a variety of active membership. BUT WE REALLY DO NEED FURTHER MEMBERS to be able to give adequate companionship to Candidates - & we are good company.

SO AGAIN, on behalf of the Parish & possible seekers/ candidates, I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE EACH OF YOU TO CONSIDER whether this ministry might be for you as a vibrant & enriching part of your own mission/ ministry within Church. Be assured you that. you will find the journey worthwhile & you will be rewarded in your own faith life as you help take our Jesus Community forward in renewed hope & love; why else would Team members give such long & glad service?

If you are feel any stirrings or have any questions or comments (or you'd like to sign up straight off!) kindly ring me, Michael McLindon, on 0401331131 (or leave a message), or the Parish House on 9723 4275; such a call can begin to answer or sort out any hesitations or queries – without any pressure! & feel free to chat to Father Joseph or anyone who has been part of RCIA as Team or have made the RCIA Journey themselves.

“If today you hear God’s voice – open your hearts” –
With thanks to all, Michael McLindon, RCIA Coordinator,
0401331131

