

## St Peter Julian Eymard Catholic Church Mooroolbark Parish

We are a Welcoming Eucharistic and Spirit Filled Parish Community.



#### **Parish Priest** Fr. Joseph Xin Lu

**Parish Secretary** Mrs. Adriana De Leo

**Parish Assistant** Mr. Brian Twining

**Pastoral Associate Emeritus** Michael Sellar

**RCIA Coordinator** Michael Mc Lindon

#### **Parish Office**

234 Hull Road (PO Box 2) Mooroolbark 3138 Telephone: 9723 4275 Fax: 9725 4377 http://pol.org.au/mooroolbark/Home.aspx Email: mooroolbark@cam.org.au

#### 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.spjemooroolbark.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 Rosary prayed on

Wednesday and Thursday after 9.15 am Mass

Saturday: No morning Mass Saturday: 6.00 pm (vigil) 9.00 am **Sunday: 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

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 24th February 2019 - Issue No: 5

#### Reflection

In today's gospel Jesus presents a remarkable vision of love. It is a vision that moves beyond loving only those who love us in return. Jesus challenges his followers to love their enemies and do good expecting nothing in return. According to Jesus, God sets the standard of how we treat our enemies. And that standard includes acting mercifully and extending forgiveness even toward the undeserving. This teaching was unconventional for it's time and it continues to challenge followers of Jesus today.

Jesus taught love of enemies with his actions as well as his words. Jesus' entire life and ultimately his death modelled a self -giving love offered to all. Jesus offered forgiveness to the very ones who were persecuting him. The love and forgiveness that Jesus extended was given freely for the salvation of all humanity.



#### **Weekday Mass Times**

Weekday Mass Tue - Fri 9.15am

#### PARISH CALENDAR

#### FEBRUARY 2019

23/24th Feb 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Jan Reilly Classes - 9.30am - 12 25th Feb Mon 26th Feb Tue Formation Meeting/Dinner -

Parish & School Leaders 6pm Church Foyer

Lenten Liturgy Planning Meeting 28th Feb Thur

7.30pm Parish House

MARCH

2/3rd March 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Baptisms - 6pm, 9am & 11am

Eucharist Family Night - 7pm 5th Mar Tue

Church

6th Mar Wed **ASH WEDNESDAY** 

Ash Wednesday Liturgies SPJE

**Project Compassion** 

Jan Reilly Classes - 7 pm Church

8th Mar Fri School Closure Day (St Rich)

#### Readings for Next Week – 2/3rd March

Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58 Lk 6:39-45

### **Prayers for the Sick**

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

Linda Young, Brian Alan, Peter Margerison, Jessie Eliz Elliott, Claire Lindsey, Paul Brinschwitz, Kay Williams, Richard Corrigan, Frank Covino, Simon Bissonette.

#### **<sup>†</sup> Remembrance Diary <sup>†</sup>**

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

#### 23/2 to 1/3

Maria Bialowieyski, David Bryce, Arne Bouwhuis, Maria Aranco, Brian Gough, Anna Rovertson, Armando La Morticella, Alan Porter, Ruby Roker, Cynthia Hicks, Helen Adams, Judith Mountain, Barbara Priestley, Leonard Peres, Brian Joseph Richmond, Gladys O'Connell, Kevin Keane, Christine Butler.

#### ROSTERS

Counters

25th Feb Des Delahunt, Pam Dryden & Christine

Sellar

Bob & Wies Dight 4th Mar

**Flowers** 

23rd Feb Jane Parslow 2nd Mar Visi Maka

**Cleaners** 

25th Feb Jessica & Gloria Romero & Catherine Tai Rosemary Cullinan & D'Almeida Family 4th March

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

Ministers of Eucharist Coordinators for March

6.00 pm Bernadette Brown 9.00 am Karen Broughton Viv Margaletic 11.00am

Readers and Commentators - 2/3rd March 2019

Judith Griffith & Gina Hume 6.00 pm

9.00 am Karen Broughton & Leon McKiernan 11.00 am Elizabeth Acabado & Margaret Corker

The Readers and Commentators roster is an interim

one. To be finalised

## You are called to Mission

Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. These assignments are not quick fixes.

Overseas Catholic communities are inviting you to **immerse yourself** for 1 to 2 years.

If you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills, you can give opportunity by sharing them with our global family!

> Come to the **Palms Info Session:** Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 10:30am Ross House, Jenny Florence Room 247 Flinders Lane, MELBOURNE



# Migrant English Conversation Classes 2019 Funded by St Vincent de Paul

# **FREE - Limited Numbers**

#### **School Terms:**

Mondays 10am - 11:30am When:

Wednesdays 7pm - 8:30pm

St Peter Julian's Church Where:

240 Hull Rd Mooroolbark VIC 3138

(walking distance from Mooroolbark Station)

Contact: Jan on 0414 763 801 to book a place

**Term 1: February 18<sup>th</sup> – April 3<sup>rd</sup>**1<sup>st</sup> Monday: February 18<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday: February 20<sup>th</sup>

The focus will be on 'everyday' conversational English, with some reading and writing!



## St. Richard's Catholic Primary School Kilsyth

- Above average results in Literacy & Numeracy 2018
- Welcoming community that places the students at the centre of all that we do
  - Before & After School Care now available onsite
  - Seamless drop off & pick up in the school grounds

Open Morning Monday 4th March 9.00am-11.00am Information Evening Tuesday 12th March 7.00pm-8.00pm

> Personalised School Tours available by appointment Contact Marcus Gill (Principal) on 9728 4378 www.srkilsyth.catholic.edu.au

Living the Gospel

Learning Together

**Creating our Future** 

## 2019 Combined Parishes Car Raffle

One of these could be yours



This is the one major fundraiser for the Parish Excellent Prizes Please collect your named raffle book from box in foyer Or

Please buy a ticket or two on sale in foyer.

Please return money & ticket butts to the church, no later than Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> March or drop them into the Parish Office.

I would greatly appreciate a volunteer or two to sell tickets at the 9.00am and 11.00am masses.

See Fr Joseph for the Raffle Tin

You can contact me on 0403 568 302

or by email: <u>rafflespje@gmail.com</u> Marg Vallence / CoOrdinator

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#### **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

#### **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 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 quide 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.



## ST PETER JULIAN EYMARD – RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

### "STRIVING TO BE A WELCOMING CATHOLIC COMMUNITY"



DO YOU SOMETIMES WONDER WHAT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IS ALL ABOUT OR IS ON ABOUT? WHAT IT BELIEVES & TEACHES? PERHAPS FEEL A FRUSTRATION WITH THE CHALLENGES THE CHURCH PRESENTLY SEEMS TO ATTRACT OR INVITE?

OR YOU SIMPLY ASK - WHAT DOES JESUS MAKE OF ALL OF THIS!?!

Perhaps some such thoughts have kept recurring for you – perhaps out of admiration for a friend or neighbour or wondering about the faith & practice of your partner or wider family or friends; or caring for the faith growth of your children. Even plain curiosity, frustration or puzzle... Or you may have fallen away from Church life some years ago & would like to re-join but feel a bit lost or left behind, wondering if it now all now makes sense and if I will be accepted or can receive the Sacraments.

It is possible that your questions and feelings can be answered through joining RCIA, "The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults", offered by the Parish through the year.

If you or one of your family or friends have persistent questions like this, you might think of joining the Programme as an "Enquirer" or encouraging your friend or family member to join. The Programme begins with a few Enquiry or Discernment Evenings; then, if you decide to proceed to the full Programme as a Candidate, you will be invited to meet with the RCIA Team. These are a small group of parishioners who companion and support those who wish to learn more about Jesus, discover more about the Scriptures and the life of the Church and their own inner selves & call, and who may eventually decide to join the Parish as full members of the Church. This Process of prayer, learning, depthing, sharing and discovering is called the Catechumenal Journey with a meeting at a Parish Mass each weekend over about 6 months for the Gathering Prayers, Scriptures & Homily, then moving to the Parish House to consider the person of Jesus & the teaching and life of the Church in the light of God's Word in the Scriptures, so seeking to grow in understanding, faith & spiritual awareness and in the sense of Church as Community of Faith, Mission & Service.

If you are interested to follow through on your thoughts or feelings, feel free to ring the RCIA Coordinator, Michael McLindon on 0401331131(or leave a message) or call the Parish House on 9723 4275 & perhaps speak to Father Joseph. Your call can begin to answer or sort your questions – without any pressure!