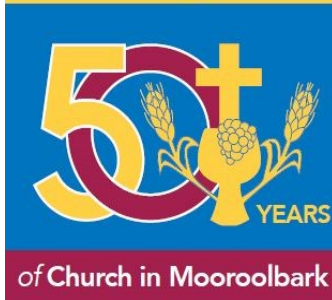


St Peter Julian Eymard Parish



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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Fr. Joseph Xin Lu

Parish Secretary
Mrs. Adriana De Leo

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Mr. Brian Twining

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Parish Hall - contact Parish Office

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

SPJE - Outside School Hours Care
Tel: 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 - 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

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The following three reflections come from a book, entitled 'God is in the Manger - Reflections on Advent and Christmas' written by Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945), a German pastor and theologian who was killed for speaking out against the Nazi regime.

"Advent creates people, new people."
"Jesus stands at the door knocking" (Rev. 3:20).
In total reality, he comes in the form of the beggar, of the dissolute human child in ragged clothes, asking for help.

He confronts you in every person that you meet.
As long as there are people,
Christ will walk the earth as your neighbour,
as the one through whom God calls you,
speaks to you, makes demands on you.

That is the great seriousness
and great blessedness of the Advent message.
Christ is standing at the door;
he lives in the form of a human being among us."

"God is in the manger, wealth in poverty,
light in darkness, succour in abandonment.
No evil can befall us; whatever people may do to us,
they cannot but serve the God who is secretly
revealed as love and rules the world and our
lives."

Michelle McCourt - Parishioner

PARISH CALENDAR

DECEMBER

7/8th Dec	2nd Sunday of Advent BAPTISMS Melbourne Overseas Mission Special Collection 11am Parish Farewell Mass for Maria Bast & Martine Verhagen
12th Dec	Graduation Dinner - St Rich School - 5.30pm Music Practice - 7.30pm church
14/15th Dec	3rd Sunday of Advent 9am Mass - Baptism
16th Dec	SPJE End of School Mass - 12.30pm
17th Dec	SPJE Graduation - 7pm
18th Dec	End of Term 4.
19th Dec	Music Practice - Church 7.30pm
21/22nd Dec	4th Sunday of Advent Monthly Church Collection 11am Mass - Baptism

Christmas Mass Times

24th Dec	6pm Mass - SPJE School Oval 5.30pm Carols 9pm Mass - Church 8.30pm Carols
25th Dec	9am Mass & 11am Mass

ROSTERS

Counters

9th Dec	Bob & Wies Dight
16th Dec	Paul Redfern & Norm Willingham

Flowers

Dec	Advent (No Flowers)
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Cleaners

9th Dec	D'Almeida Family
16th Dec	Peter & Anne Holt & Wernert Family

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

Ministers of Eucharist Coordinators for December

6.00 pm	Bernadette Brown
9.00 am	Pam Delahunt
11.00am	Mike McCann

Readers and Commentators - 14/15th December

6.00 pm	Michael McLindon & Craig Hume
9.00 am	Andrea Braganza & Lilette de la Harpe
11.00am	Charlotte Wightman & Elizabeth Acabado

Musicians - 14/15th December

6.00 pm	Shelly & Co
9.00 am	Strum
11.00 am	Juno

Weekday Mass Times

Weekday Masses
Tue - Fri 9.15am

Readings for Next Week – 14/15th Dec

Is 35:1-6, 10; James 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill,
**Pat McCann, Trish Fenton, Freddy Chavez,
Peter Margerison, Judith Griffith, Annette
Andrewartha, Julia & Mabel Dana, Jan Smith,
Wilfred Howarth, James Heaton, Joan
McArthur.**

† Remembrance Diary †

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

7/12 to 13/12

**Herman Van Rooden, Kevin Johnson, Sr
Francis Therese Marshall, George Watson,
Nicholas Timms, Jack Gavin, Betty Stats,
Joseph Golja, Avelino Ventura Jnr, Tony
Bucciarelli, Sheliah Ann Eddy, Edilberto
Pangilinan, Beverley Marily Canete, Susan
Chadwick, Lorraine Lunghusen, Margaret
Galea, Frank D'Orival, Thelma Dight, Rudi
Franz, Vladimir Klepac, Alfred Anderson,
George Bell, George Hewerdine, Francis
Chea Wan Kong, Valerie Hope, James**

December 8, 2019 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

Lord we ask for your blessing upon this wreath. As
we light these candles we wait with joyful hope for
the coming of Emmanuel - the hope of ages.

Let your blessing also be upon us as we keep this time
of Advent.

May the wreath and its
light remind us of your
presence and of the light
of life that Jesus, the
Emmanuel, God-with-us
brings.



**“Melbourne Overseas Missions Annual Appeal -
7th and 8th December 2019”**

Melbourne Overseas Missions continues to assist the disadvantaged and marginalized in Papua New Guinea, Pakistan, Botswana, Peru and Jerusalem.

The work puts a key focus on the education of young people in socially and economically disadvantaged communities. Thousands of children and young people will have access to safe and engaging learning environments thanks to the generosity of the clergy and parishioners of the Melbourne Archdiocese. Melbourne Overseas Missions very much appreciates your generosity in facilitating this work and very much hopes it will continue.

**Donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible.
Envelopes available in the church pews**

BAPTISM

We welcome the following children to our Parish through Baptism :



Ameliah Bent, Cody Wellington, Archie & Jacob Robertson, Will Karsai, and Georgia Langworthy.

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



St Vincent de Paul Christmas Tree Appeal for 2019

The St Vincent de Paul Christmas tree will be in the foyer of the church from the 15th November. There will, as usual, be tags for gifts for children stating age and gender. There will also be tags for donations of money which will enable us to buy any extra gifts needed.

We would be most grateful if you could take a tag and return it with a gift or donation by the weekend of the 7-8th December.

We usually deliver 90 hampers and supply gifts to over 120 children.

We thank you for your generosity in helping us make Christmas brighter for the needy in our Parish.

**Jan Phippard - President - SVDP
Mooroolbark**

All past students and families of
**ST PETER JULIAN EYMARD PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

are warmly invited to farewell Mrs Maria Bast at our End of Year Mass on **Monday 16th December at 12.30. (On the oval)** Mrs Bast started teaching at SPJ in 1978 and has held many varied positions throughout her journey towards retirement. She has been Principal for the past 8 years and has left a lasting impression on many families throughout the parish of Mooroolbark. Mass will be followed by a sausage sizzle and some time to catch up with many friendly faces. Hope to see you there. Please join us to wish Maria a very happy retirement.



**What is a Plenary Council?
Why a Plenary Council?**

A Plenary Council is a formal meeting of the bishops and other representatives of all the dioceses and eparchies of the Catholic Church in Australia. Its purpose is to discern what God is asking of us in Australia at this present time. While the church should be asking that question continually, a Plenary Council is a particularly graced instrument for seeking the Holy Spirit's guidance. And it has the authority to make church laws on the results of its discernment. Although in the end it will be the bishops who will vote on any future directions for the church in Australia, they will be making those decisions in the light of a long listening to the Holy Spirit speaking through the voices of any of the faithful who wish to speak around Australia. This makes the Plenary Council 2020 different from the last one in 1937. Everyone has a chance to participate and to express whatever the Spirit is saying to them in their heart.

We hope over the next three years “to listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches”.

This was the instruction given to the seven churches of Asia Minor in the Book of Revelation. From that time on Christians have met to listen to the Spirit at times of important decisions. We are called to do so again.

Vatican II spoke of how God, who spoke in the past, “continues to converse” with the church (*Dei Verbum*, 8). Through our Plenary Council 2020, the Catholic Church hopes to enter more intensely into that divine-human dialogue.



CHRISTMAS ROSTER

The Christmas roster is available in the Church foyer.

Please note that there is no Midnight Mass this year.

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and people to assist Father Joseph are essential to ensure that these Masses run smoothly at SPJE.

Please approach or contact Bernadette Brown at Church or on mobile : 0447743138.

Bernadette will co-ordinate these rosters.

Advent Sunday 2 - 8 December

"Prepare a Way for the Lord" John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus. How do we prepare the way for Jesus in the lives of our young people ? Do we pray for them? Encourage and support them? Invite them to serve, and thank them? How can we be like John the Baptist to those people who do not know Jesus?

THANK YOU

Have you noticed the lovely embroidered banners and altar cloths for Advent and Christmas?

A big thank you to Lilette de la Harpe



SVDP Conference Mooroolbark

We will be again selling Columban Calendars and Christmas Cards at all Masses commencing 22nd November.

Columban Calendars \$9.00
Christmas Cards (pack of 8) \$5.00.



SPECIAL COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND



MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

To all those facing the uncertainty, danger and devastation of the fires to the north, please know that you are in our heartfelt prayers. We ask the Holy Spirit to bring renewed courage and strength to those who give so much of themselves at these critical times - our people at the fire fronts, those ministering and attending the injured, those caring for the homeless and displaced, those who will continue to bring support long after the last ember has gone out. We place our trust in you Lord, to shelter and protect our loved ones, friends, and all those who need your help.

St Vincent de Paul are on the ground throughout our communities providing support in those life-giving ways that people need in times of disaster and tragedy. May I encourage our people of Melbourne and beyond to support the Vinnies Bushfire Appeal through www.vinnies.org.au or through your local parish.

With every grace and blessing, I remain,
Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne

**Thank you to those who generously
donated to the Bushfire Appeal.**

Amount raised: \$1082.05

December 8, 2019 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." (Matthew 3:10)

Do you bear good fruit for Christ? Or, do you spend your time, talent, and treasure constantly acquiring more toys, clutter, and junk. Our time, our talent, and our treasure are gifts that God has given us. What we do with them is our gift back to God. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM Sister Rosalie Corrigan

Wishing all parishioners blessings for Christmas.
From Sister Rosalie.