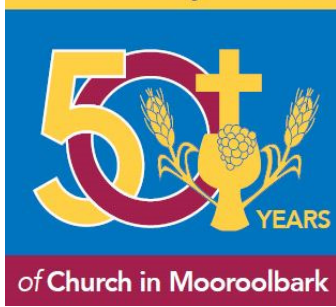


St Peter Julian Eymard Parish



St Peter Julian Eymard Catholic Church Mooroolbark Parish

*We are a Welcoming Eucharistic and Spirit Filled
Parish Community.*



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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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS DAY 23rd December, 2018 - Issue No: 47

CHRISTMAS DAY

It is Christ's Birthday

REJOICE you who are just.
It is the birthday of Him Who justifies.
Rejoice you who are weak and sick.
It is the birthday of Him Who makes people well. Rejoice you who are in captivity.
It is the birthday of the Redeemer. Rejoice you who are slaves.
It is the birthday of the Master. Rejoice you who are free.
It is the birthday of Him Who makes us free. Rejoice all you Christians.
It is Christ's birthday.

PRAYER.

Let us devoutly celebrate this day, For just as the first ones to share our faith adored Christ lying in the manger, let us adore Him reigning in heaven.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL

If assistance is required, please contact 1800 305 330, Mon - Fri 10 am-3 pm

Weekday Mass Times

26th to 28th Dec & 2nd to 25th Jan
No Weekday Morning Mass

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Mass at 9.15am resumes Tues 29th Jan

**PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
FROM 24th DEC
UNTIL 20th JANUARY 2019.**

PARISH CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2018 / JANUARY 2019

22/23rd Dec	<u>4th Sunday of Advent</u>
24th Dec	<u>Christmas Eve</u> <i>6.00pm Family Mass</i> <i>- SPJE Oval</i> <i>8.30pm Mass</i> <i>Midnight Mass</i> <i>(Carols start 30 min prior)</i>
25th Dec	<u>Christmas Day</u> <i>9.00am Mass</i> <i>10.30am Mass</i>
26th - 28th (Wed - Fri)	No Masses
29/30th Dec	<u>Holy Family</u>
January 2019	
1st Jan	<u>New Years Day</u> Mass 10.00am
2nd - 25th (Wed - Fri)	No Masses
5th/6th	<u>Epiphany</u>
12/13th	<u>Baptism of the Lord</u>
19/20th	<u>2nd Sunday Ordinary</u>

† Remembrance Diary †

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

**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO
OUR PARISH FAMILY**

May you and your families be blessed with the gifts of peace, joy and hope this Christmas and in the coming year.

With love from Fr Joseph, Adriana, Brian & Michael.



May Christmas be a time of joy, grace and blessing for all.

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for all parishioners and friends who are ill.

**Christmas Message
from Archbishop Peter A Comensoli**

Every baby born comes with a promise: that life is always stronger than death.

This promise is a powerful gift – the gift of hope. At Christmas we remember one baby, who was born for all: one life, stronger than any death.

The birth of Jesus is the world's greatest gift of hope, for it is not a new thing or idea or plan that Jesus brings, but a new life, his own.

The birth of the Saviour brings the light of hope into each of our lives.

And we are the ones for whom Christ has come to be with.

This is a hope worth welcoming, defending and protecting.

Amazingly, Jesus has now entrusted the gift of himself to us, that we might share his life with others.

At a time when our institutions – political, social and religious – are damaged, it is a person who can bring to us renewed reasons to find hope for ourselves, and offer hope to others.

Hope in the person of Jesus Christ opens up to us new horizons of goodness and rightness; the birth of Jesus challenges the mirages of dominance and self-centredness.

In Jesus our hope is born: He is good for us now; We can find our future in Him; Our trust is assured through Him; And we are invited to work with Him.

Continue to believe in Jesus Christ, born from God and born of Mary; for he offers us his life so that we might find our lives in him.

Friends, never lose hope in the birth of Jesus Christ.

Happy Christmas.

ROSTERS

Counters

27th Dec	Bob & Wies Dight, Paul & Marianne Redfern
31st	Paul & Marianne Redfern, Norm Willingham
7th Jan	Jan Phippard & Eilen Goltz
14th	Joan & Maurie Prendergast
21st	Des Delahunt, Pam Dryden & Christine Sellar
28th	Bob & Wies Dight

Flowers

23rd Dec	Patricia Harman (Christmas Flowers)
29th	Routley Family
5th Jan	Philomena Turner
12th	Jane Parslow
19th	Visa Maka
26th	Cora Tungol

Cleaners

24th Dec	Graeme Vear & Gerard Wright
31st	Jessica & Gloria Romero, Catherine Tai
7th Jan	Rosemary Culinan & D'Almeida Family
14th	Peter & Anne Holt, Wernert Family
21st	Fr Joseph & Francis Braganza
28th	Anna & Kevin Dwyer, Margaret Kim

*(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

Ministers of Eucharist Coordinators for

January

6.00pm	Volunteers Required
9.00am	Volunteers Required
11.00am	Volunteers Required

Readers and Commentators - 22/23rd

December

6.00 pm	Paul Redfern & Paul Martin
9.00 am	Tim Newcomb & Andrea Braganza
11.00 am	Jun Romero & Lorri Hayes

24/25th December - Christmas

6.00pm	Special Roster
9.00am	Special Roster
11.00am	Special Roster

30th December - Holy Family

6.00pm	Judith Griffith & Gina Hume
9.00am	Muzeena D'Almeida & Karen Broughton
11.00am	Auna Wernert & Charlotte Wightman

6th January 2019 - Epiphany

6.00pm	Pat Harman & Iris Gale
9.00am	Leon McKiernan & Lilette de la Harpe
11.00am	Elizabeth Acabado & Margaret Corker

13th January 2019 - Baptism of the Lord

6.00pm	Dympna Beard & Angela Stainwall
9.00am	Lilijana Stride & Lisa Read
11.00am	Marie Mutton & Maria Bast

20th January 2019 - 2nd Sun. Ord. Time

6.00pm	Jessica Romero & George Nantes
9.00am	Tim Newcomb & Andrea Braganza
11.00am	Riley Acabado & Jun Romero

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

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.*



4th Sunday of Advent, Year C, 2018

What did Elizabeth mean when she said to Mary, “The moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy.”?

It is not unusual for a baby to stir in a mother’s womb. And so Luke, who tells this story, intends the baby’s movement to be caused by something else than what ordinarily makes a baby move in its mother’s womb.

Luke intends the movement to be a response to the presence of Jesus in Mary’s own womb. Elizabeth’s baby, even in its unborn state, sensed Jesus’ presence and leaped for joy. The leaping of John in Elizabeth’s womb previews something that will happen again and again in Jesus’ lifetime. It previews the powerful impact Jesus will have on people.

In his biography “The Seven Storey Mountain,” American Trappist Monk Thomas Merton describes an experience of Jesus had had in his late teens.

After graduation from high school, Thomas travelled around Europe on his own, during these travels he discovered Europe’s magnificent cathedrals, with their inspiring statues and stained glass windows, He writes: “this discovery was tremendous... I began to haunt the churches... For the first time in my life I began to find out something of whom the person was that man called Christ.” But more important, Merton says, “I began to experience Christ himself present in those churches.”

An experience of the presence of Jesus cannot be engineered or programmed. It cannot be wished into existence. Nothing can make it happen. It can happen only of its own accord. It is a gift from God himself. All we can do is to dispose ourselves to receive the gift. That is what Advent is for. It is a time when we dispose ourselves for the coming of Jesus into our lives.

We may never experience Jesus with the same intensity John did in Elizabeth’s womb, or Merton did in the cathedrals of Europe.

But we do know this much. If we dispose ourselves for the coming of Jesus, if we continue to try to open ourselves to Jesus in our lives, the day will come when we will indeed experience his presence.

It won’t be a faint, fleeting experience. It will be an intense, lasting experience. It will be a face to face experience in heaven. And when that face to face experience happens, we will also experience the exciting truth of which St Paul wrote when he said: “ ‘What eye has not yet seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him, ‘ this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.’”
(1 Corinthians 2:9-10).