



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

We acknowledge the Wurundjeri People, the traditional custodians of this land

Parish Priest
Fr. Joseph Xin Lu

Parish Secretary
Mrs. Adriana De Leo

Parish Assistant
Mr. Brian Twining

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<http://pol.org.au/mooroolbark/Home.aspx>
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SPJE Parish School
Reay Road, Mooroolbark 3138
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School Principal – Mr. Greg Thomas
<http://www.spjemooroolbark.catholic.edu.au>

SPJE - Outside School Hours Care
Telephone: 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
Tues & Thurs: 9.30 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

Parish QR Code



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C **20th February 2022 Issue No. 4**

Today's **Gospel** continues Luke's instruction to his disciples known as the Sermon on the Plain. The Beatitudes (and Woes) that we heard last Sunday, when thought about really, are a radical concept to comprehend. Jesus' sermon now pushes vulnerability to even tougher extremes. A long instruction begins (v. 27) and ends (v. 35) with the extraordinary command to 'love your enemies'.

This is the central theme and Jesus provides us with concrete illustrations of what loving one's enemies might mean in practice: returning blessing for a curse, turning the other cheek, not withholding one's shirt from a person who demands one's coat, and so forth. All involve responding to injury or unreasonable demand with nothing but generosity and the abandonment of all claims to recompense.

Upon reading, the attitudes Jesus asks us to take, make no sense in themselves. Once again, as so often in the Gospels, allowance has to be made for the exaggeration that often marks the prophetic speech of Jesus. He is not laying down fundamental principles or rules that we need to literally follow. Rather, he is seeking to teach a fundamental attitude according to which one would be prepared to be vulnerable. As obedient children who follow the example of their parents, so, concludes Jesus, by acting in this way 'you will be children of the Most High, who is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked (v 35).

Likewise, in view of this relationship with God, the members of the community are to be 'compassionate' as their Father is compassionate. If they refrain from judging (that is, condemning others), they themselves will avoid being judged (condemned [at the final judgment] by God). If they forgive they will be forgiven (by God). If they are generous in giving, they will meet with an extraordinary measure of generosity in return. The principle is: 'The measure you give will be the measure you get back.'

**Rudy Vail - Deputy Principal/RE leader St. Richards
Primary School**

(With acknowledgements to Brendan Byrne SJ)

PARISH CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

19/20th 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun. Baptism - 9am & 11am

26/27th 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun 27th Baptism - 9am & 11am
Private Baptism - 2.30pm

MARCH

2nd Wed ASH WEDNESDAY
Beginning of Lent, Day of Fast
9.15am Mass - SPJE CHURCH
10.30am Mass - St Richards School
7.30pm Mass - CHURCH

5/6th FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
Baptism - 9am & 11am
10th Thur FDT Meeting - 10am

12/13th SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
Baptism - 9am & 11am
17th Thur St Patricks Day

19/20th THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
19th Sat St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary



ROSTERS

Counters - Month of February 2022

Joan & Maurie Prendergast

Flowers

No flowers during Lent

Church Cleaners Month of February

Francis Braganza & Laurel Simpson

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

Readers and Commentators - 27th February

6.00 pm Paul Redfern & Paul Martin
9.00 am Florencia Marcella & Muzeena D'Almeida
11.00am Elizabeth Acabado & Volunteer Req.

Musicians - 26 & 27th February

6.00 pm No Music
9.00 am Fillipino Group
11.00am Shelly & Co

Weekday Mass Times

Weekday Mass
Tuesday's - 9.30 am

Readings for Next Week - 27th February

Sirach 27:4-7; Ps 91:2-3, 13-16;
1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;
*James Devlin, James Brien,
Eleanor Thompson, Patricia Fenton,
Patricia Koblar, Sue Hoogenboom, Brenda
Corrigan, Vic Garcia, Jean Stuart.*

✠ Remembrance Diary ✠

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

19/2 to 25/2

Mary Ovans (first death anniversary)
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, Hentry de la Harpe, Maria
Bialowieyski, David Bryce, Arne Bouwhuis,
Maria Aranco.

BAPTISM

We welcome to our Parish through
Baptism.

*Billie & Austin Fowkes,
Sienna Bluhm*

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



Chaplaincy Appeal 2022

Thank you to all those who donated to the special collection last weekend.
Amount raised: \$426

2 NEW St Paul's Sunday missal & St Paul's weekday missal available for purchase \$97.82 for both.

If you are interested, please contact the parish office on 9723 4275.



Parish Child Safeguarding Team

If you have any child safety concerns please contact the following team members

Brian Twining

brian.twining@cam.org.au

Meg Wright

mwright@spjemoroolbark.catholic.edu.au

Michael Mc Lindon

mclinoffice@gmail.com

Or request a call back on the Parish Office phone 9723 4275

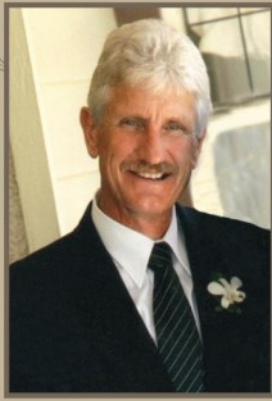


Pope Francis' Five Finger Prayer



Using the fingers on your hand, start with the thumb and pray these intentions in this order:

- 1.) The thumb is closest finger to you. So start praying for those who are closest to you. They are the persons easiest to remember. To pray for our dear ones is a "Sweet Obligation."
- 2.) The next finger is the index. Pray for those who teach you, instruct you and heal you. They need the support and wisdom to show direction to others. Always keep them in your prayers.
- 3.) The following finger is the tallest. It reminds us of our leaders, the governors and those who have authority. They need God's guidance.
- 4.) The fourth finger is the ring finger. Even though it may surprise you, it is our weakest finger. It should remind us to pray for the weakest, the sick or those plagued by problems. They need your prayers.
- 5.) And finally we have our smallest finger, the smallest of all. Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. When you are done praying for the other four groups, you will be able to see your own needs but in the proper perspective, and also you will be able to pray for your own needs in a better way.



Hans Paul Jansen

Passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Tuesday 15th of February 2022, aged 73 years. Loved by his wife Marilyn. Loving father to Melinda, Penny, Daniel and Carrie. Father-in-law to Marty, Chris, Tash and Pete. Much loved Pa to Ollie, Lulu, Mac, Flynn, Mia, Ava, Jess, Ruby, Ashley, Abby and Milly. Hans will be sadly missed by his loving family and dear friends. Sincere thanks to the staff that cared for Hans in his last years at MiCare Margriet Manor, Kilsyth. May he rest in peace.

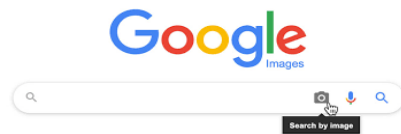
Relatives and friends are invited to attend Hans' funeral to be held at St Clare's Catholic Church, 138 Woodhouse Grove, Box Hill North on Tuesday 22nd at 11am. Followed by a light luncheon at Box Hill Golf Club, 202 Station St, Box Hill South.

In lieu of flowers to honour Hans, donations to Victorian Brain Bank would be greatly appreciated. If you'd like to donate please follow the link below.

PARISH UPDATES

To see all current mass times and updates on attendance rules in place, please take the time to look at the Parish website.

Simply type into google SPJE Parish then click onto website, scroll down the page and you will see the current advice.



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Call 1300 734 880 for more info



LADIES LUNCH GROUP

Our next Ladies Lunch will be on

Tuesday 1st March 2022

at The Croydon Hotel

47 Maroondah Highway Croydon

We will meet at 12 pm for 12.30 lunch

Enquiries/RSVP Nancy Gough 0411 137 251

Philomena Turner 0417 208 077

A message from *Aid to the Church in Need*

Australia: In many places throughout the world there is a shortage of priests and therefore religious sisters are the custodians of the faith. These sisters however often struggle to live and support the faithful, so across the course of a year ACN supports more than 18,000 religious sisters in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe and Latin America. Could you help support a religious sister?

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