



St Peter Julian Eymard Catholic Church Mooroolbark Parish

We are a Welcoming, Eucharistic and Spirit Filled Community

SPJE IS A CHILD SAFE ENVIRONMENT

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE WURUNDJERI PEOPLE, THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THIS LAND

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - 17th March 2024 Issue No: 8

“When we walk with God through suffering and darkness, we find the light”

PARISH CALENDAR

MARCH

23/24th PALM SUNDAY

25th Tue Musicians - Church - 7.30pm

HOLY WEEK

25th Mon Baptism Preparation Meeting -
7.30pm Church - Tim Newcomb

26th Tue Musicians - Church - 7.30pm

28th Thur **HOLY THURSDAY**
Mass 7.30pm

29th Fri **GOOD FRIDAY**
10 am Stations
3.00pm Procession of the Cross

30th Sat **EASTER VIGIL**
7.00 pm

31st Sun **EASTER SUNDAY**
9am & 11am Mass



“Exile, Anger & Mercy”

A FEATHERDUSTER

On the first Palm Sunday, the people fell down at the feet of Jesus, and in less than a week, he was crucified on a cross.

Today, they shout, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” and in less than a week, people shouted, “Crucify him!”

That’s the way life is for some people. Today: Palms! Tomorrow: ashes!

The Palm branches we now hold will soon become ashes for next Ash Wednesday.

One person put the same truth graphically when he said, “Today, a rooster! Tomorrow, a feather duster!”

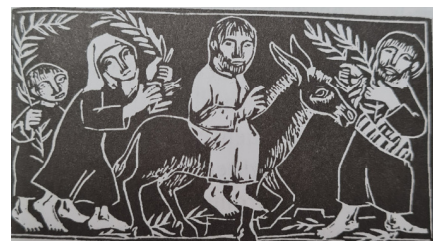
If all these things happened to Jesus, the sinless one, we sinners should not be surprised when they happen to us. For the servant is not above the master; they will do to us what they have done to Jesus if we are faithful to him.

If we are treated as Jesus was treated, we shouldn’t be surprised, in fact, if we are not treated like Jesus, we should be surprised and ask ourselves if we are being faithful to Jesus.

Like Jesus, let us not return insult for insult, false accusations for false accusations.

Jesus bore with all, not because he was a sinner, but because we are sinners.

Therefore, let us sinners also bear with all, as a small punishment for the past sins that we have committed.



St Peter Julian Eymard Parish Mooroolbark Parish

Parish Priest
Fr. Joseph

Parish Secretary
Mrs. Adriana De Leo

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Office Hours:

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

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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 & Wednesday

9.30am

This Week's Readings - 24th March 2024

Entrance: Mk 11:1-10: or Jn 12:12-16:
Is 50:4-7: Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24:
Phil 2:6-11: Mk 14:1 - 15:47:

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill,
especially

**Adrian Klep, Lawrance Burrows,
Margaret Fadden, John & Brenda De Losa,
Maria Cordedda.**

† Remembrance Diary †

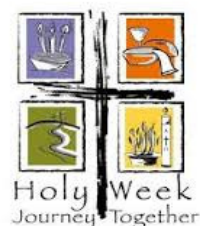
We remember those who have died, and all those
whose anniversaries occur about this time.

23/3 to 29/3

Leo O'Leary, Josephine Dennany, Amanda Clancy,
James Cairns, Hilda Joyce, William Collins, Fr Wally
Silvester, Nicole Rose, George Mazar, Len Decker,
Anne Colopaolo, Joseph Francis Johnston, Maria Thi
Nhi Cao, Victor Trealoar, John Woodhouse, Sr. Brenda
Keary RSJ, Patricia McCann, Betty Holt, Bernard
Brown, Antonia Tejero, Margaret Kierce, Antonio
Zicari, Jan Smith, Jim McLaughlin, Rocco Zinghini,
Val Stafford, Joan Kelly, Jessica Tilbury, Patricia
Stone, William Peters, Maryanne D'Rozario.

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, Tue, Thur & Friday, 9am - 3.30pm)*

Readers & Commentators - 23rd & 24th March

Passion Sunday

6.00pm Pat Harman & Paul Martin
9.00am Karen Broughton & Lili Stride
11.00am Geraldine O'Hare & Auna Wernert

Readers & Commentators - 30/31st April

6.00pm Special Roster
9.00am Special Roster
11.00am Special Roster

Musicians - 23/24th March

6.00pm Paul & Co
9.00am Filipino Group
11.00am Shelly & Co

Musicians - 30/31st April

6.00pm Special Roster
9.00am Special Roster
11.00am Special Roster

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

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Friday 12th April at 10.00 am - Sunday 14th April
5.00 pm
St Paul's Missionary College, Wantirna South
Every relationship is a journey and the grind of everyday life can easily cause you to lose touch with your spouse. Presented by Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME), this live-in weekend gives married couples time to nurture your relationship and some tools to keep passion alive in a gentle, supportive environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living.

Every married couple deserves a Marriage Encounter weekend! The weekend is based around Catholic values and couples of all faiths are welcome.

More information and booking can be made by contacting Mercy & James on 0409 183 676 or vicbookings@wwme.org.au.

To learn more about Worldwide Marriage Encounter, please visit wwme.org.au.



PALM SUNDAY
23 & 24th March



As Project Compassion 2024 comes to an end, we want to thank you for your incredibly generous support throughout Lent.

This year, we shared with you the story of three inspiring women from across the globe, who overcame challenges to complete their education, access water and find secure employment. With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities.

There is still time to donate! Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, **for all future generations.**

Please donate to Project Compassion

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



PALM SUNDAY/EASTER

RAFFLE

**Will be drawn
THIS WEEKEND**

End of 11.00am PALM SUNDAY MASS

We have 5 Basket prizes

PLUS

A Bonus Prize

We will sell tickets until the start of 11.00 am Mass

Good luck everyone

And thank you for your support of our parish

Winners will be notified.

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Ladies APRIL Luncheon

DORSET GARDENS HOTEL.

TUESDAY 2ND APRIL

Meet at 12 midday for lunch at 12.30

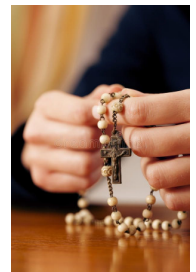
Contact Philomena Turner 0417 208 077
or Nancy Gough 0411 137 251

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. 26th 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.



CHILDSAFETY

**A REMINDER ONLINE TRAINING IS
REQUIRED FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS**

To access the training use this link in your browser
You will need access to your email to register.

<https://safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org/>

HOLY LAND COLLECTION - GOOD FRIDAY MARCH 29th 2024

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, March 29th. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing. Parishes, and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Due to the ongoing war, the Church and people of the Holy Land are still struggling with reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world. In 2023 Australian Catholics were once again extremely generous and we were able to send to the Holy Land nearly \$1.4 million [\$1.4 million (2022), \$1,126,098 (2021), \$406,023 (2020) and \$1.3 million (2019)]. The reality for the Holy Land mission is that they will continue to face challenges financial and spiritual and so we again ask Catholics around the world again to be as generous as possible, with their financial support as well as the spiritual support. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday. Thank you.