



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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Normal Mass Times at SPJE
Weekday Masses - For February
Tues & Thurs: 9.30 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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

28th February 2021 Issue No. 5



"Then Peter said, 'It is wonderful for us to be here – Let us make three tents.....' Then a cloud came... and they heard a voice from the cloud... 'This is my Son, the Beloved, listen to Him'". Then when they looked round.... they saw only Jesus".

How often have you thought or heard others say, "If only we could see Jesus, hear his voice, speak with him"? Well - Peter, James & John heard, saw & spoke - but did they readily learn and trust? No way, they had a long way to go; this was another teaching time, "You are my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased" (Mark 1.11) - Jesus' commission & call to mission. It is now repeated as commission & call to mission to those whom Jesus has invited to follow him, "This is my Son, the Beloved, listen to him". But it was to be a long, long slow learning for them – as, so often, for us. We recall Jesus rebuking Peter, "Get behind me, Satan..." even in the verse following Peter's affirmation "You are the Messiah". Then his later fear-filled denials, "I do not know the man"; "when the rooster crows twice, you will have betrayed me thrice". We remember the unnamed disciples walking away from Jerusalem, the climactic end-point of Jesus' long missionary journey marked by teachings, healings & promises & charism of care & appeal for the people; as well as enmity, suspicion and political plotting, the place, above all, of Jesus' arrest, trial and execution. And his Rising; '...oh, how foolish you are...& so slow to believe".

Does that sound very or any different to us in our discipleship, our witnessing & learning? our following & doing - whether individually or as a community of disciples called Parish? We're still believers & followers mostly struggling to get our individual & communal act together. And also often blocked by fear or embarrassment; of wanting to be accepted; or not thought of as out of step or totally weird. Or even puzzling if it is all worthwhile. No different to Peter, James & John.

But so to our Lenten journey, our chance & challenge to get our Good News act together; to again speak to & for those of our society who are on the margins & advocate for their right to a full life: to represent those whom politicians treat as not worthy of just recognition & adequate care: to support & speak out for families in distress or suffering violence & marginalization: for children whose growth into the world is being distorted by skewed representations of relationship & sexuality, along with dangerous expectations and loss of personal respect & integrity.

This is some of what it means to be Good News in our time & place; pandemic & all. Yet we keep falling down...right!? Right!! But while the Gospel story reports the falling down, it focuses on the Rising, our getting up again. Each time. With Jesus & the disciples who get up again. And again. That is Good News.

Thank you
**Michael McLindon, parishioner, another ever-struggling
& ever rejoicing disciple.**

PARISH CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2021

27/28th Feb Second Sunday of Lent
Baptism - 6pm, 9am & 11am

MARCH 2021

6/7th March Third Sunday of Lent
12th SPJE Grade 5 Reflection Day
13/14th Fourth Sunday of Lent
16th Tue Grade 5. Eucharist Mass - 7pm
17th Wed **St Patricks Day**
17th Wed Grade 5. Eucharist Mass - 7pm
18th Thur Faith Development Meeting - 10am
18th Thur Grade 5. Eucharist Mass - 7pm
19th Fri School Closure Day
20/21st 5th Sunday of Lent
22nd Mon Baptism Preparation Meeting -
7.30pm Tim Newcomb
23rd Grade 4. Eucharist Family Night -
Church
25th Thur The Annunciation of the Lord
25th Parish & School Formation Night -
6pm Church
27/28th Palm Sunday
27th Sat Grade 4. Eucharist Mass - 6pm
28th Sun Grade 4. Eucharist Mass - 11am
29th **HOLY WEEK**

ROSTERS

Counters Month of March 2021

Mon. Jan Phippard & Eileen Goltz

Flowers February 2021

No flowers during Lent

Church Cleaners Month of March

T.B.A.

*(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
11.00am Daylin Rowland

Readers and Commentators - 6/7th March

6.00 pm George Nantes & Michael McLindon
9.00 am Lilijana Stride & Lisa Read
11.00am Joseph Mung & Auna Wernert

Musicians - 6/7th March

6.00pm Shelly & Co
9.00am STRUM
11.00am No Music

Weekday Mass Times

March 2021

Tuesday & Thursday
9.30 am

Readings for Next Week – 7th March

Ex 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25;
Jn 2:13-25

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;

*Trish Fenton, Sister Rosalie Corrigan,
Rose Robert, Lorraine Downie, Trish Leahy,
Jean Blencowe, Danielle Devlin.
Gerard Hoogenboom, Rachael Ash & Eleanor
Thompson*

† Remembrance Diary †

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

27/2 5/3

Ruby Roker, Cynthia Hicks, Helen Adams, Judith
Mountain, Barbara Priestley, Leonard Peres, Brian
Joseph Richmond, John (Peter) Margerison - 1st
Anniversary, Gladys O'Connell, Kevin Keane,
Christine Butler, Jean Dyason, Joseph Reading, Bill
Fuller, Tom Findlay, Claire McKiernan, Michael
Redfern, Heather Derix, Noreen Burke, Rosemary
McGrath, Rosina Gajewski, Luke Scudds, Jack
Beaumont, Nada Klepac, Michael Kinneary, Thomas
Scanlon, Letita Cairns, Marika Dyson, Angela
Slaviero (1st Anniverary)

BAPTISM

We welcome



*Zuri & River Barthelson, Harry Jackson,
Michael Ngaihte, Annalise Rawnsley*
to our Parish through Baptism.

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

COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2021

Many of our Parishioners are probably wondering if St Peter Julian Eymard Parish will be participating in the Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle this year.

In a normal environment ticket sales would be well under way by this time.

It has been decided that SPJE will not participate this year, instead we will look forward to participating again in 2022.

Thank you to all parishioners and school families for your support in past years and we look forward to you supporting this parish fund raising event again in 2022.



LENTEN THOUGHTS

“How should we respond to the invitation to conversion that Jesus addresses to us in this time of Lent? How can there be a serious change in our life? First of all, we must open our hearts to the penetrating call that comes to us from the Liturgy. The time of preparation for Easter is a providential gift from the Lord and a precious opportunity to draw closer to him, turning inward to listen to his promptings deep within.” -

Pope John Paul II, Lenten Message 2001



Second Sunday of Lent

Our Week 2 story this year, focuses on Margret, a 39 year old teacher at a vocational school for deaf students in the Solomon Islands. Last year, Margret's school faced a triple threat – no access to clean water, devastation from Tropical Cyclone Harold and the Covid-19 pandemic. With Caritas's support, Margret's school and community now has access to water tanks on-site and has received much needed assistance to rebuild after the cyclone. With access to clean water, the community has been able to better manage the pandemic.

You can watch Margret's Story here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zy8zZXEMt-U&feature=emb_title

You can read Margret's Story here: <https://lent.caritas.org.au/week-2>

You can access our 'Parish Speaker talk' for week two, here: <https://lent.caritas.org.au/parishes>

Pope Francis: 'Pass on the fire of Jesus' merciful love'

Pope Francis says we are called to pass on “the fire of Jesus’ mercy”, in a letter marking the 90th anniversary of the first apparition to St Maria Faustina Kowalska in Płock, Poland.

Pope Francis has written a letter to the Bishop and Church of Płock, Poland, on the occasion of the 90th anniversary of the first apparition of the Merciful Jesus to St Maria Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun. The apparitions to St Faustina formed the basis of the Divine Mercy devotion.

In his letter, Pope Francis recalls the words heard by St Faustina on 22 February 1931: “Paint a picture according to the pattern you see, with the caption: Jesus, I trust in You. I desire that this image be venerated first in your chapel and then throughout the world.” The image of the Divine Mercy has subsequently spread around the globe.

“I share the joy of the Church of Płock that this special event is already known throughout the world and remains alive in the hearts of the faithful,” Pope Francis writes

“Ask Jesus for the gift of mercy”

The Holy Father encourages the faithful to “ask Christ for the gift of mercy,” to allow Christ’s mercy “to embrace us and penetrate us,” to have “the courage to return to Jesus, to encounter His love and mercy in the Sacraments,” and to “feel His closeness and tenderness,” so that we “might be more capable of mercy, patience, forgiveness, and love.”

He notes that his predecessor, St John Paul II, whom he calls “the Apostle of Mercy,” “wanted the message of God’s merciful love to reach everyone in the world.”

In 2002, during a [visit to the Divine Mercy Shrine](#) in Krakow, the Polish Pope said, “This fire of mercy needs to be passed on to the world. In the mercy of God the world will find peace and mankind will find happiness!”

Pope Francis in his turn insists, “This is a special challenge for the Church of Płock, marked by this revelation”; for Sister Faustina’s community, the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy; for the city of Płock, “and for each one of you.”

“Pass on the fire of Jesus’ merciful love,” Pope Francis writes in conclusion. “Be for everyone a sign of His presence among you.”



“Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth: Who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life.”

—Pope Benedict XVI

Lent