



# St Peter Julian Eymard Catholic Church Mooroolbark Parish

*We are a Welcoming, Eucharistic and Spirit Filled Community*

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - 10th March 2024 Issue No: 7**

*"When we walk with God through suffering and darkness, we find the light"*

## PARISH CALENDAR

### MARCH

#### 9/10th 4th Sunday of Lent

12th Tue Musicians - Church 7.30pm  
13th Wed Mass of Anointing - 9.30am  
Musicians - Church - 7.30pm

#### 16/17th 5th Sunday of Lent

##### Sun 17th St Patrick's Day

Baptism - 11am  
19th Tue NO MORNING 9.30am MASS  
19th Tue Mercy Melbourne Mass, followed  
by Confession - 6.30pm  
19th Tue Musicians - Church - 7.30pm  
20th Wed Musicians - Church - 7.30pm

#### 23/24th PALM SUNDAY

25th Tue Musicians - Church - 7.30pm

### HOLY WEEK

26th Musicians - Church - 7.30pm  
28th Thur **HOLY THURSDAY** - Mass  
7.30pm  
29th Fri **GOOD FRIDAY**  
10am Stations  
3.00pm Procession of the Cross  
30th Sat **EASTER VIGIL** - 7pm  
31st Sun **EASTER SUNDAY** - 9am &  
11am Mass



## "Exile, Anger & Mercy"

### REFLECTION

This weekend we continue our Lenten Journey and prepare ourselves to reflect on God's amazing healing powers. In this reflection, we are invited to contemplate the profound message of God's love and the call to embrace the light of Christ. Jesus refers to the Old Testament story of Moses lifting the serpent in the desert, symbolising the future lifting up of the Son of Man on the cross. This imagery underscores the transformative power of Christ's sacrifice for our salvation.

The central theme revolves around God's boundless love for humanity. John 3:16 encapsulates this message, stating that God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but have eternal life.

We are called to reflect on the implications of this profound truth in our lives. The passage emphasises the need to embrace the light of Christ, acknowledging that those who do so come into the light and their deeds are done in God. It encourages believers to live in the truth, seeking redemption through faith in Christ and allowing His light to guide our actions, ultimately leading to eternal life in God's love. This Lent, reflect on how you can be God's hands.

Greg Thomas - Principal SPJE School

## St Peter Julian Eymard Parish Mooroolbark Parish

**Parish Priest**  
**Fr. Joseph**

**Parish Secretary**  
Mrs. Adriana De Leo

**Parish Office**  
234 Hull Road (PO Box 2) Mooroolbark 3138  
**Telephone: 9723 4275**

### Office Hours:

**Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri - 9.00am - 3.00pm**  
*(Office unattended on Wednesday)*

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

Email: [mooroolbark@cam.org.au](mailto:mooroolbark@cam.org.au)

**Parish Hall - Contact Parish Office**

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### Normal Mass Times at SPJE

Weekday Masses  
Tues & Wed : 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

## WEEKDAY MASS

**Tuesday & Wednesdays**

**9.30 am**

### **This Week's Readings - 10th March 2024**

**2 Kg 5:1-15: Ps 41:2-3; 42:3-4: R**  
**Lk 4:24-30**

### **Prayers for the Sick**

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill,  
especially

**Margaret McFadden, Ignatius Suan Lian  
Thang, Reji, Annette Eastham, Maria  
Cordedda, Ashley Taylor, Brenda & John  
Delosa, Sofia Aranco, Adrian Klep,  
Lawrence Burrows & Frankie Pettinella.**

### **† Remembrance Diary †**

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

**9/3 to 15/3**

Mary Spencer (first death anniversary),  
Mary Hanlon, Anton Soffici, Jack Lawrence, Margaret  
McMahon, Cora Sweerts, James Parslow, Agneta  
Pepping, Werner Rynski, Elaine Taylor, Norma Boyd,  
Leo Liedtke, Ann D'Orival, Ereda Beekman, Mary  
Phillips, John Sheridan, Osvaldo Iacobucci, Christina  
Mosca, Elizabeth Elms, June Gunst, Patrick Corrigan,  
Carmel Barro, Anthony Beck, James O'Connell, Maria  
Antonetta Bast 'Riet', Patricia Snowball,  
Lorraine Downie.

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER ROSTERS

Can you assist with Reading, Commentating, and  
other Ministries for Holy Week & Easter Masses,  
please place your name on the roster on the church  
notice board.



**Thank You.**

## ROSTERS

### Counters - Month of March

Joan & Maurie Prendergast

### Flowers - Month of March

No Flowers during Lent

### Church Cleaners - Month of March

Xavier & Muzeena D'Almeida

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

### Readers & Commentators - 9th & 10th March

6.00pm Pat Harman  
9.00am Karen Broughton & Volunteer req  
11.00am Charlotte Wightman & Richard Knight

### Readers & Commentators - 16th & 17th March

6.00pm Michael McLindon & Volunteer req  
9.00am Karen Broughton & Volunteer req  
11.00am Jun Romero & Volunteer req.

### Musicians - 29 & 10th March

6.00pm Paul & Co  
9.00am Filipino Group  
11.00am No Music

### Musicians - 29 & 10th March

6.00pm No Music  
9.00am Shelly & Co  
11.00am Zomi Group

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

*Reflect, today, upon how you look  
at those who are closest to you  
and spend some time trying to  
ponder the ways that God is alive  
in their lives.*

## 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

mclinoffice@gmail.com

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



## ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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



## Fourth Sunday of Lent 9 & 10 March



As the eldest child in a low-income farming family in rural Malawi, **Memory** faced many barriers to her education. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, she enrolled in a technical school and became the first female carpenter in her village.

**Please donate to Project Compassion.**

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today  
and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and  
envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.



## Anyone have Palm trees?

### Palm Sunday 24th March

We are seeking long large Palm Branches for decorating the church. Please advise the Parish Office or any of the Mass coordinators at weekend Mass if you are able to assist with Large Palm Branches.



Thank you

## WE WELCOME ALL NEW PARISHIONERS TO OUR PARISH

**WE HAVE NOTICED NEW PARISHIONERS ATTENDING WEEKEND MASS IN OUR CHURCH.**

**IF YOU WISH TO MAKE YOURSELF KNOWN, PLEASE SEE ONE OF OUR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS OR FR JOSEPH TO ASSIST YOU.**

**PLEASE PICK UP A CENSUS CARD IN THE FOYER (NEXT TO THE NEWSLETTERS)**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE US TO REGISTER YOU AS A PARISHIONER.**



## PALM SUNDAY/ EASTER RAFFLE

Thanks to the generosity of parishioners,

Especially the Ladies Lunch Girls and others,  
We have 5 fabulous prizes.

**Tickets will be on sale at all masses  
During March until draw date.**

**The Raffle will be drawn at  
Raid those money boxes -11.00am Mass 24<sup>th</sup> March**

**Tickets are \$1 each.**

**We would be very grateful to have volunteers to sell  
tickets at all masses.**



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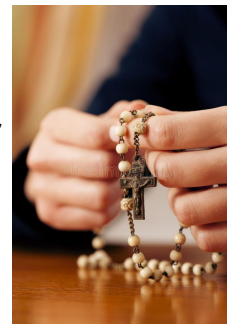
## ROSARY

We would like to invite Parishioners to join us as we recommence saying The Rosary in our church.

It is intended that we hold this after Tuesday Masses, starting about 10.00 am and beginning on the first Tuesday of Holy Week (i.e. 26<sup>th</sup> March)

Depending on the numbers, we will have leaders who will guide us in the various

Mysteries and a very short prompt to assist meditation of each Decade as we progress. Naturally, all are welcome to join us in this Devotion to Our Lady.



**Great  
Women  
of Faith**

*Portrait Exhibition  
by Barbara Skorupa*

**1-10 MARCH**  
ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

## MELBOURNE CATHOLIC - GREAT WOMEN OF FAITH EXHIBITION

**From 1 - 10th March**

St Patricks Cathedral will host the 'Great Women of Faith' portrait exhibition by Cologne-Artist Barbara Skorupa. This free exhibition features 24 pop art-style portraits of women from different cultures and eras. Not to be missed !!

Proudly brought to you by Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne and the Catholic Women's League of Victoria and Wagga Wagga, and Mary Glowry Museum. Sponsors ACU University, Catholic Development Fund, Catholic Archdiocese Schools.