

St Peter Julian Eymard Catholic Church Mooroolbark Parish

We are a Welcoming Eucharistic and Spirit Filled Parish Community.



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http://www.spjemooroolbark.catholic.edu.au

SPJE - Outside School Hours Care Tel: 8215 9206

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672 Mt. Dandenong Rd.
Kilsyth, 3137
Telephone 9728 4378 Fax 9728 6272
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

STEER PROTE

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 30th September 2018 - Issue No: 35

Reflection

Jesus tells his disciples to cut off their hands if these cause them to sin.

We may wonder why Jesus is so harsh in his recommendations. Is there no other way to stop committing sin?

When it comes to sinning, especially giving scandal, Jesus gives no concessions. He wants to excise all causes of scandals. Scandals are grave offences not only to God but also to the community. Scandals frustrate God's plan to have the flock grow.

In the early years of Christianity, the old members took care of the new members like precious treasures. The neophytes would have fresh ideas; they would replace the old retiring members. In the First Reading, the community of Israel in the desert grapples with the problem of new leadership. The old guards try to disqualify the new ones. They are not aware that God has given

In the Second Reading, James warns the rich about their excesses. They will be punished severely. They have been living scandalously and treating their workers unjustly. Their lifestyle has turned off some members of the community.

the latter God's spirit to lead.

Most members of our church organizations and religious congregations are aging. The hope for new members looks bleak. We can attribute this to how the elder members handle the new recruits. Instead of drawing more members, they turn them away.

Giving scandal is not only being inconsistent with the ideals of the group, but also treating others shabbily. The new ones are treated as slaves and are not given importance. This attitude condemns their groups to death.

365 Days With The Lord

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Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday - Mass at 9.15 am No 9.15am Mass on Wednesday. However there will be a Funeral Mass for Ron Irwin at 11am

PARISH CALENDAR

29/30th Sept 26th Sunday in Ord Time

Social Justice Sunday 11am Mass Baptism

OCTOBER

4th Oct Thurs RCIA Enquiry Night No.2

7.30pm Church Foyer

7th Oct Day Light Saving Starts
6/7th Oct 27th Sunday in Ord Time

Baptisms

Monthly Church Collection

9th Oct Tues Spirit Day—Preparation for

Confirmation

11th Oct Thurs RCIA Enquiry Night No.3

7.30pm Church Foyer

12th Oct Fri Confirmations 6.30pm

13th Oct Sat Confirmations 1.00pm, 3.00pm 13/14th Oct 28th Sunday in Ord Time

20/21st Oct 29th Sunday in Ord Time

Fr Michael Knight

World Mission Sunday Appeal

27/28th Oct 30th Sunday in Ord Time

Fr Michael Knight

NOVEMBER

3/4th Nov 31st Sunday in Ord Time

Baptisms

ROSTERS

Counters

1st Oct Joan & Maurie Prendergast

8th Oct Des Delahunt, Pam Dryden, Christine

Sellar

Flowers

6th Oct Bernadette Bates 13th Oct Pat Harman

Cleaners

1st Oct Fr Joseph, Francis Braganza 8th Oct Kevin & Anna Dwyer, Margaret Kim (Please collect church key from parish office Monday - Friday, 9am - 4pm)

Ministers of Eucharist Coordinators for October

6.00 pm Bernadette Brown 9.00 am Ann Goodall 11.00am Mike McCann

Readers and Commentators - 6/7th October

6.00 pm Sharon & Edward Blow

9.00 am Leon McKiernan, Lilette De La Harpe11.00 am Elizabeth Acabado, Margaret Corker

Readings for Next Week - 6/7th Oct

Gen 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11 Mk 10:2-16

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill, especially,

Jim Cornford, Kay Williams, Pat Snowball, Jim Corrigan, Claire Lindsey (Jim & Brenda Corrigan's daughter), Jessie Elliott, Linda Young, Lynette Currucan, Frank Covino, Dorothy Smith, Brian Alan, Patrick Daly, Peter Margerison, Helen Reading, Marisa Fantin, Paul Brinschwitz, Evette Proctor.

令 Remembrance Diary 令

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

29/9 to 5/10

Edgidgio Gava, Nellie Collins, Agnes Gray,
Graeme Argus, Margaret Bradburn,
Patricia Sheehan, Paula Greblo,
Albert Kleverkamp, Brett Whitehouse,
Mary Redfern, Paul Slattery, Terry Cronin,
Freda Alford, John Bruce, Paula Franz,
Agnes Mattingley, Fons Hermans,
Frank Quilty, Janet Warren,
Jacob Lu Pi Jiang, Marta Mateuszczyk,
Peter Stephens, Betty Collins, George Stanley,
Nell Smith, Peter Houben.

BAPTISM



We welcome the following children to our Parish through Baptism :

Alexander Donlan

As he receives the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament celebrated this weekend, may his faith guide him throughout his life.

September 30th, 2018 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." MARK 9:41 Does your life reflect the life of Jesus? Remember, we were made in His image. We tend to forget this. When others see you, do they see the face of Jesus? When you look at others, do you see the face of Jesus in them?

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Social Justice Statement 2018 – 19.

Each year the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference issues a Social Justice Statement to coincide with Social Justice Sunday 30 September 2018.

This year the Statement is titled

A PLACE TO CALL HOME

Making a Home for Everyone in our Land

The Statement can be downloaded at: http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/publications/social-justice-statements

March for the Babies Rally

Join us for the 2018 March for the Babies, Saturday, 13th October at 1pm from Treasury Gardens, Cnr Spring Street & Wellington Parade, East Melbourne, a two minute walk from Parliament train station.

A peaceful rally to defend the rights of unborn babies and their mothers against the 2008 Abortion Law Act

www.facebook.com/March-For-The-Babies105936922804480/

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Invest in your most precious asset Your Marriage!

Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit.

There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

2018 Melbourne weekend dates: *9-11 November 2018*

Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday.
Accommodation and all meals provided.
Information/Bookings:
PH: Andre and Maria 0411 225 992
Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au
Website:www.wwme.org.au

LADIES LUNCH

The next Ladies Lunch will be at the Dorset
Gardens Hotel on **Tuesday 2nd October**.
Meeting at 12.00 for a 12.30 pm lunch
Any ladies who haven't joined us yet but would
like to come along and join our friendly group
please phone

Philomena Turner on 0417 208 077 Or Nancy on 0411137 251

Mount Lilydale Mercy College Old Collegians Association Gala Dinner 20th October - see noticeboard.



Could your skills assist communities overseas?

How does the Palms approach work?

Just want to know more?

Palms Info Night

Tuesday 16 Oct, 5:30 pm Ross House, Jenny Florence Room 247 Flinders Lane, Melbourne.

Find out more at www.palms.org.au/events or contact Palms on 02 9560 5333

Greeting and Welcome Group

Did you know that we have an active Greeting and Welcome group that visit parishioners to simply say "Hello"? We visit in pairs, usually spending about an hour or two a month visiting parishioners that are listed on our Parish database.

In the past month we have visited 23 households.

Year to date we have visited 23 households. If you would like to join our active and welcoming team please contact Jane on 0416 279 811.



St Vincent de Paul Mooroolbark TOMATO PLANTS FOR SALE

After our most successful venture last year we are again selling Tomato Plants.

Selling will commence at all Masses starting the first week in October (6th & 7th) and continue until the end of October, or until our supply runs out

Plants will again be \$2.50 each and we will have 8 varieties for you choose from.

Stock will of course be dependent on supply and demand so if you are after a particular variety you would do well to get in early.



THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM AIRS 7th October 2018

Just a reminder, that all Journey Catholic Radio information is always a week in advance

This week on The Journey, Teresa Brierley - DoMN reflects on the Gospel of Mark, Our Wisdom from the Abby with Sr Hilda is inspired from St Jerome, Trish McCarthy in her Milk and Honey God Spot, reminds us the importance of forgiveness, and Sam Clear reminds us that "Unity Takes Risk" in his segment, Walking the Walk. One piece of music this week in part 3 is written by our very own Paul Mason and is our Diocesan song for the Plenary 2020 encouraging all of us to "Listen what the Spirit is Saying".

Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS

MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE

Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to.

Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information.

Email: somml@bigpond.com (preferred for contact)

Website: www.mercyworks.org.au

Mercy Connect Melbourne

Tel: 9326 1895

ST. PETER JULIAN EYMARD PARISH STRIVES TO BE A WELCOMING CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

#IN THESE HECTIC TIMES, DOES BELONGING TO OR JOINING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH SEEM QUITE A PUZZLE?

#WOULD YOU LIKE TO FIND OUT WHY MANY CATHOLICS STILL HANG IN?
OR PERHAPS WANT TO KNOW SOMETHING MORE ABOUT WHAT AND WHY THEY BELIEVE,
AND TRY TO DO?

#OR GET ANSWERS TO LONG HELD QUESTIONS OR MYSTERIES?

#WOULD YOU LIKE TO REFRESH YOUR OWN FAITH

OR EVEN PREPARE FOR ADULT CONFIRMATION?

IF YOUR ANSWER IS "YES" OR "SOMETIMES" YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN IN A SERIES OF ENQUIRY EVENINGS

Thursday 4th October at 7:30pm (at SPJ Church). Thursday, 11th October at 7:30pm (at SPJ Church).

FEEL FREE TO COME

Even if just to ask a few questions or to find out more KINDLY RING MICHAEL McLINDON, RCIA COORDINATOR, ON 0401331131;

OR THE PARISH OFFICE ON 9723 4275

We Gather at SPJE Church, 234 Hull Rd, Mooroolbark, 3138,

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU THIS THURSDAY FOR NIGHT 2

Jan Smith, Lynne Blackshaw, Craig Hume, Gerard Wheeler & Michael McLindon. RCIA Team 2018-19