



# 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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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

#### EASTER SUNDAY 21st April 2019 - Issue No: 13

#### UNTHINKABLE

The Gulf War ended in Iraq on Thursday February 27, 1991. Twelve hours after the end of the war, two army officers walked into a factory in Kansas, U.S.A.to tell a mother that her son, Clayton, had died in the war. The mother was crushed.

Then, thirty hours later, while the mother was still crying in her own kitchen, the telephone rang. She picked up the phone and she heard the words, "Mom, it's Clayton! I'm alive. I'm just a little bit wounded in the foot, but I'm okay. I'm, already walking around on crutches."

We can all imagine the initial sorrow of such a mother, and the overwhelming joy she experienced at hearing the assuring voice of her son.

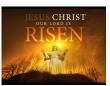
Wounded hands and feet, he was still alive. Alleluia!

What that Gulf War mother experienced when she heard the voice of her son was a faint reflection of what that mother at the foot of the cross experienced when, early on Easter Sunday morning, she heard, and saw, and touched, the glorious body of her son, risen from the dead.

We don't read in the Gospels about the appearance of Jesus to his mother after his resurrection, but as St. Ignatius of Loyola says, and as many Catholic traditions tell us, "To Whom would Jesus choose to appear first, if not to his grieving mother?"

Would Jesus appear to Mary Magdalene, and not appear first to his grieving mother?

For the Christian, that is unthinkable.



With Eyes fixed on Jesus - John Chambers, S.J.

Weekday Mass Times Tues 23rd No Mass Wed 24th Mass at St Rich 9.15am Thur 25th Anzac Day Mass 10am Fri 26th Funeral for Janet Lamers 11am

## PARISH CALENDAR

#### **APRIL 2019**

| 20th April Sat  | EASTER VIGIL                  |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|
|                 | Mass - 7.30pm                 |
| 21st April Sun. | EASTER SUNDAY                 |
|                 | Mass - 9am & 11am             |
| 22nd April      | EASTER MONDAY                 |
|                 | Public Holiday                |
| 23rd April Tues | No 9.15am Mass                |
| 24th April Wed  | St Richards Feast Day         |
|                 | NO 9.15am Mass in Church      |
|                 | Mass will be held at St       |
|                 | Richard's School - All        |
|                 | Welcome                       |
| 24th April      | English Classes - 7-8.30pm    |
| -               | Church                        |
| 25th April      | ANZAC DAY - Mass 10am         |
| 26th April      | Funeral for Janet Lamers 11am |
| 27/28tĥ April   | Second Sunday of Easter       |
| 29th Mon        | English classes Church -      |
|                 | 9.30 - 12                     |
| MAY 2019        |                               |
| 1st May Wed     | English Classes Church        |
| -               | 7-8.30pm                      |
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3rd May Fri

Eucharist Reflection Day

Church

# ROSTERS

Counters

| 23rd April                                    | 11 /                                    |  |
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|   | Wies Dight                              |  |
| 29th April                                    | Joan & Maurie Prendergast               |  |
| <b>Flowers</b>                                |   |  |
| 20th April                                    | Pat Harman (Easter)                     |  |
| 27th April                                    | Routley Family                          |  |
| <b>Cleaners</b>                               |   |  |
| 22nd Apr                                      | Jessica & Gloria Romero & Catherine Tai |  |
| 29th April                                    | Rosemary Culinan & D'Almeida Family     |  |
| (Please collect church key from parish office |   |  |
| Monday - Friday, 9am - 4pm)                   |   |  |
| Ministers of Eucharist Coordinators for April |   |  |
| 6.00 pm                                       | Pat Harman                              |  |
| 9.00 am                                       | Pam Delahunt                            |  |
| 11.00am                                       | Mike McCann                             |  |
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| Readers and Commentators - 27/28th April      |   |  |
| 6.00 pm                                       |   |  |
|   | Tim Newcomb & Andrea Braganza           |  |
| 11.00 am                                      |   |  |
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| The Read                                      | ders and Commentators roster is an      |  |
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|   | interim one. To be finalised            |  |

#### Readings for Next Week – 27/28th April

Acts 5:12-16; Apoc 1:9-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

# **Prayers for the Sick**

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

Linda Young, Brian Alan, Peter Margerison, Jessie Eliz Elliott, Kay Williams, Richard Corrigan, Frank Covino, Simon Bissonette, Pat McCann, Maria Cordedda, Louis Wycisk, **Robert Azzopardi.** 

### ✤ Remembrance Diary

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

20/4 to 26/4

James Collins Jnr, Antonia Marin, Mary Mills, Adrian Van Osta, Dulcie James, Fr Gerald Cudmore, John Potter, Doreen Parslow, Molly Brown, Barry Carroll, Sophie Jekot, Fr Ronald Pickin, Jim Hanlon, Sr. Julienne McKenna, Charles Lockwood, Bill Scudds, Levina Van Meurs, Molly Thompson, Leonardo Sini, Margherita Cordedda, Lorenzo Carbon.

# **HAPPY EASTER TO ALL**

Father Joseph, Adriana and Brian wish you all the joy and blessings of the Easter season

Alleluia, the Lord is risen



# THANK YOU

I wish to thank the many parishioners who were involved in, and assisted with, all the Easter preparations.

God bless you all.

# SUSPICIOUS PERSON ALERT

The Archdiocese have informed all parishes of a suspicious man targeting Catholic Churches in the Eastern Suburbs. Please report any suspicious person to Fr Joseph or any PPC members a.s.a.p.

#### LADIES LUNCH

The next ladies lunch will be held at Lilydale International, Maroondah Hwy Lilydale 12 noon for 12.30 lunch 7th May 2019 If you are coming to the lunch please call or text 24 hours ahead so we can be sure of our numbers for booking. Philomena 0417 208 077 Nancy 0411 137 251

## Special Monthly Church Collection March 2019

Ladies Lunch

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Last weeks collection raised **\$902.10**. Thank you to all who generously donated.

Next Church Collection - 4/5th May

#### SEEKING ACCOMMODATION

Male, 26, employed, is seeking a room to rent in the area of Kilsyth/Mooroolbark/Lilydale.

If you are able to help please contact Adriana at the Parish office. Thank You.

# **CHURCH NOTICE BOARD**

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



# Archbishop Comensoli's 2019 Easter Message.

The Easter message is available to read at the website below :

https://www.cam.org.au/easter-message

### MONTHLY CHURCH COLLECTION

We appreciate and welcome the extra contributions from parishioners who are not involved in the Thanksgiving Program. Contributions have been lower over the last couple of months as shown below :

| 20.08.2018 | \$669.45 |
|------------|----------|
| 17.09.2018 | \$640.10 |
| 8.10.2018  | \$687.70 |
| 12.11.2018 | \$891.80 |
| 17.12.2018 | \$810.45 |
| 29.01.2019 | \$664.85 |
| 11.02.2019 | \$656.40 |
| 31.03.2019 | \$592.15 |
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THANK YOU

Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2019. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit www.caritas.org.au to make your donation online.

Through your generosity you are helping to empower communities with hope and helping those in great need shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities. Lives change when we all give 100%.

www.caritas.org.au/ projectcompassion #projectcompassion 1800 024 413





## 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



# Plenary 2020 Update: 222,000 have contributed to national dialogue

The Listening and Dialogue phase of preparation for the Plenary Council 2020 is now complete and over 220,000 people contributed to the process. The National Centre for Pastoral Research is conducting a qualitative and quantitative analysis of the submissions received and, using best-practice research methods, are undertaking the important task of identifying the key themes that have emerged. The timeline for the process can be accessed via the Plenary Council website and it is envisaged that by the end of May the national themes for discernment will be finalised. These themes will then become the focus of the Listening and Discernment phase which will commence in June (Pentecost). Further detail about how this next phase will unfold will be available toward the end of May.

# 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

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

Have you Changed? Phone Number Email Address Residential Address Mail Address Please notify the Parish Office on 9723 4275 or email mooroolbark@cam.org.au

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