



# 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**  
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**St. Richard's Parish School**  
672 Mt. Dandenong Rd.  
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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  
**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



## ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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

## 2nd SUNDAY of EASTER 28th April 2019 - Issue No: 14

*Divine Mercy Sunday  
Celebrating God's Merciful Love*

*In the Jubilee Year 2000, Pope John Paul II declared the 2nd Sunday of Easter would be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday.*

*This was proclaimed at the Canonisation Mass of St. Faustina Kawalska, (1905 – 1938) who worked throughout her life to make all aware of the merciful love of God.*

*St. Faustina was born and raised in Poland and was accepted into the congregation by the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. Her contemplation on the Mercy of God led her to develop a trust in God and deep love for her neighbor.*

*The Divine Mercy image depicts Jesus at the moment he appears to the disciples in the Upper Room, after the Resurrection, when he empowers them to forgive or retain sins. - John 20:19-31, which is the Gospel reading for this Sunday in all 3 yearly Sunday liturgical cycles (A, B & C) How did Jesus empower the apostles to forgive or retain sins?*

*[21] Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you."*

*[22] And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.*

*[23] If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."*

*He thus gave them a special empowerment with the Holy Spirit to forgive or retain sins.*

*When celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday, we are called to reflect more personally on the graces won through the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. In this way our hearts may be more fully aware of the mercy of God for us personally and for the sake of the world.*

Marg Vallence  
Parish Pastoral Council



## Weekday Mass Times

9.15am Mass  
Tuesday - Friday

## Readings for Next Week – 4/5th May

Acts: 5:27-32, 40-41; Apoc 5:11-14;  
Jn 21:1-19

## PARISH CALENDAR

### APRIL 2019

27/28th April **Second Sunday of Easter**

### MAY 2019

3rd Fri Eucharist Reflection Day  
4/5th May **Third Sunday of Easter**  
First Eucharist 6pm & 11am  
Baptisms

10th Fri Mass Count - Week 1  
Family Week Mass  
11/12th May **Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
First Eucharist 6pm & 11am  
Mass Count - Week 2  
Day of Prayer for Vocations  
Mothers Day

18/19th May **Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
First Eucharist 6pm & 11am  
Mass Count - Week 3  
Chaplaincy Sunday

21st Tues Confirmation Family Night  
25/26th May **Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
First Eucharist 6pm & 11am  
Mass Count - Week 4  
Baptism 9am  
Pallotti Weekend

## Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill,  
especially,  
**Linda Young, Brian Alan, Peter Margerison,  
Jessie Eliz Elliott, Kay Williams, Richard  
Corrigan, Frank Covino, Simon Bissonette, Pat  
McCann, Maria Cordedda, Louis Wycisk,  
Robert Azzopardi.**

## † Remembrance Diary †

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

27/4 to 3/5

**Theresa Carroll, Theresa Devery,  
Althea De La Harpe, Eugene Brouwers,  
Guadoso Diamont, Joe Rodgers, Mary Graves,  
Phylis Broadley, Bill Egan, Chris Shalders,  
Josephine Mullavey, Leslie Delzoppo,  
Michael Kierce, Sheila McCallum,  
Anne Fitzgerald, Brian Egan,  
Piet Commanduer, Antoinette Azzopardi,  
Prisca Williams & Robert McCooley.**

## ROSTERS

### Counters

29th April Joan & Maurie Prendergast  
6th May Des Delahunt, Pam Dryden & Christine  
Sellar

### Flowers

27th April Routley Family  
4th May Philomena Turner

### Cleaners

29th April Rosemary Culinan & D'Almeida Family  
6th May Peter & Anne Holt, Wernert Family

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

### Ministers of Eucharist Coordinators for May

6.00 pm George Nantes  
9.00 am Pam Delahunt  
11.00am Vivien Margalectic

### Readers and Commentators - 4/5th May

6.00 pm Gloria & Jessica Romero  
9.00 am Rosemary Cullinan, Muzeena D'Almeida  
11.00 am Elizabeth Acabado, Margaret Corker

*The Readers and Commentators roster is an  
interim one.*

### April 28, 2019 - 2nd Sunday of Easter

*"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you.  
As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'  
(John 20:21)*

Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus  
sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He  
sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be  
grateful and generous. Look for opportunities to  
share His peace, not only within our local parish  
boundaries, but outside of them as well.  
In giving, we receive the peace of Jesus Christ.

## THANK YOU

I wish to thank the many parishioners who  
assisted with the Easter preparations, and those  
that contributed to the Easter Offerings  
God bless you all.  
Fr Joseph

## Bomb Attacks in Sri Lanka

The Islamic Council of Victoria and the wider Muslim community are devastated by the barbaric attacks on churches and other locations in Sri Lanka. We send our deepest condolences to the Christian community in Sri Lanka, to all the people of Sri Lanka and to the entire Sri Lankan community here and around the world.

We also express our sympathies to the families of the foreign nationals that were killed and injured including the Australians amongst them.

To target innocent civilians in their places of worship when they are most vulnerable is especially heinous. The Muslim community, still recovering from the horrific massacre of Muslim worshippers in Christchurch NZ, knows well the enormous sense of loss that our brothers and sisters in humanity, the Christian Sri Lankan community, will be experiencing.

We dearly remember the amazing expressions of kindness, support, and solidarity from the broader community in the aftermath of last month's tragedy, from people of all faiths and no faith tradition. Attacks such as these, which seek to divide communities and to pit one group against another, fail when we all come together in solidarity.

To the people of Sri Lanka, the Muslim community stands in solidarity with you. We offer you any support and assistance that we can provide.

We mourn with you, and we join your demands for the evil perpetrators to be brought to justice.

ICV President Mohamed Mohideen, a Sri Lankan by birth, expressed the thoughts of many when he said that "Our faiths teach us to love and not hate. To all my fellow Sri Lankans – Christians, Buddhists, Hindus, and Muslims – let us unite to fight against hate and in support of one another."

*Adel Salman 0421 059 095  
Media Spokesperson  
Islamic Council of Victoria*

## CHURCH NOTICE BOARD

Please see church noticeboard for more notices, flyers, school news, etc.



## LADIES LUNCH

The next ladies lunch will be held at Lilydale International, Maroondah Hwy Lilydale  
12 noon for 12.30 lunch  
7th May 2019

If you are coming to the lunch please call or text 24 hours ahead so we can be sure of our numbers for booking.

Philomena 0417 208 077  
Nancy 0411 137 251



**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**

## THANK YOU

Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2019. **If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week** or visit [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au) to make your donation online.

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Drawing on the latest research and best practice experience, this seminar will identify ways for you to improve your small group ministry.

**Free Seminar (with CBM Australia)**

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To register, please call 0419 924566 or email [john.jeffries@partnersinministry.com](mailto:john.jeffries@partnersinministry.com)

**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](mailto:christinesellar@bigpond.com)



**Plenary 2020 Update:**

**222,000 have contributed to national dialogue**

The Listening and Dialogue phase of preparation for the Plenary Council 2020 is now complete and over 220,000 people contributed to the process.

The [National Centre for Pastoral Research](#) is conducting a qualitative and quantitative analysis of the submissions received and, using best-practice research methods, are undertaking the important task of identifying the key themes that have emerged. The timeline for the process can be accessed via the [Plenary Council website](#) and it is envisaged that by the end of May the national themes for discernment will be finalised. These themes will then become the focus of the Listening and Discernment phase which will commence in June (Pentecost). Further detail about how this next phase will unfold will be available toward the end of May.

**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.***



**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?”**

To find out more about the Plenary Council 2020.

Website : [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

**Have you Changed?**

**Phone Number**

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