



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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
8th November 2020 Issue No 42

Thirty- Second Sunday, Year A, 2020 **Fr. Joseph's Homily**

If a person has medical insurance, he/she pays his/her premium to the company every month, and if he/she has an accident or gets sick, the company pays his/her expenses. It is automatic. The person does not have to know the top official in the company in order to be paid.

Is that the way it is in the Church? So long as you follow the Commandments, so long as you keep the rules you will go to heaven? You do not have to know Jesus personally and as a friend?

Christianity is not mainly knowing rules and following rules, knowing beliefs and following beliefs. It does not mainly know the life history of Jesus. All these things are good, but not the main thing.

Christianity is mainly knowing Jesus and walking with Jesus and talking with Jesus.

In today's gospel (Matt 25:1-13), the foolish virgins cried, "Master, master! Open the door for us! And the master said, "I tell you, I do not know you." It is not enough for us to say, "Jesus, Jesus, I know all about you. I know your commandments. I follow your rules."

No, we must walk with Jesus and talk with Jesus. In the company of the Church (the people of God) we must know personally the top official: Jesus.

Fr. Joseph Xin Lu

PARISH UPDATE

To all our parish family, great news we will be re-opening our Church the weekend of 7/8th November 2020. Mass times - 6.00pm Saturday, 9.00am, 11.00am and 5.00pm on Sunday. Due to the restrictions of numbers, we are allowed only 20 parishioners on this first weekend. Mass will be celebrated outdoors at SPJE school (Undercroft, where we held our 50th Anniversary, next to the oval, parking available in school carpark).

Those parishioners who do not have access to emails, please contact the parish office by telephone on 9723 4275. **Please leave a clear message with your name, preferred Mass time and a current contact number.**

If you cannot attend the Mass you have been accepted for, we ask that you contact us as soon as possible so we can allocate the time slot to another parishioner.

Please email Adriana – mooroolbark@cam.org.au

As from 14th/15th November we will be allowed to register 50 parishioners for outdoor Masses, you will be advised of the process for this registration next week.

We will notify the 50 attendees for each mass on Fri morning 13th November.

Joseph Lu Xin & PPC Council

Readings for Next Week – 15th November 2020

Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31;
1 Thess 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30



We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;

***Trish Fenton, Annette Andrewartha,
Julia & Mabel Dana, Rose Robert,
Lorraine Downie, Trish Leahy,
Jean Blencowe, Nancy Greco &
Danielle Devlin.***

✠ Remembrance Diary ✠

We remember those who have died and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

7/11 to 13/11

**Monica Stretch (1st Death Anniversary)
Edna Morrissey, John Shevlin, Gwendoline
Ede, Michiel Adriaansz, Bryan Gartlan,
Frances O'Donnell, Mollie Cox, Liza Chan,
Anthony Cassidy, Albert Arman, Bridget
Prudden, Frank Van Gorp, John Eymard
O'Connor, Isabella Cochrane, Elsie Parkinson,
Tess Smith, Adele Steadman, Marjory Sheedy,
Anthony McCarrey, Nora Walls, Theodore
Bien, Francis Michael O'Brien,
Emilia La Morticella & Zac Sanzari.**

With great excitement, we are re-opening for Masses this weekend.

We are fully booked for 6.00 pm, 9.00 am & 11 am.

Based on this we will require our parishioners to be flexible to ensure that we do not breach the guidelines for outdoor religious worshipping.

Masses will be held at the Undercroft at SPJE School with access via the school carpark in Reay Road. You can enter the carpark and veer left towards the basketball courts. There will be a person there to direct you to car spaces. **Strictly no parking allowed on any of the soft court surfaces.**


A COVID Safe Plan will be displayed at all Masses and attendees are required to adhere to this Plan. **MASKS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES** and sanitizing stations will be set up with recording of contact details for tracing purposes, if required.

With regards to the distribution of Holy Eucharist, The Archbishop asks that Holy Eucharist is received by hand only (and not directly on the tongue), as a precautionary step to protect against COVID-19. This is not done lightly, because in normal circumstances the Church in Australia does not limit reception of the Sacrament to one way or another. This is not a permanent situation and will be reviewed at each significant change in the Victorian Roadmap. The Archbishop will lift this requirement at the earliest opportunity, we trust that you will understand and adhere to this guideline.

There will be a further update for Masses on the weekend of 14th/15th November where 50 people will be allowed at outdoor gatherings. Bookings will be essential - an additional method of booking your preferred Mass will be available on the Parish Webpage : <http://pol.org.au/mooroolbark/Home.aspx> from **Tuesday 10th November 2020.**

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness : only light can do that.. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that.”

Martin Luther King Jnr : A Testament of Hope



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE LINK



LIVE STREAM MASS

<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

11am MASS ON SUNDAY

The 11 o' clock mass from the cathedral may be seen on channel c31 (press 44)

The **Ready, Set, Pray!** Children’s Liturgy of the Word @ Home video series has been created to provide an engaging space for families to encounter Jesus through the Sunday gospel.



Each week includes an invitation for families to gather in their own prayer space, to sing, hear the Gospel, pray and respond creatively through an activity.

This weekly resource follows the familiar Children’s Liturgy of the Word format provided in many parishes – but moved to an online setting. It can be used by families in their homes, and also by teachers and catechists.

The series consists of 10 weekly sessions of 15-20 minutes duration, which commenced from Sunday 18th October and continues each Sunday until Christmas. We hope this experience of gathering for prayer will encourage families in this time when they cannot gather for parish celebrations of Eucharist. It is produced by Proclaim: The Office for Mission Renewal at the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

<https://bit.ly/ReadySetPray>

It is hoped that by 8 November that Metropolitan Melbourne will be able to meet the allowances permitted for Regional Victoria. Our voices and prayers are being heard.

METRO MELBOURNE:

As of 11.59pm, Tuesday 27 October

- **Faith communities:**
 - Outdoor religious ceremonies** permitted up to 20 people, in addition to those required for the service.
 - Indoor religious ceremonies** can be held with up to 10. There has been no indication that the faith leader is additional here and we need to get confirmation on this.

(Note: Indoor and Outdoor services are not to be held concurrently, it is an either or, or alternating, for example).

- **Weddings** permitted up to ten people outdoors.
- **Funerals** permitted up to 20 mourners. This limit doesn’t include babies under 12 months of age, or the people required to conduct the funeral.

HEART OF LIFE

Are you a Spiritual Leader? – The Spiritual Leaders Program is a one-year, part-time program held on Friday mornings (and some Friday afternoons). It is suitable for people in outreach ministries and various positions of leadership within their faith community, such as priests, ministers, members of religious Orders, lay ecclesial ministers, community and spiritual leaders, chaplains, pastoral carers, and those in health and education. The program, which commences in Feb 2021, focuses on personal integration of the theory and practice of a contemplative, discerning approach to pastoral ministry. Previous participants have commented that this Program has been transformational in terms of their personal spirituality and their leadership skills. The Program may be available online via Zoom, face-to-face, or a combination of both. Apply to Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation in Malvern, VIC. Fee-Help is available to qualifying participants. Brochure and application form at www.heartoflife.melbourne or tel 03 9890 1101.

St. Leo the Great Pope and Doctor

Late Fourth Century – 461

November 10 – Memorial

Liturgical Color: White

Patron Saint of popes and confessors

History has so far conferred on just two popes the title of “Great,” and today’s saint is one of them. Leo the Great’s origins are obscure, so nothing is known with certainty of his early life. He was, though, ordained into Holy Orders and rose to prominence as a papal advisor in the 420s. He corresponded with eminent theologians and acted as a papal emissary before he was elected Bishop of Rome in 440. Leo was a pope’s pope. He expanded the power and influence of the papacy at every opportunity. The Church’s earliest theological tradition rooted Rome’s primacy in the double martyrdom of Saints Peter and Paul in the eternal city. No other city could claim to have been sanctified by the blood of two martyrs. Pope Leo, however, emphasized what was to become a more dominant argument for papal supremacy—that the pope’s authority is not rooted merely on the historical fact that Peter and Paul died on Roman ground but on the theological fact that the Bishop of Rome occupies the Chair of Saint Peter.

By word and action, Leo repeatedly taught that the pope’s power was unequalled and without borders, that the pope was the head of all the world’s bishops, and that every bishop could have direct recourse to the pope, and not just to the local archbishop, in disputed matters. Pope Leo thus accelerated an existing tendency consolidating church governance and authority under a Roman umbrella. Regional or even local decision-making by individual dioceses or groups of dioceses did occur. But in important theological, moral, or legal matters that affected the entire church, every bishop rotated in a steady orbit within the powerful gravitational field of Rome. Pope Leo also enacted a more aggressive papal role directly overseeing and enforcing discipline over bishops, intervening in and settling disputes. The Catholic Church is not an international federation of dioceses, after all. It needs a strong center of gravity to ensure that centrifugal forces do not unwind the universal church into a galaxy of independent national churches, united in name only.

In 452 Pope Leo entered the history books when he rendezvoused with Attila the Hun in Northern Italy, convincing him not to sack Rome. A legend says that Attila turned back because he saw Saints Peter and Paul standing right behind Leo. While outstanding as an effective and practical leader, Pope Leo is most known for the concision, depth, and clarity of his sermons and letters, for which he was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1754. He was the first pope, after Saint Peter himself, buried in Saint Peter’s Basilica. His remains lie under a beautiful marble relief sculpture of his famous meeting with Attila.





ST. VINCENT de PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL



Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who purchased TOMATO PLANTS. The venture was most successful to the extent that we sold out.

We are expecting a greater call on our resources over the next few months when many will encounter hardship as a result of the affect of Covid.

As a result of this and because we were not able to have our usual Winter appeal we will be having a Christmas appeal at all the Masses on the First Sunday of Advent 28th -29th November.

Envelopes will be on the seats and for those who wish direct debt can be made into our bank account .

St Vincent de Paul Conference Mooroolbark

BSB: 063 003

A/c No: 1008178758

If you require a receipt please let us know.

We will also be supplying Christmas Hampers and toys to many families so that they can enjoy Christmas.

Our Christmas Tree with the usual tags will be at all the Masses from the 14th November and we will be very grateful if you can help as you have over many years. There are also tags for donations for those who prefer not to buy gifts.

There is no need to wrap the gifts as we have to open them before we give them out.

All parcels should be returned by the 14th December.

Thank you all for your ongoing support of the Mooroolbark Conference of St. Vincent de Paul, your generosity helps us to continue our very important work of helping those in need.

*Jan Phippard
President, SVDP Mooroolbark*

SVDP Christmas Cards and Columban Calendars

We will again be selling St Vincent de Paul Christmas cards and Columban Calendars at all Masses from the 14th November.

Christmas cards are \$5.00 for a pack of 8.

Columban Calendars \$9.00

