



# 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

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**7th February 2021 Issue No. 1**

### FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B In Service of Others

Today's Gospel (Mark 1:29-39) Jesus continues his inaugural day of ministry. He leaves the synagogue, goes to Simon Peter's house and cures Simon's mother-in-law, who is ill with a fever (vv. 29-31). before re-launching his mission on a wider scale (vv. 35-39).

Jesus' first healing is actually a rather modest one by nature. Simon's mother-in-law is in bed with a fever, a more threatening condition in those days but not necessarily something out of the ordinary. Jesus has just called the four to become 'fishers of people' (1:16-20) and having responded to his call has meant the new disciples have left both their livelihood and families behind. However these disciples quickly learn that following Jesus has its advantages. They are going to gain something as well – be drawn into the sphere of new life and healing associated with the new 'family of God'.

The language in which the healing action of Jesus is described, 'He came and took her by the hand and raised her up' echoes the language of resurrection. Upon healing Simon's mother-in-law gets up and begins to wait on them. This 'service' signals that she has fully recovered from her fever and is restored to health. At the same time her actions seem to foreshadow the 'service' that Jesus himself will provide as the Son of Man who has come 'not to be served but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many' (10:45).

Pope Francis stated that "Love and charity are service, helping others, serving others. There are many people who spend their lives in this way, in the service of others. ...When you forget yourself and think of others, this is love! The Lord teaches us to be servants, and above all, servants as He was a servant to us."

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



## PARISH CALENDAR

### FEBRUARY 2021

**6/7th Feb 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
6th Feb Sat Private Baptism - 12.30pm  
Commitment Mass & Prep Angel  
Mass - 6pm  
7th Feb Baptism 9.00 am  
Commitment Mass & Prep Angel  
Mass - 9am  
Baptism & Commitment Mass -  
11am  
10th Wed Funeral - Darinka Soffici  
10.30 am  
11th Thur Faith Development Meeting - 10am  
**13/14th Feb 6th Sunday Ordinary Time**  
Baptisms 9 am & 11 am  
**17th Feb Ash Wednesday**  
**Beginning of Lent**  
**Ash Wednesday Mass**  
**9.30 am & 7.00 pm**  
**18th Thur** Parish Pastoral Council Meeting  
7.00 pm Church Foyer  
**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**

## Weekday Mass Times

*February 2021*

Tuesday & Thursday

9.30 am

### Readings for Next Week – 13/14th Feb

Lev 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31 - 11:1;  
Mk 1:40-45

### 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  
**Darinka Soffici, Joyce Baade** (George Nantes'  
Sister) and all those whose anniversaries occur  
about this time.

6/2 to 12/2

**Rudolf Quinless, Nancy Cornwell, James  
Cornford, Josepha Doekes, Phillip Perna,  
Bernard Stats, Craig Anning, James Steadman,  
Noelle York Kelly, Pat Williams, Wilhelmina  
Graafmans, Antoinette Haughton, Peter Ayton,  
Caroline Bien, Ellen Decker, Bonnie McKinley,  
Eileen McIntyre, Bradley Norman Waters,  
Fernando Del Vecchio, Noreen Studd.**

## 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 - 13/14th February

6.00 pm Patricia Harman & Iris Gale

9.00 am Lisa Read & Tim Newcomb

11.00am Auna Wernert & Charlotte Wightman

### Musicians - 6/7th February

6.00pm Shelly & Co

9.00am Strum

11.00am Paul & Angela

## BAPTISM



We welcome  
**Mia Rawlings, Joshua Holewa & Aaliyah  
Lastrina**  
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.

## CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

We have a few fold up chairs left behind from Christmas eve mass on the school oval.

Please contact SPJE School if these belong to you.

School phone : 9725 0595.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Harry Janssen

Fr. Joseph, staff and parishioners would like to wish Harry a very special Happy Birthday



## SPJE CHURCH PEWS

Is anyone interested in taking the old church pews?

They are free to a good home.

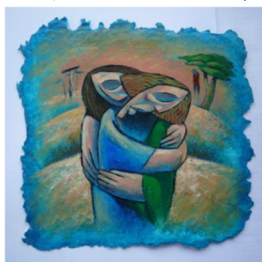
Please contact the parish office on 9723 4275 or email Mooroolbark@cam.org.au to arrange pick up.



Fr Joseph recently visited Jack Hannon - 101 years old and doing very well.



## *Into a Strange Land A Country called Forgiveness*



In this 5 days retreat we will be walking the arduous and sometimes lonely journey from unforgiveness to forgiveness:

the journey that has the possibility of leading to joy and peace of soul that remains elusive, until we are able to let go and forgive.

St Antonia osb will guide you throughout the retreat. Retreat begins: **21 Feb 2021** for 5 weeks during Lent. Registration fee: \$200

For more information click on the following:

[\*Online retreat – Into a Strange Land: A Country called Forgiveness\*](#)

## Migrant English Conversation Classes 2021

Funded by St Vincent de Paul

**FREE - Limited Numbers**

**When:**

**Mondays 10am – 11:30am  
beginning February 8th**

**Wednesdays 7pm - 8:30pm  
beginning February 10th**

**Where: St Peter Julian's Church  
240 Hull Rd Mooroolbark VIC 3138**

(walking distance from Mooroolbark Station)

**Contact: Jan on [0414 763 801](tel:0414763801) to book a place.**

**COVID safe - with social distancing and hand hygiene in place.**



**The focus will be on 'everyday' conversational English, with some reading and writing!**

Have you Changed?

Phone Number

Email Address

Residential Address

Mail Address, Please notify the Parish Office on 9723 4275 or email [ooroolbark@cam.org.au](mailto:ooroolbark@cam.org.au)



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



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

This is a great 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 23<sup>rd</sup> FEB** so numbers can be provided to the venue

Philomena Turner 0417 208 077  
Nancy Gough 0411 137 251



When young people say, "I have my own life to live," or "This body is mine, and I can do whatever I like with it," this is not reality. It is a misconception. We are not separate from each other. Your body is not just yours, it belongs to your ancestors, your grandparents, and your parents. It also belongs to your children and grandchildren who are not yet born, but who are already present in your body. You and your parents are one reality. If your parents suffer, you suffer. If you suffer, your parents suffer. If we look deeply and see clearly, we will see that there is just one reality. When you look in that way, you will see clearly that happiness is collective, and you will not go looking for your own individual happiness anymore. You will see that we have to work together and understand one another.  
- Thich Nhat Hanh, in "A Pebble for Your Pocket".



### Our Lady of Lourdes - 11th February

In southern France, Marie-Bernarde Soubirous, a 14-year-old French peasant girl, first claims to have seen the Virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ and a central figure in the Roman Catholic religion. On a cold day in February 1858, Bernadette and two companions headed off to the Gave River to collect pieces of wood. The companions ran ahead and left Bernadette struggling to keep up. As Bernadette was taking off her shoes to make her way through the river, she was startled by a peculiar wind and rustling sound.



Bernadette looked up towards the grotto and the caves on the riverbank. Near the opening of the grotto, Bernadette glanced and noticed the cave was suddenly filled with golden light. Lifting up her eyes, she saw a lady of great beauty, dressed in a pure white robe with a blue sash, a veil over her head, a rosary clasped in her hands and yellow roses at her feet. These apparitions, which totalled 18 before the end of the year, occurred in a grotto of a rock promontory near Lourdes, France. Marie explained that the Virgin Mary revealed herself as the Immaculate Conception, asked that a chapel be built on the site of the vision, and told the girl to drink from a fountain in the grotto, which Marie subsequently discovered by digging into the earth. The concept of the Immaculate Conception, in which the Virgin Mary is regarded free from original sin from the moment of her conception, had been accepted just four years previous by Pope Pius IX. Marie's claims garnered widespread attention, but sceptical church authorities subjected her to severe examinations and refused to accept her visions. After years of mistreatment at the hands of the authorities and the curious public, she was finally allowed to enter the convent of Notre-Dame de Nevers, where she spent her remaining years in prayer and seclusion. She died of ill health at the age of 35. The sight of her manifestations subsequently became the most famous modern shrine of the Virgin Mary, and in 1933 Marie-Bernarde Soubirous was canonised as St. Bernadette by the Roman Catholic Church. Today, millions travel to Lourdes every year to visit St. Bernadette's grotto, whose waters supposedly have curative powers.