



# 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 - 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



## ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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

## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY YEAR A

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*Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;  
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.*

### Background

Pope Gregory IX instituted Trinity Sunday in 828 CE. This day is known for being the only major Christian festival that celebrates a church doctrine rather than an event in its sacred history. It is dedicated to the Christian belief in the Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – and falls on the Sunday following Pentecost each year. The belief of one God in three elements is a distinctive of the Christian faith but the early church was plagued by contrary views. Trinity Sunday spread throughout the western church around the 14th century CE.

### Symbols

Images of the Trinity of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit depict that there are three elements of one God. The Trinity is sometimes symbolized by a triangular shape formed by three overlapping oval rings or loops, each featuring the one of the following images: the crown (father) within the top loop; the lamb (son) within the second loop (clockwise); and the dove (spirit) within the third loop (clockwise).

Other shapes depicting the Trinity include Borromean rings and the triquetra.

The Borromean rings feature three overlapping round circles forming a triangular shape, and in the center, inside all the circles is the word "unitas". The Borromean rings are named after the crest of the Borromeo family in 15th-century Tuscany.

The triquetra symbol uses shapes similar to one of the oldest Christian symbols. In the triquetra, the three equal arches of the circle express the equality of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The union of the arches represents the unity of the Godhead. Their continuous form symbolizes eternity. Their interwoven appearance denotes the indivisibility of the Trinity. In the center of the triquetra is an equilateral triangle, one of the most ancient Trinity symbols, and each pair of arches formed an ellipse, the symbol of God's glory.



*Marg Vallenge*  
*Parish Pastoral Council*



## PARISH UPDATE

Dear Parishioners,

The further relaxing of restrictions allows for the increase of people allowed in places of worship.

**.....Bookings Now Open.....**

**As of 27th and 28th June,  
50 people are allowed at each Mass,  
including children & musicians.  
In mid July approx. 100 people will be  
allowed to attend Mass.**

The parish will be updated by the Archdiocese prior to the easing of this restriction. Parishioners **must** email or phone to book your attendance.

Given limited numbers at each mass please state your mass time preference -

**6 pm Saturday  
Sun. 9am & 11am, or the additional Mass  
at 5pm on Sunday.**

Please leave your full name and contact details clearly on the telephone if you do not have access to a computer and state your preference Mass with 1st & 2nd preference.

We will do our best to accommodate your request.

We ask that you please adhere to hygiene requirements - hand sanitiser and wipes available at the church and social distancing signage in the Church.

Family groups who live in the same household must sit together.

Individuals to sit where marked by a green cross on the pews.

The church will be open 30 minutes before Mass.

We ask parishioners to kindly leave at the conclusion of Mass to allow for the cleaning of the church.

No cuppas after Mass until further notice.

Yours in Christ  
**Bernadette Brown**  
**Chairperson PPC**



## Readings for Next Week – 14th June

Duet 8:2-3, 14-16; 1 Cor 10:16-17;  
Jn 6:51-58



We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;

**Trish Fenton, Annette Andrewartha, Julia & Mabel Dana, Matthew Arrowsmith, Rose Robert, Brian Allan, Lorraine Downie, Trish Leahy, Maria Devlin, Jean Blencowe, Nancy Greco, James Brien.**

## ✠ Remembrance Diary ✠

We remember those who have died especially **Mary Wood** and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time

6/6 to 12/6

**Harold Redfern, Louisa Verdaasdonk, Edmond & Eden Pannawitch, Michael Collins, Chester Seagle, Tony Azzopardi, Mary Robinson, Kevin Mackey, Sarah Bone, Giuseppe Zappia, Ted Blow, Jack Grant, Jean Goodman, Jim Hicks, Nancy Gatens, Dennis Fay, Anne & Jack Saunders, Honey Biesinger, Ron Reilly, Nell Commene, Frank Lenger, Marinus Hoogenboom Snr, Mario Sbisà, Francisco & Elisa Escano, John Brian Collins, Deborah Bajor, Terry Collins.**

## 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.

*St Joseph,*

**A PRAYER to ST JOSEPH**

You were receptive to God working in your life. Help us by your prayers at this time of trial. You kept Jesus and Mary under your watchful care: may your prayers assist our local Church to respond to those in need.

You taught the Christ Child your trade and prayers: help us to follow his example of love.

You were part of God's plan for all humanity: assist us to be vigilant and responsible this day.

You spent your life in service: may we be mindful of others, particularly the elderly and vulnerable, caring for them in these difficult days.

You trusted in the clear primacy of God over all history and every situation: help us to grow in faith and pray to the Father, *Thy will be done.*

Amen





## St Vincent de Paul Society

*A Message from Jan Phippard.*

SVDP is still active and doing visits. People are advised to call the centre if they need assistance.

Contact 1800 305 330  
Mon – Fri 10 am-3 pm

## THE COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2020

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



**1<sup>st</sup>**

**2<sup>nd</sup>**

**3<sup>rd</sup>**

**4<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> Prizes – Coles / Myer Gift Cards**

**The Raffle Draw Date is now September.**

**NOW THAT CHURCH ATTENDANCE IS BEING INCREASED**

There are approximately 25 parishioners who need to return their raffle books

**SO**

If this is you, could you please hunt out the book and return it to mass or put it into the letter slot to the left of the Parish House front door in an envelope marked Raffle **by the end of July**

Thank you to everyone who has sold and returned tickets.

Marg Vallence 0403 568 302

[rafflespje@gmail.com](mailto:rafflespje@gmail.com)

### Newsletter via Email

The Archdiocese is experiencing problems with its email system, resulting in delayed or non-delivery

If you do not receive your newsletter via email it is also available for you on the parish website.

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

## Newgrange Spiral



The wonderful Newgrange spiral in Ireland. Surely a strong symbol of Trinity. There have been many connotations about its meaning. Carved some 5200 years ago, some of these connotations include: life-death-rebirth, spirit-mind-body, **mother-father-child**, past-present-future, power-intellect-love and creation-preservation-destruction to name but a few. We can add **Father-Son-Holy Spirit**.

## FR JOSEPH HOMILY

### The Most Holy Trinity, Year A, 2020

Perhaps 2000 years before Christ, Abraham was called by God to be the father of the Jewish people who were to worship the one and only true God. But it took a long time for the Jewish people to learn that there was only one God. In the time of Abraham, most people believed that there were many gods. When Abraham moved to what would become the Promised Land, all his neighbours still believed in many gods.

500 years later Moses had to scold the Jewish people for falling into idol worship. The lesson of believing in one God only was a very slow one.

Sometimes the Old Testament spoke of God like a son, or like a lover spirit, but the emphasis was always on one.

Then Jesus came. Jesus was more explicit. Jesus seemed to equal himself to God (but he still spoke of God as his father) and Jesus seemed to equal his Spirit of God but he still did not say he has God's spirit. Learning and understanding of who God was came very slowly. In fact, it was not until three or four hundred years later, after much discussion and prayer, that the ecumenical councils of the Church finally made it very clear that God was three in one. Only 400 years after Jesus was the truth taught with certitude that God is Trinity. It is like saying that God is somewhat like a "family," the way God is "somewhat like a three leaf clover/shamrock" (St Patrick of Ireland). And there are three persons in this "family". But God not exactly like human family. A human family has a beginning. God has no beginning. The son in a human family comes after the family is formed. The son in God's "family" did not come later, but always was. And God's "family" was not formed - it too, always was. What does all this mean? What practical value is there in belief in one God who is a "family" of three persons?

It means that we can run to God as we would run to a father.

It means that we can confide in God as we would confide in an elder brother.

It means that we can speak to God in whispers as we might speak to a sweetheart who is one with us in spirit.

