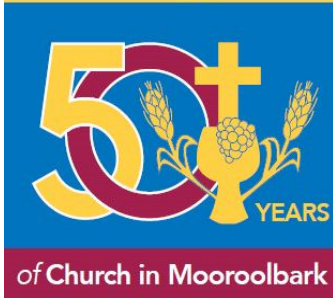


St Peter Julian Eymard Parish



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

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Tel: 8215 9206

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672 Mt. Dandenong Rd.
Kilsyth, 3137
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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

TWEENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 25th August 2019 - Issue No: 31

*"So, take a new grip with your tired hands; stand firm
on your shaky legs; and mark out a straight, smooth
path for your feet so that those who follow you, though
weak and lame, will not fall and hurt themselves but
become strong".*

2nd Reading - Hebrews 12:12-13 (The Living Bible - TLB)

The Book of Hebrews was probably addressed to the distressed Christians of Jerusalem about the year 63 (and it may even have been written by a woman – Priscilla- a teacher of Paul). These first believers, the earliest followers of the Way, were in daily dread of persecution, agonizing whether to stick with what they had come to believe as “the Truth, with its promise of Life “that will set you Free“ in the New Way of Jesus: or guarantee their survival by turning back to the old Faith, expressed and experienced from childhood in the one God of Isaac and Jacob, the ancient Covenant, the Scriptures of the Torah, the teaching of the Prophets, worship of the Temple and the community and prayer of the Synagogue. Was this new Way really the promise of Truth and of Life in abundance as promised by Jesus? Or was it better to trade it for survival as they faced the enmity of the Temple and from so many of their villages and neighborhoods.

We may recognise this dilemma today in the struggle and challenge of so many Christians in our world; perhaps in parts of the Middle East, or Africa, or Asia or South America. But not Mooroolbark or Melbourne. Not in our safe world of “good old Christian Oz”. Yet, what of the subtlety, enticement, challenge - even threat – of the complacent capitalist, individualist, competitive - even hedonistic - and succeed-at-all-costs world that is the everyday reality of our Oz and its politics, commerce and entertainment. A sort of anesthetic persecution by enchantment and hypnosis that helps us to keep lowering our own values, personal expectations and strivings. Whether in addressing end of life, pregnancy, family support or criminal management matters, or basic social justice for citizens on the margins of society because of disability, lack of opportunity or plain misfortune; or those who reach out to us in their desperation for welcome and support in ready asylum that they may live in dignity and freedom: – the sort of welcome so many of us or our forebears received through this last century, enabling us to live and thrive here now.

Even the events of the Supreme Court this week challenge us to face up to the reality of our Church which has failed – and even still fails – in its Jesus-Call to Life and Truth in the Way of fidelity to service and care for the most vulnerable; whether they be children, the aged or asylum seekers; those supporting families alone, or the many unable to work or to find work. Do we listen to the Shock Jocks, the Tabloids and the Chatterati for guidance? Or do we check out and pray the Gospel – the Good News – for the Words of Life? And so be the People of the Way in our time; the community of Jesus, bringing Good News through our living, hope and loving service in our own time and place. People of the Way still.

Michael McLindon

Weekday Mass Times Wed to Fri at 9.15am

No morning 9.15am Mass Thur 29th Aug

Readings for Next Week – 1st Sept

Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29;
Heb 12:18-19, 22-24; Lk 14:1, 7-14

PARISH CALENDAR

AUGUST 2019

24/25th Aug **21st Sunday Ordinary Time**
Monthly Church Collection

29th Aug Thur No 9.15am Mass

31st Aug/1st Sep **22nd Sunday Ordinary Time**
Priest Retirement Foundation -
Special Collection
Fathers Day

7/8th Sept **23rd Sunday Ordinary Time**
7th Sept Sat WEDDING - 2pm
BAPTISMS - 6pm, 9am
& 11am

9th Sept Baptism Meeting - Tim & Lucy
Newcomb Home
Fr Joseph on Leave

10th Sept Tue Faith Development Meeting -
10am

14/15th Sept **24th Sunday Ordinary Time**
Monthly Church Collection

20th Sept End of Term 3.

21/22nd Sept **25th Sunday Ordinary Time**

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill,
especially,
**Brian Alan, Pat McCann,
Maria Cordedda, Trish Fenton, Robert Radjul,
Freddy Chavez, Reg Thaggard, Mary Ovans,
Peter Margerison, Pam Stephens, Judith
Griffith, Flora Cristafaro & Sue Hoogenboom.**

✠ Remembrance Diary ✠

We remember those who have died
especially **Frank Covino** and all those whose
anniversaries occur about this time.

24/8 to 30/8

**Gladys Sullivan, Medecisimo Tejero, Robert
Mc Cardle, Fr Geoff James S.J., Dorothea Hannan,
Josephine Barbaro-Sant, Annie Hart, Lidia Correia,
Gilbert Whyte, Nic Ellis, Eileen Watson, John Andrew
Grant, Rosalina Ignacio, Maree Cambridge,
Wilhelmina Commandeur, Szymanski Families,
Mafalda Villella, Patricia Devoy, Tony Colella,
Bernard McLindon, Margaret Bramble, Peter Adams,
Dorothy Anderson, Basil Bingham, Edward Malone,
Kevin Fenton, Nick Brown, Edward McMahan,
Vernon Smith, Francesco Zinghini, Gabrielle Mills,
Christine Bolton.**

ROSTERS

Counters

26th Aug Des Delahunt, Pam Dryden & Christine
2nd Sept Paul & Marianne Redfern & Norm
 Willingham

Flowers

24th Aug Pat Harman
1st Sept Routley Family

Cleaners

26th Aug Peter & Anne Holt & Wernert Family
2nd Sept Margaret Kim & Esther Ngaihte

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

Ministers of Eucharist Coordinators for September

6.00 pm Philomena Turner
9.00 am Karen Broughton
11.00am Viv Margaletic

Readers and Commentators - 31st Aug/1st Sept

6.00 pm Iris Gale & George Nantes
9.00 am Muzeena D'Almeida & Karen Broughton
11.00 am Charlotte Wightman & Elizabeth Acabado

PARISH THANKSGIVING

Monthly totals for Thanksgiving from
1st January to 31st July 2019

	Pledge	Given	Percent
January	\$8,256	\$6,575	80%
February	\$8,311	\$7,477	90%
March	\$9,893	\$8,379	85%
April	\$8,466	\$7,532	89%
May	\$8,251	\$7,427	90%
June	\$9,752	\$8,103	83%
July	\$8,288	\$7,703	93%

*The hospitality of God is ample and
generous. In the preaching of Jesus
– continued down to our day in the
preaching of the Church –
we are all invited to the banquet.*

LADIES LUNCH

The next Ladies lunch will be held on
Tuesday 3rd September
12 noon for 12.30 Lunch

Lilydale International
Maroondah Hwy, Lilydale

To book, please phone Philomena on
0417 208 077 or Nancy on 0411 137 251



The **Plenary Council 2020** moves into its next phase of preparation today with the release of the final report for Phase 1

The National Themes for Discernment invited people to reflect, to pray and to consider how God is calling the People of God to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia.

The Plenary Council's final report on
Phase 1—Listening and Dialogue
has been published

For those who wish to read this report are invited to go to:

<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports>

The Hero's Journey, Sat 21 Sep 2019, 10am-4pm.
With heroic figures from both literature and film as our guides, we will map the Journey of the Hero: its spiritual significance and its power to inspire. You will be invited to question your own Journey, to discern the presence of the Hero within and to pursue it fearlessly. Facilitated by psychologist and spiritual director Simon Jenkinson. \$60

Spring's Return Creative Enrichment, Weds x 4, 9-30 Oct 2019, 1pm-3pm, journeying with a reflective and creative process, you are invited to touch the new growth, colour and gifts of Spring with your heart space. Come to one or all. \$105 or \$30 per session

Contact Heart of Life: Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Box Hill, 03 9890 1101, email holsc@bigpond.com or book and pay online at www.heartoflife.melbourne

August 25, 2019 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last." (Luke 13:30)

Our standards in society are different from God's standards. We often rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are.

Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards. When God asks you, "what have you done with the gifts I have given you?" How will you respond?

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

Dear Friends

Organ Concert to be held at St Patrick's
Cathedral on

Friday 6 September, 2019 at 6.30pm.

This concert will feature renowned
organist Thomas Trotter.

Thomas Trotter has been City Organist
for the City of Birmingham since 1983

and is also Organist at St Margaret's
Church, Westminster Abbey, in London.

Tickets: \$20.00 (no concessions). Children
under 15 free

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/BEUKN> or tickets available at the door.

PERMANENT DIACONATE

For those who are interested in finding out more about becoming Permanent Deacons, there will be an enquiry meeting held on 31st August from 10-11am at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne.

Further details about the Permanent Diaconate can be obtained from the website

www.cam.org.au/permanent-diaconate.



Working with
Children Check

PARISH CHILD SAFETY WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

All parish volunteers are required to hold a
Working With Children Card.

Those volunteers who already have a card are
asked to come to the office to have the details
recorded.

Those who don't have a card need to apply for
one online.

Once you have completed your application
online you will need to take it to the post
office who will process it and take a photo for
you at no charge.

Please remember to bring identification with
you to the post office.

If you need assistance with this please contact
Adriana or Brian at the parish office
on 9723 4275

The Parish thanks those parishioners who have
responded by providing card details or
obtaining one.

For those that haven't please do so.

MULTICULTURAL LUNCH SUNDAY 20th October 2019

A great response has been received to our
Multicultural Lunch

Location: Parish Hall

Date: 20th October 2019. After 11am Mass

We encourage parishioners to join us to celebrate a
multicultural lunch.

We ask that you make a dish of your culture and
bring a dish to share with many others.

If you wish to celebrate with us please place your
name on the list provided on the church
Noticeboard.

More details will follow on this parish event. This
is a great opportunity to get to know each other and
learn about the cultural diversity that we are
blessed with in this parish.

Any queries to Hyacinth on 0433 425 086 or
Adriana at the parish office on 9723 4275.



Media and Communications Office - 15th August

The Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne, Peter Comensoli has welcomed a proposed expansion of mandatory reporting to include religious ministers, announced by the Victorian Government today. In fact, this is a reform requested in 2013 by the Catholic Church in Victoria to the Betrayal of Trust Inquiry.

In welcoming the reforms, the Archbishop emphasised that the commitment to care for and protect our children and young people is something that must be shared by every Victorian. 'The Church will not step back on its responsibilities in this regard' he said. 'In fact it is a Gospel imperative.'

Archbishop Comensoli said he has been surprised that despite commitments made by the Premier in August 2018, the Catholic community has not been afforded the opportunity to view and provide comment on the draft Bill prior to its public release.

In responding to today's announcement the Archbishop re-iterated the position of the Catholic Church in relation to the protection of what is called the Seal of Confession.

The Archbishop said, 'thousands of Catholic lay men and women, for whom Confession is a sacramental and necessary opportunity for grace and mercy, have been denied the opportunity to have a voice regarding legislation that might infringe on their freedom of conscience and religious freedom. Victorians will recognise that the freedom to demonstrate a person's religion and belief in worship, observance and practice is a human right, protected by Victoria's Charter of Human Rights.

'Confession doesn't place people above the law. Priests should be mandatory reporters, but in a similar way to protections to the lawyer/client relationship and protection for journalists' sources.

'For Catholics, Confession is a religious encounter of a deeply personal nature. It deserves confidentiality.

'I urge the Government to focus on stronger protection for children, not on infringing on religious liberty.' Having operated under mandatory reporting in other States, the Archbishop maintains his commitment to mandatory reporting to the appropriate authorities as a way to protect children and young people from abuse, while maintaining a commitment to upholding the Seal of Confession.

'The two areas are not mutually exclusive.'



RCIA – “Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults”
- ST PETER JULIAN EYMARD PARISH
Striving To Be A Welcoming Catholic Community

August is our month for promoting the RCIA Team & hopefully recruiting new members, women & men, younger & older, to join this vital work of our Parish life; companioning, preparing & welcoming those who maybe discerning an inner call to think about becoming members of the Church.

And, despite the huge & deserved negative press of recent years flowing from awful revelations of personal & institutional infidelity of Church personnel & leadership locally & globally, there are still many people who recognise the Church as an ever struggling & sinful yet graced & life-giving Community of Jesus that they feel a call to join.

Have you ever asked yourself if the Holy Spirit may be inviting you to consider this essential ministry of evangelization? Have you perhaps thought about it- but felt shy or unqualified or not having much to offer? In fact, that probably describes how many of the Team members felt, who have since gone on as active members over the years – & often for many years to retirement. Consider how much our generally smallish band has given to the Parish & especially to the individuals & families whom they have accompanied on their journey to the Church.

If you are feel any stirrings or have any questions or comments (or you'd like to sign up straight off!) kindly ring me, Michael McLindon, on 0401331131 (or leave a message), or the Parish House on 9723 4275; such a call can begin to answer or sort out any hesitations or queries – without any pressure! & feel free to chat to Father Joseph or anyone who has been part of RCIA as Team or have made the RCIA Journey themselves.

