



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

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

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Reflection

Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus teaches that when the Son of Man comes in glory, he will judge the nations, separating the sheep from the goats.

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches us that we will be judged on only one thing: the acts of mercy we have shown to the least among us. Jesus identifies with the least ones; thus we serve Jesus whenever we serve one of the least ones. The Church calls the actions that Jesus described in today's Gospel the Corporal Works of Mercy. These works are to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to bury the dead, to shelter the homeless, to visit the sick and imprisoned, and to give alms to the poor. In these actions we show God's compassion and mercy to those in need.

Why does Jesus say we ought to do these works of mercy? Because whenever we show mercy to another person, we show mercy to Jesus himself.

When we read today's Gospel in the context of the chapters that follow in Matthew's Gospel, we learn the extent to which Jesus identifies with the least ones. In accepting death on the cross, Jesus shows himself to be one of the hungry, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. To accept Jesus is to accept him who suffered and died on the Cross as one of the least ones.

Stay Safe, optimistic, vigilant and most importantly connected!
Marcus Gill- Principal

PARISH UPDATE

With the easing of restrictions from the 9th November the following will apply:

MASS

Mass will be celebrated outdoors at SPJE School (using the Under-croft, where we held our 50th Anniversary, next to the oval; with parking available in school carpark).

Those parishioners who do not have access to email, please register for your preferred Mass as follows, by ringing or sending a text message.

6.00pm Mass - Contact Bernadette Brown on 0447 743 138

9.00am Mass - Contact Marg Vallence on 0403 568 302

11.00am Mass - Contact Adriana De Leo on 9723 4275 and leave a voice message [no texts]

Please leave a clear message with your name, preferred Mass time and a current contact number. Also indicate the number of people attending with you.

If you cannot attend the Mass you have been accepted for, we ask that you contact us as soon as possible so we can allocate the time slot to another parishioner.

From 23rd November we expect further advice from the Archdiocese on how we should proceed with Masses into the future.

We will notify the attendees for each mass on Friday mornings.

Joseph Lu Xin & PPC Council

Readings for Next Week – 29th November 2020

Is 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8; 1 Cor 1:3-9;
Mk 13:33-37



We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;

*Trish Fenton, Annette Andrewartha,
Julia & Mabel Dana, Rose Robert,
Lorraine Downie, Trish Leahy,
Jean Blencowe, Nancy Greco &
Danielle Devlin.*

† Remembrance Diary †

We remember those who have died, especially **Moira Hickey (Meg Wright's mother)**, and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

21/11 to 27/11

**Betty & Bernard Trappel, George Knebone,
Tomasina Maisano, Annette McGuane,
Kathleen Viney, Mark La Morticella, Harriet
Menchavez (1st death anniversary), Rae Sailah,
Carlos Bateman, Frank Klepac, Therese
Pritchard, Joan Cavanagh, Maria Piccolo,
Emily Plant, Carmel Hayes, Angelina D'Eramo,
Conrad Lenz, Angela Tewes, Colin Fitch, Esther
O'Leary, James Bennett, Frank Sheehan, Helen
Starr.**

Masses

We will require our parishioners to be flexible to ensure that we do not breach the guidelines for outdoor religious worshipping.

Masses will be held at the Undercroft at SPJE School with access via the school carpark in Reay Road. You can enter the carpark and veer left towards the basketball courts. There will be a person there to direct you to car spaces. **Strictly no parking is allowed on any of the soft court surfaces.**

A COVID Safe Plan will be displayed at all Masses and attendees are required to adhere to this plan. **MASKS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES** and sanitising stations will be set up with recording of contact details for tracing purposes, if required.

With regards to the distribution of Holy Eucharist, The Archbishop asks that Holy Eucharist is received by hand only (and not directly on the tongue), as a precautionary step to protect against COVID-19. This is not done lightly, because in normal circumstances the Church in Australia does not limit reception of the Sacrament to one way or another. This is not a permanent situation and will be reviewed at each significant change in the Victorian Roadmap. The Archbishop will lift this requirement at the earliest opportunity. We trust that you will understand and adhere to this guideline.

From the weekend of 14th/15th November, 50 people will be allowed at outdoor gatherings. Bookings will be essential - by email or by phoning the relevant number shown in the parish update on this page.

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE LINK LIVE STREAM MASS

<https://melbourncatholic.org.au/Mass>
11am MASS ON SUNDAY

The 11 o' clock mass from the cathedral may be seen on channel c31 (press 44)

The **Ready, Set, Pray!** Children's Liturgy of the Word @ Home video series has been created to provide an engaging space for families to encounter Jesus through the Sunday gospel.



Each week includes an invitation for families to gather in their own prayer space, to sing, hear the Gospel, pray and respond creatively through an activity.

This weekly resource follows the familiar Children's Liturgy of the Word format provided in many parishes – but moved to an online setting. It can be used by families in their homes, and also by teachers and catechists.

The series consists of 10 weekly sessions of 15-20 minutes duration, which commenced from Sunday 18th October and continues each Sunday until

Christmas. We hope this experience of gathering for prayer will encourage families in this time when they cannot gather for parish celebrations of Eucharist. It is produced by Proclaim: The Office for Mission Renewal at the Archdiocese of Melbourne. <https://bit.ly/ReadySetPray>

AFFECTS ON OUR COMMUNITIES FROM COVID – THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH

In times of crisis and social and economic disruption, people tend to reflect more deeply on what really matters. Half of Australians say they have thought more about the meaning of life and their own mortality this year. This deepening of the inner life has seen an increase in spiritual and faith activities, with one in four Australians saying they have engaged in more spiritual conversations and 28% reporting they have been praying more.

Here's a quick snapshot -

Australians are disillusioned with the Church but are spiritually hungry - Christian leaders feel Australians have become disillusioned with the church as an institution. They point to public breaches of trust from church leadership and church culture often being detached from the everyday Australian experience as key causes of this disillusionment and apathy.

The Church needs to engage the community - While Australia is full of churches large and small, leaders believe the size of a church is of less importance than whether a church is seeking to truly understand and engage their own local community and bring a unique contribution to their neighbourhood.

The Church needs to embrace digital disruption - Just as Australians have shifted to virtual meetings for business and social occasions, churches too have been forced to adapt to new digital technologies. Many have been using platforms like Zoom and livestreams for their services to operate 'church online', and this has presented opportunities to engage new audiences such as those who may not be comfortable entering a physical church building, or those in new geographic areas who can now engage in a digital form of community. Much like the future of office space and large public events, there is broad recognition that the Church of the future will be hybrid, combining a physical gathering with digital platforms to engage as many people as possible.

The Church may be seeing a 'new reformation' moment - The Protestant Reformation in the 16th Century was enabled by the invention of the printing press, putting scripture into the hands of church members for the first time. Church leaders now sense we are seeing a similar 'reformation' moment, with COVID-19 acting as a catalyst for people taking more responsibility for things like evangelisation and community-building.

The Church is raising up diverse leaders - Church leaders agree there is work to do in improving diversity among church leadership. As Australia becomes increasingly diverse, the Church needs to reflect the diversity of age, gender and culture in the community it seeks to serve. Females and indigenous people are specific groups that are currently under-represented in Church leadership, and we've seen efforts over the last few years to ensure that role models exist to inspire new generations that there is a place for them in the Church. The Church is in a unique position to meet the spiritual and social needs of Australians, providing community and purpose in a context of increasing social isolation. An effective Church of the future will be one united in vision, authentic in approach and adaptable to change.

Fr Joseph's Homily

Thirty-Fourth Sunday (Christ the King) Year A, 2020

In the year 337, Martin of Tours was a Roman soldier. One cold winter day a beggar asked him for alms. Martin of Tours had no money but he took off his worn soldier's cloak. He cut it in half and he gave half of his cloak to the beggar.

That night Martin had a dream and he saw Jesus wearing half of a Roman soldier's cloak. In the dream, one of the angels said to Jesus. :”Master, why are you wearing that worn-out thing? Who gave it to you?” “My friend Martin gave it to me,” said Jesus.

After this experience, Martin of Tours became a Christian and a saint. Is this story true?

We can't be sure, but we are sure of Jesus's words in today's gospel (Matthew 25:31-46), “Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers or sisters, you do unto me.”

Mother Teresa of Calcutta founded her flourishing congregation on these words. She didn't require that applicants to her congregation had a college degree because you do not need a college degree to understand these words of Jesus. But you do need a strong faith. And plenty of it, to believe that in bathing the diseased you are bathing Jesus, that in watching over the dying in their last moments you are watching over Jesus, and in ministering to someone frightened and resentful, you are ministering to Jesus. In the past 4 month's strict lockdown, there have been some parishioners who have shown great kindness and generosity to the parish and me. They have been Jesus to the parish and me.

I am extremely grateful for that and I have been so touched by their kindness and charity.

They are the grace of God to this parish and me.



Baptism

The parish is planning to conduct Baptisms from mid November as follows:

- Outdoors, adjacent to the church, for 50 attendees.
- In the church, for 20 attendees, subject to further advice from the Archdiocese

Baptisms are required to meet to the Covid Safe requirements for religious activities.

Please contact the Parish by email mooroolbark@cam.org.au to discuss availability.



ST. VINCENT de PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL



Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who purchased TOMATO PLANTS. The venture was most successful to the extent that we sold out.

We are expecting a greater call on our resources over the next few months when many will encounter hardship as a result of the affect of Covid.

As a result of this and because we were not able to have our usual Winter appeal we will be having a Christmas appeal at all the Masses on the First Sunday of Advent 28th -29th November.

Envelopes will be on the seats and for those who wish direct debt can be made into our bank account .

St Vincent de Paul Conference Mooroolbark

BSB: 063 003

A/c No: 10081787

If you require a receipt please let us know.

We will also be supplying Christmas Hampers and toys to many families so that they can enjoy Christmas.

Our Christmas Tree with the usual tags will be at all the Masses from the 14th November and we will be very grateful if you can help as you have over many years. There are also tags for donations for those who prefer not to buy gifts.

There is no need to wrap the gifts as we have to open them before we give them out.

All parcels should be returned by the **14th December**.

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.

Jan Phippard

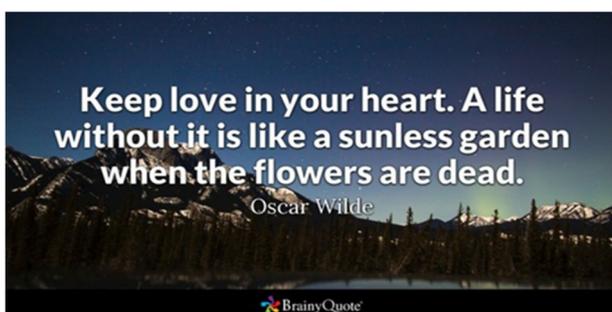
President, SVDP Mooroolbark

SVDP Christmas Cards and Columban Calendars

We will again be selling St Vincent de Paul Christmas cards and Columban Calendars at all Masses from the 14th November.

Christmas cards are \$5.00 for a pack of 5.

Columban Calendars \$9.00



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