



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

We acknowledge the Wurundjeri People, the traditional custodians of this land

Parish Priest
Fr. Joseph Xin Lu

Parish Secretary
Mrs. Adriana De Leo

Parish Assistant
Mr. Brian Twining

Parish Office
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Telephone: 9723 4275

**Parish Mobile: 0493 071 811 - For emergency and
church registrations**

<http://pol.org.au/mooroolbark/Home.aspx>

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Parish Hall - Contact Parish Office

SPJE Parish School
Reay Road, Mooroolbark 3138
Telephone 9725 0595 Fax 9723 9255
School Principal – Mr. Greg Thomas
<http://www.spjemooroolbark.catholic.edu.au>

SPJE - Outside School Hours Care
Telephone: 8215 9206

St. Richard's Parish School
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
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

Parish QR Code

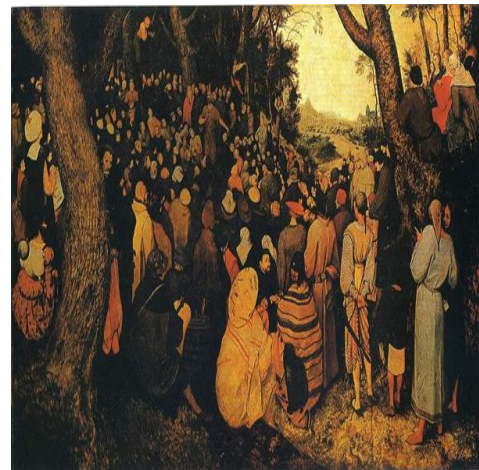


SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT **5th December 2021 Issue No. 45**

REFLECTION

Luke 3:1-6

**John preaches repentance and baptizes in the
region of the Jordan.**



During the season of Advent, we choose to add many activities to our family's schedule to prepare for our celebration of Christmas. John the Baptist reminds us that our repentance is another way in which we can prepare for the Lord's coming and our celebration of Christmas.

This week and next, our Gospel readings invite us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. To affirm this, Luke quotes at length from the prophet Isaiah. John baptizes for repentance and for forgiveness of sins, preparing the way for God's salvation. John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus, we too are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives the coming of the Lord, as John did.

Marcus Gill - St. Richard's Principal

PARISH CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2021

4/5th Dec **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Sun. BAPTISMS - 9am & 11am
BAPTISM - 12.30pm - *Private*

8th Wed Viewing - 6.30pm

Rosary - 7.00pm
9th Thur Memorial Mass - Jean Blencowe
10.30am - Mt Evelyn Parish
FUNERAL - Ann Biggin
1.30pm SPJE Church

Baptism Preparation Meeting -
7pm Church Foyer - Marg & Lili
10th Fri Hall Hire - 1st Birthday Party

11/12th Dec **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Sun. BAPTISMS - 11am
14th Tue LADIES CHRISTMAS LUNCH

12 noon - ORA D'ORO RESTAURANT

18/19th Dec **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Sat. BAPTISM - 6pm
Sun. BAPTISM - 12.30pm - *Private*

Christmas Mass Times

Fri. 24th **6.00 pm Mass - School Oval**
(Carols commence at 5.30pm)

9.00 pm Mass - Church

(NO Carols at 8.30pm)

11 pm Mass - Church (NO Carols)

Sat. 25th **Christmas Day Mass**

9am & 10.30am

NO 6.00 pm Mass

Sun. 26th **Boxing Day - Mass 9am & 11am**

ROSTERS

Counters - Month of December 2021

Mon. Des Delahunt, Christine Sellar & Pam Dryden

Flowers for December

No flowers during Advent

Church Cleaners Month of December

Francis Braganza

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

Ministers of Eucharist Coordinators for December

No Coordinators required during Covid

Readers and Commentators 11/12th December

6.00 pm Craig Hume & Mitchell Mazarella
9.00 am Tim Newcomb & Florencia Marcella
11.00am Charlotte Wightman & Volunteer Req.

Musicians 11/12th December

6.00pm Paul & Ange
9.00am No Music
11.00am Shelly & Co

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesdays 9.30 am

Readings for Next Week - 12th Dec

Zeph 3:14-18; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;
James Devlin, Eleanor Thompson, Patricia Fenton, Patricia Koblar, Sue Hoogenboom, Brenda Corrigan, Jerome Ngaite.

† Remembrance Diary †

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

4/12 to 10/12

Rudi Franz, Gertrude Darcy, Rosina Cincotta,
Russell Cox, Jack Robins, Johanna Vanduppen,
Maria Kermac, Herman Van Rooden, Kevin
Johnson, Sr Francis Therese Marshall, George
Watson, Nicholas Timms, Jack Gavin, Helen
Wilkinson, Betty Stats, Joseph Golja, Avelino
Ventura, Tony Bucciarelli, Sheliah Ann Eddy,
Edilberto Pangilnan, Beverley Canete, Gerald
Seymour.

ADVENT Week 2

The **second candle** in our Advent Wreath
represents **FAITH** and **LOVE** and is called the
Bethlehem Candle. Micah had foretold that the
Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, which is also
the birthplace of King David. This candle reminds us
about the experience of Joseph and Mary in the city
of Bethlehem.

This week, you are encouraged to reflect and share
with someone how you are 'preparing the way for
the Lord' in your life.



PARISH UPDATE CHRISTMAS MASSES

Fellow parishioners, please note the advice regarding vaccinations for attendance at Masses especially over the Christmas period.

Christmas Eve Mass on the Oval at 6.00pm. It is strongly recommended that all those over 16 years of age are fully vaccinated to attend this Mass.

All Masses held inside the Church on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Everyone over the age of 16 years of age must be fully vaccinated. This will continue to be the advice for future Masses unless we are advised of further easing of restrictions.

All updates will be sent to those on our parish email list and on the parish website.

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding.

Father Joseph and the Parish Leadership Team

BAPTISM

We welcome to our Parish through Baptism.

Annierose Limb, Xander Trousselot, Tess Bolton, Ivy Williams, Matilda Goodsir

As they receive the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament celebrated this weekend, may their faith guide them throughout their life.



POSITIONS VACANT-Catholic Archdiocese Melb

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of:

Parish Secretary, St Mark's Catholic Parish, Fawkner
Parish Secretary, St Brendan's & Holy Rosary Parishes, Flemington

Jo Care Digital Coordinator, Stonnington Area
Lay Ecclesiastical Leader, St Kevin's Parish, Templestowe

Youth Minister, St Christopher's Parish, Syndal

Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at: <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

Human Resources at hadmin@cam.org.au

2022 COLUMBAN CALENDARS

2022 Columban Art
Calendars for sale,
\$9 each.

Proceeds will assist
Mooroolbark
Vinnies.



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Jan Phippard *janice_phippard@hotmail.com* 0417 335 763

Bernie *vic-bohan7@optusnet.com.au* 0408 508 153

Note: Christmas cards will be available soon.

Vinnies Christmas Tree

Parishioners are encouraged to take either a gift (for children) tag or a cash tag off our tree and respond with either a gift or cash. Gifts can be left in the foyer and cash donations into the poor box please.

This will help us supplement the food hampers that we distribute every Christmas to the needy whom we have met during the past year.

Thank you for your kindness



JEAN BLENCOWE MEMORIAL MASS

Thursday, December 9, 2021

Celebration Mass - 10.30am

St Mary's Church

[58 Clegg Rd, Mount Evelyn VIC 3796](#)

<https://goo.gl/maps/ZswvBepNfC9VXbPi9>

Graveside Prayers and Butterfly release - 12 midday

Lilydale Memorial Park

Yarra Gum, EA-Row 16, Grave 6

[126-128 Victoria Rd, Lilydale VIC 3140](#)

<https://g.page/lilydale-memorial-park?share>

Refreshments and sharing of Jean memories

Candlebark Room 12.30pm-2pm

Lilydale Memorial Park

The current Government requirement is that all attendees are double vaccinated. There will be a webstream of the service available via the Tobin Brothers website for those who are unable to attend in person, or are unable to meet the Government mandated requirement that all attendees be fully vaccinated. If you would like any additional information, you are welcome to call Anita on 0407 827 336.

LADIES CHRISTMAS LUNCH GROUP

Ladies Lunch will be on
TUESDAY 14th of December

At ORA D'ORO RESTAURANT,
28 Hewish Rd Croydon
12 pm for 12.30 lunch

Important notice

If you are planning to attend the ladies lunch please contact me a.s.a.p.

Our bookings are filling very quickly and are limited.

DEADLINE FRIDAY 10TH DECEMBER

Please be assured I will keep a standby list for any cancellations.

Contact Philomena Turner on
0417 208 077 text or phone .

Parish Child Safeguarding Team

If you have any child safety concerns please contact the following team members

Brian Twining

brian.twining@cam.org.au

Meg Wright

mwright@spjemoroolbark.catholic.edu.au

Michael Mc Lindon

mclinooffice@gmail.com

Or request a call back on the Parish Office phone
9723 4275



CALLING FOR CHRISTMAS VOLUNTEERS

We are asking if you can assist with Reading, Commentating, Eucharistic Ministers and Check in Helpers.

For Christmas Eve Masses in the church and Christmas Day Masses

If you are able to help Father Joseph especially on Christmas Day it would be most appreciated.

Please see Fr Joseph or contact Adriana on 9723 4275 or email mooroolbark@cam.org.au

THANK YOU

St Patrick's Cathedral & Cathedral Brass present

FESTIVE MUSIC FOR CHRISTMAS

WED 15 DEC, 7-8PM

Gabriel, Bach, Handel, Mendelssohn and other Christmas favourites

Brett Kelly
Conductor

Anthony Halliday
Organist

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www.trybooking.com/BVJPD

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Corner of Cathedral Place and Gisborne St

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