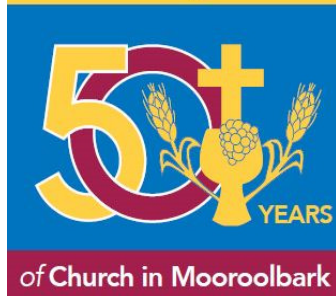


St Peter Julian Eymard Parish



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



Parish Priest
Fr. Joseph Xin Lu

Parish Secretary
Mrs. Adriana De Leo

Parish Assistant
Mr. Brian Twining

RCIA Coordinator
Mr. Michael Mc Lindon

Parish Office
234 Hull Road (PO Box 2)
Mooroolbark 3138
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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 – Mrs. Maria Bast
<http://www.spiemooroolbark.catholic.edu.au>

SPJE - Outside School Hours Care
Tel: 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 - 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 22nd December 2019 - Issue No: 48

JOSEPH'S DREAM_ Matthew 1.18-24

"Your vision will only become clear when you look inside your heart....Who looks outside - dreams; who looks inside - awakes." Carl Jung
Usually our dreams are fleeting memories, in consciousness only seconds; there may be no recollection beyond knowing they happened. At serious stress times, we may not dream at all – or they may be wild & intrusive with daylight dealings quite out of focus; likewise, ongoing traumatic stress or engagement may lead to vivid 'demon dreams', as memory tries to make sense of the seemingly unreal.

But occasionally we can experience a dream that stands out as deep truth, wise guide, timely prompt to difficult or decisive action. Such is Joseph's Dream - "...the Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream". Here is Joseph, a good & faithful Jew - a "just man", in deep quandary: a dilemma of faithfulness to Mary at an intensely personal level & of faithfulness to precious religious observance. Mary is mysteriously "with child": the Law decrees that he "dismiss her", leaving her accused of adultery & liable to death by stoning. But this is his Mary, his Beloved. He knows her, knows her heart, her faithfulness to the Law; her loving, her goodness, her integrity. Though beyond understanding, this man of compassion & daring will not allow harm or shame to his Betrothed; will ignore the Law's directive, will protect her safety & reputation. He then sleeps.

Deep within, Joseph senses a profound message of a Love that seems the very essence of life; the Word within Mary's womb touches his deepest self, for he is open in compassionate love, sensitive to a Truth beyond understanding that invites total self-gift. Here is life-changing revelation, startling realisation; "Do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit". He experiences, embraces, an intuition or inspiration beyond rationality yet intimately linked to the roots of his faith; "The virgin will conceive & bear a son & they will call him 'Emmanuel' a name which means 'God-is-with-us'.

So, Joseph, the "just man", "took his wife to his home": he turned from the path dictated by righteousness, embraced Mary wholeheartedly as wife & made this Child of Sacred Mystery his own: his Fidelity is to deeper Truth. According to tradition, Joseph did not live to know the child he was father to as an adult. Did not hear the One whom he taught not only trade but the Sacred Teachings of Israel. Nor take pride in or fear for his son the itinerant preacher, the Rabbi who was "sign of contradiction". This "Son of God, Son of Man" brought a Hope that Joseph helped unlock. He did not hear Jesus proclaim - as we do -, "I am the Way the Truth & the Life", nor his call, "Come follow me". Joseph's radical fidelity & courage invites us to daily daring & alertness to "the Word" within each of us, that we may bring Jesus, the Christ into our life, world & time.

Michael McLindon & Family - Elizabeth & Andrew with Leo & Felix; John-Michael & Lisa with Jack & Eva; Catherine & Greg with Riley; Paul & Sarah; on the 4th anniversary of our Beloved Veronica's Advent Experience and peace-filled Entry into her Fulness of Life. Her life was lived gladly and generously in the love and faithfulness, courage and challenge told of Mary & Joseph in Matthew's Gospel story. In her living and loving we were all blessed.

PARISH CALENDAR

DECEMBER

21/22nd Dec **4th Sunday of Advent**
Monthly Church Collection
11am Mass - Baptism

Christmas Mass Times

24th Dec **6pm Mass - SPJE School Oval**
5.30pm Carols
9pm Mass - Church
8.30pm Carols

25th Dec **9am Mass & 11am Mass**

26th Dec Thur NO MASS

27th Dec Fri NO MASS

28/29th Dec. **HOLY FAMILY**
6pm Mass
6pm Baptism - Mc Lay Family
9am & 11am Mass

31st Dec Tue NO MASS

JANUARY 2020

1st Jan Wed New Years Day Mass 10am

No weekday Masses during January
Weekday Mass will resume on
Fri. 31st January 2020

Weekday Mass Times

No weekday Masses

Readings for Next Week – 28/29th Dec

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21;
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill,
Pat McCann, Trish Fenton, Freddy Chavez,
Peter Margerison, Judith Griffith, Annette
Andrewartha, Jan Smith, Wilfred Howarth,
James Heaton, Joan McArthur, Honery
Almeida, Gilbert Almeida, Aloysious Gomez
and Louis D'Silva

† Remembrance Diary †

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

21/12 to 27/12

Veronica McLindon, Lawrence Stats, Alfred
Ayres, Jean O'Connell, Christine Jorgensen
RSC, Sylvia McVeigh, Carla Van Gorp,
Ligorio Naval, Mary Ives, Margaret Ayton,
John Kierce, Finn Jensen, Adolphus
D'Rozario, Albrikus Monewalu, Poridgett
Delia Martin, Nicholas Bain, John Buckley,
George Dykes, Joan Farrell, Bobbie Trenfield,
John Collins, Joseph Carmody, Peter Weekes,
Charles D'Orival, Josh den Broeder, Daisy
Watson, Andrew Watson.

ROSTERS

Counters

23rd Dec Jan Phippard & Kate Warren
30th Dec Joan & Maurie Prendergast

Flowers

Dec Christmas (Pat Harman)
28th Dec Jane Parslow

Cleaners

23rd Dec Margaret Kim & Esther Ngaihte
30th Dec Anna & Kevin Dwyer & Fr Joseph

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

Ministers of Eucharist Coordinators for December

6.00 pm Bernadette Brown
9.00 am Pam Delahunt
11.00am Mike McCann

Readers and Commentators - 28/29th December

6.00 pm Paul Redfern & Gina Hume
9.00 am Lilette de la Harpe & Lilijana Stride
11.00am Jun Romero & Lorri hayes

Musicians - 28/29th December

6.00 pm No Musicians
9.00 am No Musicians
11.00 am No Musicians

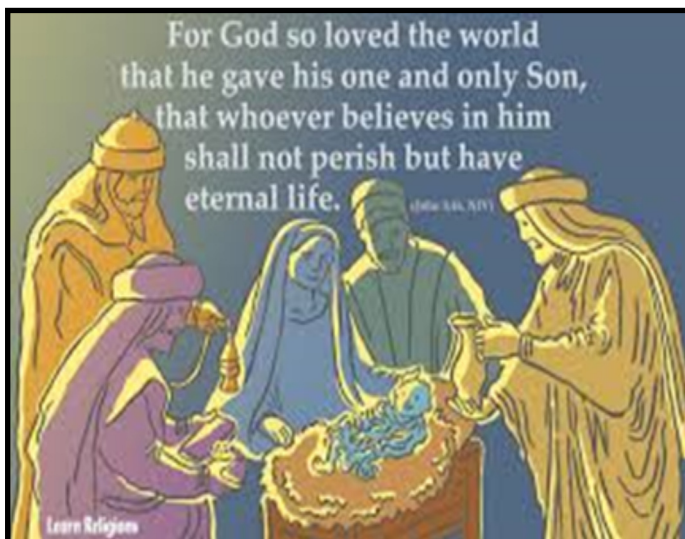
BAPTISM



We welcome the following
children to our Parish
through Baptism :

Jacob & Theodore Fretz

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



THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 22 December 2019

As always, these notices are one week in advance.

We have an amazing lineup of inspiration for you before Christmas this week! We hear an amazing reflection from the Gospel from Fr Chris Pietraszko.

Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au and to ensure that you never miss a show it can be sent to you each week as a podcast via email – for free. If you love the show, let your local radio station know that you'd like to hear it broadcast locally each week.

CHURCH NOTICE BOARD

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

Catholic Theological College
2020 Study Options Now Available!

The Parish and Pastoral Ministry in a New Environment

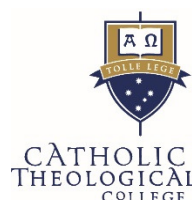
Parish life today is facing many new opportunities and challenges. The parish of the future will be built on the missionary creativity of people and priests working together in a changed social and ecclesial environment. Fr Brendan Reed, author of *Engaging with the Hopes of Parishes*, will be teaching this new unit in 2020. This intensive course will be beneficial for anyone involved in parish life, parish councils, parish teams and parish ministry. It will be particularly of use to those wishing to engage in parish life in light of the 2020 Plenary Council. 12, 14, 19 March; 30 April; 2, 23 May + online learning (12 hours equivalent)

Church History

Discover more about the Church's story and the journey of faith across the centuries. Units include; The Spirit of Trent and the Mystery of Vatican II, Lecturer: Rev. Dr Max Vodola – Semester 1, Wednesday 6-9pm.

Two Centuries of Catholic Experience in Australia, Lecturer: Rev. Dr Christopher Dowd OP – Winter Intensive, 29/6, 1/7, 3/7, 6/7, 8/7, 10/7 9.30-4.30pm
The Reformation in the British Isles, Lecturer: Rev. Prof. Austin Cooper OMI AM – Saturday Intensive, Semester 1: 7/3, 14/3 18/4, 2/5. Semester 2: 1/8, 29/8, 12/9, 10/10 10-3.00pm.

Contact the Academic Records Office for all study options and further information.
+61 3 9412 3309 – AssistantDean@ctc.edu.au
278 Vitoria Parade, East Melbourne
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CONTACT FORM FOR ALL PARISH MINISTRIES

FAMILY NAME: _____ OTHER NAMES: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PH: _____ MOBILE: _____ EMAIL: _____

WHAT ARE YOU INTERESTED IN RIGHT NOW ?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Registering in parish | <input type="checkbox"/> Sacrament Enquiry | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Request |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reading or Commentating | <input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning Roster | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Ministries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Join Parish Thanksgiving Program | | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER |

PLEASE PLACE THIS COMPLETED FORM ON THE COLLECTION PLATE, OR CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE



CHRISTMAS ROSTER

The Christmas roster is available on the Church foyer Notice Board.

Please note that there is no Midnight Mass this year.

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and people to assist Father Joseph are essential to ensure that these Masses run smoothly at SPJE.

Please contact Bernadette Brown at Church
or on mobile : 0447743138.

Bernadette will co-ordinate these rosters.

If you are planning to come to the Mass on the Oval on Christmas Eve and have children or grandchildren, please encourage them to come dressed up as Wise Men, Angels, Shepherds or Sheep.

Advent 4 - 22 December

"God is With Us" St Joseph listened to the call of God, his vocation was to trust. Today let us pray that many young people from our parishes and families will hear the call of God and trust enough to say 'yes' to priesthood and consecrated life.

SVDP Conference Mooroolbark

We are selling Columban Calendars and Christmas Cards at all Masses .



Columban Calendars \$9.00
Christmas Cards (pack of 8) \$5.00.

December 22, 2019 - 4th Sunday of Advent

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." (Matthew 1:24)

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

THANK YOU

We wish to thank Alan Delzoppo for making the picket fence for the crib in the foyer.



THANK YOU

Christine Sellar and family appreciate all the support from the parishioners on the loss of Michael.

His faith and the parish community were very important to him.

We thank you for your sympathy and kindness.

4th Sunday of Advent

"Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."