



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 - 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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Stay Awake!

How vigilant have we all been these past few months with the threat of being infected with the coronavirus, the countless times we wash our hands, the careful way we keep our distance from others as we go about doing our weekly grocery shopping and how wearing masks in public has become second nature. But do we apply this same vigilance towards our Lord? In this week's Gospel, Jesus cautions his disciples to stay awake and be constantly vigilant and alert to the return of the Lord. It is a very fitting way to begin the season of Advent.

Advent has traditionally been observed as a time of preparation and waiting. It culminates in the Christmas season and so the waiting and preparation is related to the celebration of the coming of Christ into the world. Living now, so many centuries distant from the Gospel events, Mark's words take on a special urgency. Complacency and routine can replace alertness and watchfulness. After such a long time perhaps we run the risk of failing to recognise the Master

One of the great challenges to faith today is the complacency that has taken hold of many in our society. When life becomes comfortable, the need for faith appears to diminish. In a world of instant communication and instant 'satisfaction', the reflective and slow work of faith can seem too much effort for some people. As covid restrictions ease and life returns to normal let us not become complacent and comfortable with our faith. Advent provides for us an ideal time to be vigilant and alert to the return of the Lord.

*Rudy Vail Deputy Principal/Religious Education leader St.
Richards Primary School*

PARISH UPDATE

MASS

Great and exciting news. Mass will be celebrated in the Church from Saturday, 28th November given the recent easing of restrictions.

The new rules allow for 150 inside at religious gatherings, **HOWEVER**, St Peter Julian's Church does not have the capacity for this many people, given the social distancing rules. **At best we can have 70 people at each Mass.**

Bookings are still required.

For those parishioners who do not have access to email, please register for your preferred Mass as follows, by ringing or sending a text message.

Also please note that emails are not checked on the weekends.

6.00pm Mass - Contact Bernadette Brown on 0447 743 138

9.00am Mass - Contact Marg Vallence on 0403 568 302

11.00am mass - Contact Adriana De Leo on 9723 4275 and leave a voice message [no texts]

Please leave a clear message with your name, preferred Mass time and a current contact number. Also indicate the number of people attending with you.

If you cannot attend the Mass you have been accepted for, we request that you contact us as soon as possible so we can allocate the time slot to another parishioner.

Also please do not just arrive and expect to attend mass as we must adhere to the strict numbers which allow for social distancing rules.

Please be aware that masks are still required to be worn during mass and whilst indoors.

Please arrive at least 5 minutes before Mass to allow for hand sanitizing and recording of attendees.

Joseph Lu Xin & PPC Council

A gentle reminder SVDP Christmas Appeal this weekend.

Readings for Next Week – 6th December 2020

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pet 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8



We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;

*Trish Fenton, Annette Andrewartha,
Julia & Mabel Dana, Rose Robert,
Lorraine Downie, Trish Leahy,
Jean Blencowe, Nancy Greco &
Danielle Devlin.*

† Remembrance Diary †

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

28/11 to 4/12

**Joseph Keeley, Katherine Williams, Nellie Bell,
Margaret Tait, John Plaues, Salus Bernabe,
Frances Jamieson, John Kelly, Helen Marshall,
Jack Clancy, Jean Hardacre, Margaret Tait,
Greg Dwyer, Joan Cowie, Frank Zappia, Nora
Robinson, Anne Hoyne, Lil Gavin, Gato Cachia,
Michael Dunlop, Alma Delzoppo, Antonia
Kleverkamp, Ramfee Tungol, Chris Butteriss,
Ange Zangmeister, Gertrude Darcy, Rosina
Cincotta, Russell Cox.**

Baptism

The parish is conducting Baptisms from mid November as follows:

Baptisms are required to meet to the CovidSafe requirements for religious activities. St Peter Julian's has the capacity for 70 people with social distancing rules being adhered to.

Please contact the Parish by email mooroolbark@cam.org.au to discuss availability.

**CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE LINK
LIVE STREAM MASS**

<https://melbourmecatholic.org.au/Mass>
11am MASS ON SUNDAY

The 11 o' clock mass from the cathedral may be seen on channel c31 (press 44)

The **Ready, Set, Pray!** Children's Liturgy of the Word @ Home video series has been created to provide an engaging space for families to encounter Jesus through the Sunday gospel.



Each week includes an invitation for families to gather in their own prayer space, to sing, hear the Gospel, pray and respond creatively through an activity.

This weekly resource follows the familiar Children's Liturgy of the Word format provided in many parishes – but moved to an online setting. It can be used by families in their homes, and also by teachers and catechists. The series consists of 10 weekly sessions of 15-20 minutes duration, which commenced from Sunday 18th October and continues each Sunday until

Christmas. We hope this experience of gathering for prayer will encourage families in this time when they cannot gather for parish celebrations of Eucharist. It is produced by Proclaim: The Office for Mission Renewal at the Archdiocese of Melbourne. <https://bit.ly/ReadySetPray>

**HAPPY 90th
BIRTHDAY**

*Warm congratulations from
the parish on this special oc-
casion of your
90th Birthday*



*Eileen Goltz - 28th November
Judy Fitzgerald - 29th November*

Children's Week Activity: "Just as I have loved you"

As people of faith strive to live by Jesus' message to his disciples: 'Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.' (John 13:34) Jesus' commandment reminds us that we are each loved by God, who created us in his own image and likeness. We are then invited to show that same love to our neighbours - within our families, our local parish, school communities and the wider community.

How to participate

To celebrate Children's Week this year, we are inviting all children and young people (from the ages of 4 years to 17) to participate in an activity. We want you to share with us what the words "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another" (Jn 13:34) mean to you through a drawing or artwork (mixed media).

[Download the activity flyer & submission form](#)

[Download activity colouring sheet \(for the little ones!\)](#)

Along with your artwork, please include an answer (150 words or less) to the following question: *In what ways do you feel part of the parish community and how do you try to make others feel welcome?*

Entries should include the completed submission form and can be sent to psu@cam.org.au before 5pm on 18 December 2020. (Parents are welcome to answer the question on behalf of their child/ren if they are too young to do so.) For more information please visit <https://melbourmecatholic.org/news/celebrating-childrens-week-2020>

It is important to note that this is not a competition, but a reflection and an opportunity for adults to hear the voice of our young ones. Those who participate will be invited to an online gathering with Archbishop Peter A Comensoli following the activity.



Our family would like to express our very sincere thanks for the amazing number of emails, messages, cards, flowers and phone calls we received on the death of our son Brendan..

The response of this community is truly humbling and the support and love is greatly appreciated.

Our beloved son/brother/father/uncle, was deeply loved, not just by the family, but by all who knew him.

Bill, Mary Mc Conville and family

THANK YOU ...

To Greg Thomas & Staff at SPJE school for their help with the chairs etc for our outdoor Masses over the past weeks.

Fr Joseph's Homily

First Sunday of Advent, Year B, 2020

A gift on a birthday, a visit to the sick in the hospital, a helping hand to the mother of a girlfriend, all these things are good, if the motive for doing these things is good and noble.

But if the motive for doing these good things is a selfish motive, then, as says the prophet Isaiah (64:1-8) in today's First Reading: "all our good deeds are like polluted rags." The deed we do may be a good deed, but if we do it mainly for our own benefit, and not mainly for the one receiving the good deed, then our good deed is spoiled. It is like a nice clean rag that has become a polluted rag.

For example, I make a big sacrifice for my neighbour and then, after a few months, my neighbour does not make a sacrifice to help me. If I get very angry about this, if I feel like a fool for having helped my neighbour, and if I feel that the time I gave to my neighbour was wasted time because nothing was given to me in return, then my original good deed for my neighbour was actually like a "polluted rag" because I did it not mainly for the good of my neighbour, but mainly so that someday a good deed would be returned to me.

Whereas, if our good deeds are done, solely for God and for the good of those in need of us, no nice clean rag of ours will ever become a "polluted rag."





ST. VINCENT de PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL



Dear fellow Parishioners,

We are expecting a greater call on our resources over the next few months when many will encounter hardship as a result of the affect of Covid.

As a result of this and because we were not able to have our usual Winter appeal we will be having a Christmas appeal at all the Masses **this weekend First Sunday of Advent 28th -29th November.**

Envelopes will be on the seats and for those who wish direct debt can be made into our bank account.

St Vincent de Paul Conference Mooroolbark

BSB: 063 003

A/c No: 10081787

If you require a receipt please let us know.

We will also be supplying Christmas Hampers and toys to many families so that they can enjoy Christmas.

Our Christmas Tree with the usual tags will be at all the Masses from the 14th November and we will be very grateful if you can help as you have over many years. There are also tags for donations for those who prefer not to buy gifts.

There is no need to wrap the gifts as we have to open them before we give them out.

All parcels should be returned by the **14th December.**

Thank you all for your ongoing support of the Mooroolbark Conference of St. Vincent de Paul, your generosity helps us to continue our very important work of helping those in need.

*Jan Phippard
President, SVDP Mooroolbark*

SVDP Christmas Cards and Columban Calendars

We will again be selling St Vincent de Paul Christmas cards and Columban Calendars at all Masses from the 14th November.

Christmas cards are \$5.00 for a pack of 5.

Columban Calendars \$9.00

