



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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR 31st January 2021 Issue No. 1

Dear Parishioners,

In the past twelve months, our church has been transformed physically in many ways, I am very grateful for our parish staff Adriana De Leo, Brian Twining, our volunteers Sue and Mac Hoogenboom, our parish leaders – Marg Vallence, Bernadette Brown, Lilette De La Harpe, Sharon Daly and Karen Broughton and many parishioners like Jim Barden, Mike and Angela McCann, George Nantes and Geraldine O'Hare and Mary Mung who have given us help in different ways for the improvement of our church. Unfortunately, I am unable to name all, however, all of you have made contributions in your own way and I am very grateful for that too.

Our teachers and students will formally return to the schools too. We wish them a better year ahead. As we know we have been very lucky that Australia is in a much better position in comparison with many other countries during this time of Pandemic and let us be thankful to God for this and let us unite to be in one heart and one spirit for the needy, for the good of our parish and school communities, for our country Australia and for the world in this challenging time. We recognise that we need God's help more than ever as the world is battling against the Covid 19 virus and with the help of God, we will prevail. As 2021 has unfolded, it is hard not to wonder what is in store for us after all the turmoil of 2020. And yet, our faith tells us it is better to take each day as it comes than to worry about the future. Jesus does not want us to become anxious about our future. Anxiety can paralyse us and stop us both enjoying today and moving forward in trust and faith. May God bless you and your family and may 2021 bring us all closer to God and to each other, no matter what surprises are in store for us.

Fr Joseph Lu Xin

PARISH CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2021

2nd Feb Baptism Meeting - 7.30pm
Church Foyer
6/7th Feb 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Baptism 11.00 am
13/14th Feb 6th Sunday Ordinary Time
17th Feb **Ash Wednesday**
Beginning of Lent
Ash Wednesday Mass
9.30 am & 7.00 pm
20/21st Feb First Sunday of Lent
27/28th Feb Second Sunday of Lent

MARCH 2021

6/7th March Third Sunday of Lent
13/14th Fourth Sunday of Lent

ROSTERS

Monthly Counters February 2021

Mon. Joan & Maurie Prendergast

Flowers February 2021

T.B.A.

Monthly Church Cleaners February

Laurel Simpson & Francis Braganza

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

Ministers of Eucharist Coordinators for February

6.00 pm George Nantes
9.00 am T.B.A.
11.00am T.B.A.

Readers and Commentators - 6/7th February

6.00 pm Judith Griffith & Gina Hume
9.00 am Lilette de la Harpe & Lilijana Stride
11.00am Jun Romero & Joseph Mung

Musicians - 6/7th February

T.B.A.

Weekday Mass Times

February 2021

Tuesday & Thursday
9.30 am

Readings for Next Week – 6/7th Feb

Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23;
Mk 1:29-39

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**

† Remembrance Diary †

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

30/1 to 5/2

**Michael Bowman, Brian Hegarty, Tom
Campbell, Savka Lenger, John Sullivan, Anne
Cairns, John Russo, Molly Arman, Leah Talbot,
Joan Walker, Margaret Trenery, Maria Klepac,
Mena Bell, Ignats Plaucs, Joseph O'Hara,
Edward Chookoon, Frederick Quinless, Rosa
Turk, Mary Ward, Norma Barden, Gerard
Sheehan, Mary Willingham, Noel McWilliams,
Joe Khodr, Alan Tatnell.**

BAPTISM



We welcome
**Jeremiah, Xavier, Bellamy & Naomi Wintergerst,
Ziggy & Winter Snow**
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.

Fellow parishioners,

We welcome you to our first newsletter of 2021 and hopefully we experience a safe and healthy year. With

the continued easing of restrictions, our parish leadership team can continue to plan ahead for our spiritual journey as we look forward to our Lenten Liturgies. However we must remain vigilant with our registrations at each Mass including using our QR code, manual record keeping, hand sanitising and social distancing. Face masks must be carried at all times and can be worn inside the church if social distancing cannot be maintained.

Week day Masses will re-commence on 2nd February 2021 at 9.30am, two days per week on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The change in Mass time is to allow traffic flow due to school drop offs and local construction in Reay Road. There will be further updates provided should there be any changes to week day Masses.

The Sacrament of Baptism is being scheduled with one family at each Mass, this will allow the parish to catch up with a huge backlog. The pews have been replaced,

with some very positive comments from our parishioners about how this has introduced more colour into our church. Thank you, it was very nice to hear these comments. However, it is disappointing that we need to ask that chewing gum is not stuck on the bottom of the pews, this is totally unhygienic and inappropriate in these COVID safe times. If anyone is interested in the old pews and can arrange your own pick up, please contact the parish office on 9723 4275.

There is always a need for helpers with reading, commentating, church cleaning and flower arrangements. Should you wish to find out more about these ministries, please contact the parish office (number above).

We look forward to seeing more parishioners coming back to church and celebrating Mass. The parish leadership team is committed and focused on keeping our church a welcoming, safe and open space by maintaining our COVID Safe Plan.

**God Bless
SPJE Parish Leadership Team**

THANK YOU



On behalf of the Mooroolbark Conference of St. Vincent de Paul I would like to thank everyone who in any way contributed towards our Christmas Appeal. Your generosity in giving monetary donations as well as toys helped us to ensure a great number of those less fortunate than ourselves had a better Christmas. We gave out over 50 hampers and gave toys to over a hundred children.

I would also like to issue an invitation to anyone who has some spare time and would like to assist us in our work. We are and have been a very friendly active group and many of our members have been involved for over 20 years. Unfortunately, over the last 12 months two members have died and some of our older members (we had 3 turn 90 last year) have decided that they will take a less active role in the Conference.

We therefore are urgently in need of new members so we can continue our work.

The time commitment is very flexible. We meet (Zoom most of last year) every 2nd Wednesday morning in the Tony Warren Centre and visits are undertaken on weekdays in the afternoon.

The only requirement is a police check undertaken by SVDP and also a current Working with Children permit. Both of these we can arrange.

Anyone who is interested or would like more information should call

Jan Phippard 0417 335 763

Jan Reilly 0414 763 801

Thank you all again for your generosity toward the Christmas appeal and please consider if you might like to join us. You would be most welcome.

**Jan Phippard
President, Mooroolbark Conference**

LADIES LUNCH GROUP
OUR FIRST LUNCHEON FOR 2021
WILL BE ON
TUESDAY 2nd MARCH at 12pm
AT THE DORSET HOTEL



WE ARE SO HAPPY TO BE STARTING UP OUR WONDERFUL PARISH LADIES LUNCHES AGAIN

This is a wonderful opportunity for any ladies who might be new to our parish or who have been considering joining our group to come along as we start this new-year.

We ask all who are interested in attending to please contact either Philomena or Nancy by TUESDAY 23rd FEB so numbers can be provided to the venue

Philomena Turner 0417 280 077
Nancy Gough 0411 137 251

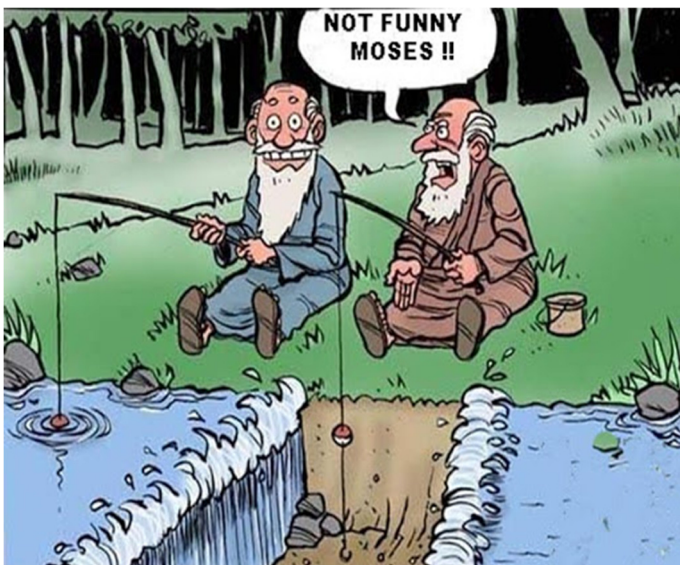
SPJE Church Pews

Old black church pews are free to any parishioners who wish to take one or more home.

Please contact the parish office on 9723 4275



Parish Staff, Parish Council, and parishioners would like to wish Father Joseph a very Happy Birthday for 23rd January.
May you receive God's blessings in the year ahead.



**2nd FEBRUARY
THE PRESENTATION IN THE
TEMPLE**

On 2nd February the Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus and is also known as Candlemas day, since the blessing and procession of candles is included in today's liturgy.

According to the 1962 Missal of St. John XXIII the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, today is referred to as the "Purification of Mary." This is known as a "Christmas feast" since it points back to the Solemnity of Christmas. Many Catholics practice the tradition of keeping out the Nativity creche or other Christmas decorations until this feast.

The feast was first observed in the Eastern Church as "The Encounter." In the sixth century, it began to be observed in the West: in Rome with a more penitential character and in Gaul (France) with solemn blessings and processions of candles, popularly known as "Candlemas." The Presentation of the Lord concludes the celebration of the Nativity and with the offerings of the Virgin Mother and the prophecy of Simeon, the events now point toward Easter.

"In obedience to the Old Law, the Lord Jesus, the first-born, was presented in the Temple by his Blessed Mother and his foster father. This is another 'epiphany' celebration insofar as the Christ Child is revealed as the Messiah through the canticle and words of Simeon and the testimony of Anna the prophetess. Christ is the light of the nations, hence the blessing and procession of candles on this day. In the Middle Ages this feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, or 'Candlemas,' was of great importance.

Fr Joseph Lu Xin

