



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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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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Our mind-picture of Mary has been shaped - or maybe incised - by the "holy" pictures, sermons, & church & school statuary of our earliest years, so that the pomp & grandeur accorded Jesus' mother by long ago artists, teachers & preachers as praise for her greatness, unwittingly raised her out of everyday reach. So no longer the devout Jewish teenager of the gospel account. Indeed, Luke's telling reveals that the gold was in Mary's heart-response - "let it be done according to your will" - not in garments or home. And, of course, her "Fiat" - "Let it be done" is the seed ground of Jesus' final "Fiat" - "Into your hands I give my spirit", in which cosmic moment her Annunciation event reached into eternal fulfilment. The outcome of simple love, trust, hope: "I know in whom I trust". Her deep knowing in heart and mind led to Mary's fulsome and free response, "Let it be done to me according to your will". This young woman, steeped in & shaped by Anne & Joachim in Israel's traditions, history & faith-life, trusted in the angel-words, however received, & said, "Fiat" - "Yes", fully & freely. At that point there was no concept of the perils of the future journey: the shaming of unmarried pregnancy, though her trust was mutual with Joseph; nor of long & rough census journey, leading to birth in a virtual squat; then threats of slaughter & flight into asylum; nor the loss of their pre-teen boy over days, presaging her later loss of Jesus, first to an itinerant preaching ministry, then to his becoming an outlaw and so to death. Not to forget Joseph's death in the years between. But, then, to resurrection. Whatever was to come, would come & it would be OK. Trust was Mary's constant - in her God & angel-message; in parents; in Joseph; in Jesus; in his ragged band of followers. Julian of Norwich reflected on that abiding trust in the cosmos, in love & in divine & human relationship & commitment, "All will be well & all manner of things will be well". Now, what of me? Of us? Last Advent there was no hint of the coming of COVID, of ISO, social distancing & lockdowns; masks & mass testing; deaths and disablement; with loss of freedom of movement & interaction; & often, jobs; with added burdens in working from home & home schooling What of my trust through all this? My free and full response to the call of the universe? "Your will be done". Not to suffer COVID but to deal with it and get on & create a new and better future - not necessarily a "New Normal", since that may well got us into so many of our problems, but a truly "New World" - "Thy will be done", "Into your hands I give my spirit", "I come to bring life-to the full".

*Michael McLindon & dedicated to Veronica Mary Azzopardi
McLindon, whose 5th anniversary is this week & who so
loved, led & served St Peter Julian Eymard Parish*

PARISH UPDATE

MASS UPDATE

The parish leadership team would like to emphasize the rules (not our rules) around our Church reopening based on the directions from the Chief Medical Officer, Victorian Government and the Archbishop. With the easing of restrictions, the capacity of the Church has now increased.

However registrations are still required for contact tracing.

A QR code is available for those who wish to use it, **(please ask for assistance if required)**

- 1. Masks must be carried at all times and worn if social distancing of 1.5 metres cannot be maintained.**
- 2. Mass bookings are essential, however for those people who have attended a regular Mass over the last 4 weeks, you do not need to keep registering unless you cannot attend or wish to change your preferred Mass.**
- 3. You must contact the person coordinating your preferred Mass, to make these changes. This will allow others to attend.**
 - 6.00pm Bernadette Brown 0447743138**
 - 9.00am Marg Vallence 0403568302**
 - 11.00am Adriana De Leo 9723 4275**
- 4. Mass attendance lists are prepared each Friday, the person on the list is the person that needs to attend Mass. Not to be substituted with another person.**
- 5. Everyone attending Mass must sanitise their hands on entering the Church. Couples and family groups (who share a household) can sit together ensuring 1.5 metres distance from others sharing a row.**
- 6. The main entrance door to the Church will be locked at 6.00pm, 9.00am and 11.00am, so please ensure you arrive at least five minutes before Mass time**
- 7. All people must exit the Church through the side doors.**

We ask that you strictly adhere to this advice to ensure that we can safely remain open as well as supporting the health and wellbeing of all parishioners.

BAPTISMS

The parish is conducting Baptisms as follows:

1. Baptisms are required to meet the Covid Safe requirements for religious activities.
2. Attendance restrictions may apply. Please contact the Parish Office by email mooroolbark@cam.org.au

**For details of
Christmas Mass Registration
see page 3**

Readings for Next Week – 27th December 2020

**Gen 15:1-6, 21:1-3
Col 3:12-21, Lk 2:22-40**



We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill.

*Trish Fenton, Julia & Mabel Dana,
Rose Robert, Lorraine Downie, Trish Leahy,
Jean Blencowe & Danielle Devlin*

✠ Remembrance Diary ✠

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

19/12 to 25/12

Alice Robe, Chris Slennett, Elvia Caraffi, Fay Dwyer, George Stanley, Jim Johnston, Lorraine Cameron, Fr Tom Lennon, John Turner, Alfred Ayres, Carla Van Gorp, Christine Jorgensen RSC, Jean O'Connell, Ligorio Naval, Sylvia McVeigh, Lawrence Stats, Mary Ives, Veronica McLindon, Margaret Ayton, Finn Jensen, John Kierce, Adolphus D'Rozario, Albrikus Monewalu, Bobbie Trenfield, George Dykes, Joan Farrell, John Buckley, Nicholas Bain, Poridgette Delia Martin.



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES
St Peter Julian Eymard Church
Mooroolbark



Christmas Eve Thursday 24th December
 6.00 pm Mass (School Oval) - **5.30pm Carols**
 9.00 pm Mass (Church) - **8.30pm Carols**
 11.00 pm Mass (Church)

Christmas Day Friday 25th December
 9.00 am Mass (Church)
 10.30 am Mass (Church)
 There will be no Carols preceding the Christmas Day Masses.

Weekend Masses 26th December - 6.00pm, 27th December - 9.00am & 11.00am

New Years Day Mass Friday 1st January - 9.30am

Registration is required at all Masses including Christmas

If you have not registered prior, please register upon arrival via QR Code (please ask for assistance if required) or manual registration

Christmas Eve Mass – 6pm on the Oval

There is no cap on numbers for this Mass and prior registration is not required.

Parishioners will be given a registration card as they enter the school, via main gate.

Card must be completed with family name, contact number and how many in the group, and placed with the collection. [Volunteers will be at gate to hand out the cards]

Christmas Eve Mass – 9pm. Must book prior to this mass, given the limited capacity in the church, with Margaret 0403 568 302.

People attending Christmas Eve Mass -11pm & Christmas Day Masses - 9am & 10.30am must register using the QR Code or manual registration

*The Christmas roster is available in the church foyer.
 Otherwise, please email Adriana if you are available to help.
 Assistance is also needed with registration and sanitizing stations*

Masks must be carried at all times and worn if social distancing of 1.5 metres cannot be maintained, including at the oval mass.

ROSTERS

Mass Co-ordinators December

6.00 pm Bernadette Brown
 9.00 am Lilette de la Harpe
 11.00am Geraldine O’Hare

Cleaners

19th Dec Margaret Kim & Esther Ngaihte

Flowers

24th Dec Christmas (Pat Harman)

MELBOURNE OVERSEAS MISSION APPEAL

Thanks for the support over the years, which made it possible to fund many projects for disadvantaged people in Papua New Guinea, Peru, West Africa, Pakistan, Palestine and the many Islands in the Pacific. Some \$200,000 has provided in clean water, health education and improved living stands to people **Please visit <https://mom.org.au> for more information.**

Envelopes are in the church foyer for those wishing to donate to this appeal.

St Vincent de Paul

Thank you all for your ongoing support of the Mooroolbark Conference of St. Vincent de Paul, your generosity helps us to continue our very important work of helping those in need.

SVDP Christmas Cards and Columban Calendars are on sale in the church foyer.

- Christmas Cards are \$5.00 for a pack of 5.
- Columban Calendars \$9.00



JESUS IS CHRISTMAS - CAROLS SPECIAL SUNDAY 20 DECEMBER, 7PM—8PM

FEATURING SILVIE PALADINO GARY PINTO + MICHAEL
PETRUCCELLI THE SAGA LARISSA CAIRNS THE SULLY
FAMILY TONGAN CHOIR, SUNSHINE CBD PARISHES
VIRTUAL CHOIR AND ARCHBISHOP PETER A COMENSOLI

Broadcast on C31 (Channel 44 on digital TV) and www.youtube.com/archmelb

While our Christmas celebrations may look a little different this year, thankfully we can always return to the familiar sounds of Christmas to inspire and remind us of the reason for our Advent hope: the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus is Christmas – then, now, always. Together with your families, join us for this one-hour Christmas special from the comfort of your home, and sing along to your favourite carols sung by some of Melbourne’s most talented musicians.

Proudly sponsored by Australian Catholic University (ACU), Mercy Health and Villa Maria Catholic Homes (VMCH).

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS

MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE – Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week during school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. Training Day for new volunteers with emphasis on Child Safeguarding at the end of January.

Email: somml@bigpond.com (preferred for contact)
Website: www.mercyworks.org.au
Mercy Connect Melbourne
Tel: 9326 1895

Mary

Images that have shaped our mind pictures of Mary
Refer to McLindon's Reflection on the front page



CHRISTMAS ROSTER

The Christmas Roster is available on the notice board in the Church foyer.
We are looking for volunteer readers, commentators, registration and sanitizing, etc. for all Christmas Masses.

If you can help, please include your name on the roster or email the parish office ASAP on

mooroolbark@cam.org.au

Thank You.

