

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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SPJE Parish School

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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



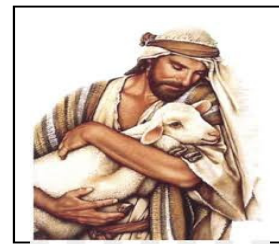
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If assistance is required, please
contact 1800 305 330,
Mon – Fri 10 am-3 pm

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A

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GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY. John 10:1-10



John's gospel names Jesus as the Good Shepherd. This image of Jesus is drawn from the parable told by Jesus about the shepherd who leaves his ninety-nine sheep to look for his lost sheep and is recorded in both Matthew and Luke.

Jesus, through his own life and the use of parables in his teaching, revealed the great love and compassion of his Father.

The early Christian community's personal knowledge of Jesus or through hearing of Jesus from his followers, used this name, Good Shepherd, for Jesus. For them, this image encapsulated Jesus's great care of, and love for human beings, and one who had given His life for all humanity.

They began to realize the inclusive and unconditional nature of God's love. They came to understand that, "We are all God's children" (Acts 17:28) and that "God has no favourites" (Acts 10:34 and Rm 2:11.) James in his letter reminds the community, "Do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people" (Jm 2:1-4).

For a shepherd to go off to find one lost sheep, seems ludicrous when he had ninety- nine more. However, it certainly highlights this compassionate love of our God who loves deeply, each and every one of us. Our human nature sets up distinctions between us. We make comparisons. May we ask God for healing when we notice these distinctions appearing in ourselves. God will gently lead us to open ourselves to His unconditional love of us as we are.

Michele McCourt - Parishioner

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 – 10th May

Acts 5:1-7; 1 Pet 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12



We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;

Trish Fenton, Annette Andrewartha, Julia & Mabel Dana, Matthew Arrowsmith, Rose Robert, Brian Allan, Lorraine Downie, Dorothy Smith, Trish Leahy & Maria Devlin.

† Remembrance Diary †

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

2/5 to 8/5

Piet Commandeur, Anne Fitzgerald, Brian Egan, Prisca Williams, Antoinette Azzopardi, Robert McCooley, Bernie McCann, Bertha Cieslikowski, Catherine & Alfred Brandle, Anna Muller, Rita Monks, Bernard Lazzaro, Mavis Kennedy, Peter Pannowitch, Sheila Smith, John Rees, Luca Morice.

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 - 26.4.2020

No Masses until further notice.

Funerals allowed with max of 10 people
Weddings max of 5 people, including the Priest, wedding couple and witnesses.

All Baptisms have been postponed until further notice.

Father Joseph will provide a homily,.
The weekly reflection will be included in the Newsletter and our Web page.

Parishioners are encouraged to provide an email address so that they can receive weekly notices and updates.

Parish Email: mooroolbark@cam.org.au

Please refer to The Catholic Archdiocese or Parish Website for updates.

Fr Joseph Visitation

Reaching out to parishioners, Fr. Joseph recently visited Elizabeth and Joseph Doidge.



THE COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2020

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



1st 2nd 3rd

All New 2020 Suzuki Baleno Series II GL valued @ \$20,682 each Drive Away
4th / 5th Prizes - Coles / Myer Gift Card valued @ \$1000 ea.

6th Prize to 14th Prize – Coles / Myer Gift Card valued @ \$500 ea.

The Raffle Draw Date has been deferred
I will advise of the new date in due course
In the meantime could you return your tickets, sold or unsold to the Parish House letter slot to the left of the Parish House front door.

Church goers who asked for tickets in the church foyer, you need to return yours too.
A big thank you to all those parishioners who have sold tickets.

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CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE LINK LIVE STREAM MASS

<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

11am MASS ON SUNDAY

PROJECT COMPASSION
GO FURTHER TOGETHER

Thank you

Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2020. 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 to make your donation online.

Parishioners please continue to return donation boxes to the parish house from now until

Until 10th May between 2pm - 7pm.

Please ring the door bell and Fr Joseph will collect them from you.

We thank you for your kind donations.

KELLY MINI SPORTS

Looking for something to keep your little ones active during self-isolation? Why not try Kelly Mini Sports online sports sessions?

Targeted at 1 to 5 year olds, the 45 minute sessions are run LIVE through ZOOM. Not only do the kids experience 45 minutes of fun, active games, but they are able to interact with both the coach and the other children in the session. All equipment required can be found around the house and only minimal space is required - making these sessions suitable to most households.

Kelly Mini Sports will help to bring back a sense of normality and routine to your lives, giving the kids something to look forward to each week.

For more information or to book, click the link below or email fiona@kellyminisports.com.au or call 0411 800 737
kellyminisports.com.au/locations

FATHER JOSEPH HOMILY

4th Sunday of Easter, Year A, 2020

There are former athletes who have a trophy room where all their awards are kept behind glass cabinets. They often go there to relive their triumphs.

There are also people who treasure their past hurts in their mind. It is likely they too have a room in their mind where they keep their past hurts and resentments and where they visit and relive each hurting word or harsh deed that they have experienced in the past. They keep repeating to themselves the hurting words which they received years ago, just like the former athlete keeps repeating the time when he or she won the footy or netball championship in the final three seconds of the game. The athlete does this because he/she always leaves his or her trophy room lifted up on a positive note, while the hurt party always leaves his or her trophy room of hurts in a sad or resentful mood. This is not the kind of life that Jesus wanted us to live. Jesus died for us so that we would be free from anger and resentment. If we still harbor hatred, then the death of Jesus, in our case, was in vain.

Wallowing in past injuries is certainly not living life to the full. Let us forgive.

Let us pray and ask our gentle Good Shepherd Jesus to heal our hearts.

Let not the death of Jesus have been in vain for us.

