



**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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Parish Hall - Contact Parish Office

SPJE Parish School
Reay Road, Mooroolbark 3138
Telephone 9725 0595 Fax 9723 9255
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: 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

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT Year C
20th March 2022 Issue No. 8**

**THE GOOD THAT WE HAVE
FAILED TO DO**

In today's gospel Jesus tells us about a fig tree that bore no fruit for the past three years.

The owner told his assistant to cut it down since the tree was occupying valuable space which could not be used for other fruit-bearing trees.

The fig tree was not poisoning the other trees. It was not an ugly tree, but the owner wanted the tree cut down because it was a useless tree.

It did no good. It helped nobody. The tree took nutrition from the soil, but it gave back nothing in return for what it had received.

The tree was like those people in the gospel who did nothing bad, but neither did they do any good.

Jesus said of people like this, "I was hungry and you gave me no food. I was thirsty and you gave me no drink." (Matthew 25:42-43)

You did not push me into starvation - but neither did you rescue me from starvation. You did no evil - but you did no good (and that is evil). In the beginning of each Mass we ask God to forgive us not only "for the evil we have done" but also "for the good that we have failed to do." The fig tree failed to yield figs.

In the twelfth chapter of Matthew, Jesus says, "He who is not with me is against me." Perhaps we could say, "He who is not doing good is doing bad." This is what the barren fig tree was doing. It was doing no good, and for the owner, this was bad - and he wanted the tree to be cut down.

The Acts of the Apostles tell us (Acts 10:32) that Jesus "went about doing good." If we Christians do not go about doing good - beyond the limits of our own family and relatives - then we cannot say that our lives are really Christian.

Fr Joseph

PARISH CALENDAR

MARCH

19/20th **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

19th Sat St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
20th Baptism - 11am
24th Thur Easter Practice - Musicians 7.30pm
25th Fri The Annunciation of the Lord

26/27th **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

26th Sat Private Baptism - 10.30am
27th Sun Baptism - 11am
30th Wed Eucharist Family Night - 7pm
31st Thur Easter Practice - Musicians 7.30pm

APRIL

1st Fri Feast of St Richards Mass - 9.15am
St Richard's school

2/3rd **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

2nd Sat Private Baptism - 4.30pm
3rd Baptism - 11am
6th Wed Baptism Preparation Meeting -
7.30pm - Iris Gale
7th Thur Easter Practice - Musicians 7.30pm

9/10th **PALM SUNDAY**



ROSTERS

Counters - Month of March 2022

Jan Phipphard & Eileen Goltz

Flowers

No flowers during Lent

Church Cleaners Month of March

Wernert and Holt families

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

Readers and Commentators - 26/27th March

6.00 pm Craig Hume & Mitchell Mazarella
9.00 am Lilijana Stride & Lisa Read
11.00am Jun Rumero & Volunteer required

Musicians - 26/27th March

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

Weekday Mass Times

Weekday Mass
Tuesday's - 9.30 am

Readings for Next Week - 27th March

Joshua 5:9-12: Ps 33:2-7:
2 Cor 5:17-21: Lk 15:1-3, 11-32:

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,
Pam Stephens & Hyacinth Pereira.**

† Remembrance Diary †

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

19/3 to 25/3

Felicidad Villarino, Catherine Doensen,
Geertruida Hangegraaf, Mary Hanks, Nellie
Hubbard, John Pierce, John Berens, Peter
Kavanagh, Hazel Jansz, Gerry Brinkhuis,
Geoffrey Hobday, Leo O'Leary, Josephine
Dennany, Amanda Clancy, James Cairns, Hilda
Joyce, William Collins, Fr Wally Sylvester,
Nicole Rose, George Mazar, Len Decker, Anne
Colapaolo, Joseph Johnston, Maria Thi Nhi Cao.

BAPTISM

We welcome to our Parish through
Baptism.

Jude Ngaihte

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



Janice 44, is a proud Wagilak woman, a traditional dancer, living in a remote community in the Northern Territory. As elders grow older and pass away, she knows she must share her knowledge with the younger generation. However, the community faces multiple challenges, including a lack of jobs, limited educational opportunities, and socio-economic which can lead to young people becoming disconnected from culture.

With your help, Caritas Australia supports Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation, which operates a centre for traditional and contemporary Aboriginal arts and culture, providing employment and generating income for local communities.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help provide employment and training for First Australians, allowing them to remain on country and keep their culture alive.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413



ENROLLING NOW FOR PREP 2023

St. Richard's Catholic Primary School



- Upholds a strong commitment to academic growth and wellbeing.
- \$2.28m Building Project - New Arts Facility & Improved Learning Spaces
(will be completed in 2022).
- Personalised Learning that meets the needs of all students.
- Excellent academic results for Literacy & Numeracy (NAPLAN 2021).
- Seamless drop off & pick up in the school grounds.
- Before & After school Care available onsite.

**CONTACT
US TODAY!**



Open Morning & School Tour 9.15am - 10.30am

Monday 14th February & Thursday 24th February.
Thursday 3rd March & Monday 28th March.

Personalised School Tours available by appointment contact Marcus Gill (Principal) 9728 4378 www.srkilisyth.catholic.edu.au

Living the Gospel Learning Together Creating Our Future



LADIES LUNCH GROUP

Our next Ladies Lunch will be on
Tuesday 5th April
at The York on Lilydale Hotel
138 York Rd Mt Evelyn
We will meet at 12 pm for 12.30 lunch

Enquiries/RSVP Nancy Gough 0411 137 251
Philomena Turner 0417 208 077

MIGRANT ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLASSES 2022

FREE - LIMITED NUMBERS

Mondays 10am - 11.30am
Wednesdays 7pm - 8.30pm

St Peter Julian Eymard Church
240 Hull Road, Mooroolbark
(walking distance from Mooroolbark station)

Contact: Jan 0414 763 801 to book a place.

“The focus will be on ‘everyday’ conversational English, with some reading and writing’

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

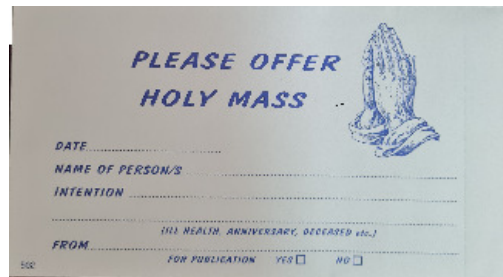


PRAYER OFFERING ENVELOPES

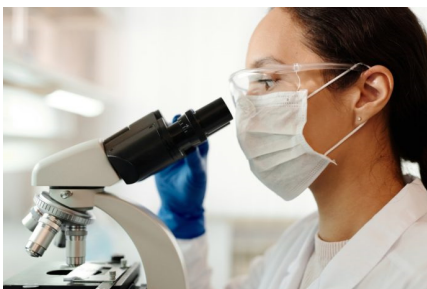
For parishioners who wish to have a loved one prayed for - anniversary, ill health, deceased, etc.

Envelopes are available next to the newsletter.

Please complete details on the front of the envelope and give to Fr Joseph. A donation is appreciated.



MARCH MONTHLY PRAYER



Lord our God, the Creator of all things visible and invisible, hear us!

You have given us the power, the freedom, and the responsibility to understand and act according to Your laws, both moral and scientific. In all that we learn and learn how to do, may we grow not in pride but humility; may our knowledge only increase our amazement at You and Your creation.

As our technology, especially medical technology, gives us new scope for temptations to indulge in the old sins - pride, greed, envy, and the rest - we know that we cannot resist these temptations by burying our heads, or our talents, in the ground. We can only do so with Your grace.

Give us prudence, temperance, and justice in the works of our hands. May all we do promote the dignity of all human life. And may You be with those who struggle to understand the social and moral implications of our knowledge, so that they may best teach us how to understand Your will.

Amen.

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