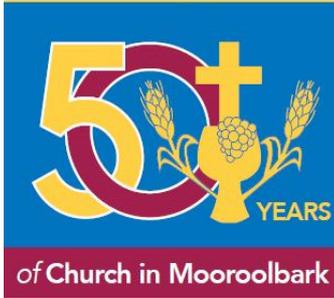


St Peter Julian Eymard Parish



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

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672 Mt. Dandenong Rd.

Kilsyth, 3137

Telephone 9728 4378 Fax 9728 6272

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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

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD YEAR A

24th May 2020 Issue No 18

Fr Joseph Homily

Ascension Year A, 2020

One day a kind man said to seven years old boy, "Tell me where God is and I will give you an apple." Just coming from school class, the boy said to the kind man, "I will give you a whole barrel of apples if you can tell me where God is not". The little boy had learned his lesson well. God is everywhere.

In today's gospel (Matthew 28:16-20), Jesus says to us, "Behold, I am with you always, even to the consummation of the world. "Is God there, even when we feel most abandoned? He is. God is with us during this time of pandemic. He suffers with us in the situation where we find ourselves.

During World War II, in 1944, in the Nazi concentration camp of Auschwitz, Poland, a little thirteen-year old Jewish boy as hanged in the presence of three hundred Jewish prisoners. As the boy's body was still twitching on the rope, one of the prisoners asked aloud this question, "where is God now?" God was there, suffering in the person of that little boy and in the persons of all who were witnessing his passion and death.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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

PARISH CALENDAR

**ALL WEEKEND & WEEKDAY
MASSES HAVE BEEN
SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER
NOTICE**



**To all Fellow
Parishioners**



We are finding our way through a scary, lonely and confronting time during this Covid 19 virus.

We are cut off from our family and loved ones and depression can be a real problem.

For many older people the loss of independence is confronting.

Father Joseph and the Parish Pastoral Council want everyone to know that they are in their thoughts and prayers.

We are aware that sometimes people just need to talk to someone or get some practical help if required

We can be contacted through email:

mooroolbark@cam.org.au

or by ringing the Parish on 9723 4275.

Please leave your name and contact number and someone will get back to you.



Readings for Next Week – 31st May

Gen 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8, 16-20 or Ezek 37:1-14 or
Joel 3:1-5; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39



We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;
Trish Fenton, Annette Andrewartha, Julia & Mabel Dana, Matthew Arrowsmith, Rose Robert, Brian Allan, Lorraine Downie, Trish Leahy, Maria Devlin, Jean Blencowe, Helen Reading, Nancy Greco, James Brien, Mary Wood.

† Remembrance Diary †

We remember those who have died, especially **Margaret Campbell** and all anniversaries that occur about this time.

23/5 to 29/5

Linda Young - (1st Death Anniversary), Edward & Ida D'Silva, Richard Quinless, Sarah & Frederick Boyd, Joseph Riley, Michael Carroll, Alan Boyd, Betty Trappel, Isabella Care, Lindsay Trappel, William Wrigglesworth, Chris Rinderhagen, Lawrence Devitt, Emma Duke, Ron Mutton, Angelo Cachia, Elizabeth McMahan, Freda Sutton, Yvonne Devey, Peter Kerr, Albertina Anastasi, Rohan & Amanda Byrnes, Emma Safar.

THANKSGIVING PROGRAM

During this difficult time, parishioners are encouraged to continue to support the Parish financially. This support is essential to the ongoing weekly expenditure of our Parish.

Thanksgiving envelopes can be dropped off at the Parish Office. **(left side of front door).**

If you wish to donate via electronic funds you may wish to set up direct debit from your bank to the church account (please phone or email the office for the parish bank details)

If you prefer Credit Card payments this can be arranged by phone or email to the Parish Office. Please leave your name and phone number and Adriana will contact you.

Fr Joseph acknowledges your generosity and thanks you for your continued financial support.

PARISH UPDATE 24-5-2020

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

The Parish Pastoral and Financial Council (PPFC) would like to provide you with an update of the staged approach to re-opening our Church. The relaxing of restrictions has allowed Father Joseph and the PPFC to examine the resources available and required to safely resume our Mass schedule. We thank you for your continued support for our Parish, as even though we are not celebrating Mass, the Parish expenses need to be met on a weekly basis. Unfortunately we will not be able to re-open our Church for regular Masses until after 31 May 2020. There are a number of reasons for this decision:-

1. The relatively small numbers allowed at this time is problematic and our resources do not support this to be a realistic approach.

2. The Church is currently undergoing a range of upgrades and maintenance during the lockdown period including the replacement of carpets throughout, the stripping and resealing of the vinyl, replacement of lighting and maintenance of the drainage system. The Church will then require a thorough clean once all this work has been completed.

It is hoped that a further relaxing of restrictions on or after 31 May 2020 will allow places of Worship to increase the number of people that can attend Church services. The Parish is also required to adhere to all personal hygiene guidelines as determined by the Victorian Government, the Health Department and the Archdiocese of Melbourne. These requirements place further emphasis on Father Joseph and the PPFC in ensuring that all entry and exit points are clearly defined, hand sanitizers and wipes are available, recording the names, contact details and time of entry and exiting of each person attending a Church service as well as the cleaning of the Church after each Mass.

Further updates will be provided when available and Father Joseph and the PPFC are looking forward to welcoming our Parish family to a renewed and refreshed Church with a somewhat different celebration of our Holy Mass.

Yours in Christ Our Lord
Bernadette Brown Chairperson (PPFC)



Dear Parishioners,

The recent relaxing of restrictions allows for the increase of people allowed in places of worship.

As this is staged over two periods in June, the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will meet to plan a schedule to open our Church for the Celebration of Holy Mass. It is envisaged that this will occur on the weekend of **27th and 28th June with 50 people** being allowed at each Mass, including children.

In mid July approx. 100 people will be allowed to attend Mass.

The PPC will provide an update to parishioners when this plan has been completed. Thank you for your patience and continued support.

Yours in Christ

Bernadette Brown
Chairperson PPC

THE COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2020

3 x ALL NEW SUZUKI BALENO TO BE WON!!!



1st

2nd

3rd

4th to 14th Prizes – Coles / Myer Gift Cards

The Raffle Draw Date is now September.

HOWEVER

myself and my family would like to once again be able to use our dining room table which is currently covered in Raffle Books.

SO

could you please place your tickets, sold or unsold, in a clearly named envelope RAFFLE, in the letter slot to the left of the Parish House front door

by the end of July

Thank you to everyone who has sold and returned tickets.

Marg Vallence - 0403 568 302

rafflespje@gmail.com