



# 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

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - 25th February 2024 Issue No: 5**

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

## PARISH CALENDAR

### FEBRUARY

#### 24/25th 2nd Sunday of Lent

Church Monthly Collection  
Sat. Wedding - 11.30am SPJE Church  
Sun. Baptism - 9am & 11am  
Private Baptism - 12.30pm  
27th Tue Eucharist Family Night - 7.00pm  
28th Wed Musicians Practice - 7pm Church  
29th Thur FDT Meeting—10am

### MARCH

#### 2/3 3rd Sunday of Lent

Baptism - 11am  
5th Tue SPJE School use of Church - 7pm  
6th Wed Musicians—Church 7.30pm

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

12th Tue Musicians - Church 7.30pm  
13th Wed Musicians - Church 7.30pm

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

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

Baptism - 11am  
19th Tue Musicians - Church - 7.30pm  
20th Wed Musicians - Church - 7.30pm

#### 23/24th PALM SUNDAY

25th Tue Musicians - Church - 7.30pm  
**HOLY WEEK**



## "Promise, Pledge & Repent"

### REFLECTION

The Observation of the English mystic poet William Blake that 'great things happen when men and mountains meet' is true of such pivotal events in the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures as Moses' reception of the Ten Commandments on Mt Sinai and the transfiguration of Jesus 'on a high mountain'. In the later instance, as recorded by all three synoptic writers and now included in the luminous mysteries of the rosary by St John Paul II, Jesus is revealed as the long-awaited Messiah. Accompanied by representatives of the Law and the Prophets (Moses and Elijah), he is transfigured in the presence of Peter, James and John. Is human bodiliness becomes the vehicle through which his inner reality as God-Man shines forth. Surely, this was a source of hope to his disciples after Jesus' prediction of his death by crucifixion became a reality. Alluding to this event Peter wrote: "We had been eyewitnesses of his majesty .... While we were with him on the holy mountain' (2 Peter 1:16-18).

*God's Word  
Daily Reflections 2024*

## 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)

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**School Principal - Mr. Marcus Gill**  
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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 - 25th Feb 2024**

**Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18/Ps 115:10, 15-19:R**  
**Rom 8:31-34: Mk 9:2-10:**

### **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, especially  
**Sr Honora Wardle RSM. (Sister of Kath McKenna)**  
and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

**24/2 to 1/3**

**Arne Bouwhuis, Maria Aranco, Brian Gough, Anna Robertson, Armando La Morticella, Alan Porter, Ruby Roker, Cynthia Hicks, Helen Adams, Judith Mountain, Barbara Priestly, Leonard Peres, Brian Richmond, Peter Margerison, Gladys O'Connell, Kevin Keane, Christine Butler.**



We welcome to our Parish through  
Baptism

**Charlotte & Tyler Byrne,**  
**Lara Black, Theodoro Trapani.**

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

## ROSTERS

### Counters - Month of February

Christine Sellar & Karen Broughton

### Flowers - Month of February

Philomena Turner

### Church Cleaners - Month of February

Jun Romero Family

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

### Readers & Commentators - 24/25th February

6.00pm Pat Harman & Iris Gale  
9.00am Karen Broughton & Lilette de la Harpe  
11.00am Charlotte Wightman & Volunteer

### Readers & Commentators - 2/3rd March

6.00pm Roster in progress  
9.00am Roster in progress  
11.00am Roster in progress

### Musicians - 24/25th February

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

### Musicians - 2/3rd March

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

## 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

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Palestine  
Friday 1st March @ 10am  
Mooroolbark Baptist Church - 153 Hull Road  
Mooroolbark.  
Morning Tea Provided.

## THANK YOU

Merrell for the Lenten Reflection  
Banner

Ann for the Lenten Overheads.

Lilette and Bernadette for the  
preparation of the Church for Lent.



## Second Sunday of Lent 24 & 25 February



After the birth of her children, 22-year-old **Ronita** was at risk of having to leave school permanently. But, with the support of Caritas Australia's partners in the Philippines, she resumed her studies and secured a job at a call centre to support her family.

**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](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.

## A Reflection \_ 2nd Sunday of Lent\_Year B

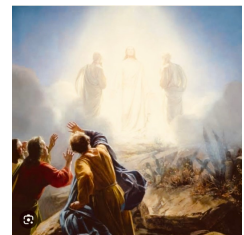
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"...And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus."

Mark 9.10

*Poor Peter! After Mary, the model of discipleship, yet here he is, once again getting it all wrong, the original Saint Foot in the Mouth! "Rabbi," he said to Jesus, "it is wonderful for us to be here, so let us build three tents - one for you, one for Elijah and one for Moses." In one sense overwhelmed, he wants the moment to last & not just for a moment, let this be forever; a fulfilment of dreams, an experience beyond endeavour. But the text gives the game away - "He did not know what to say, They were so frightened." Mark was writing out of and for a frightened community of believers; along with Peter's other missteps, recalling for these fellow believers the centrality of their faith in Jesus the Christ. These followers of the Prophets with Elijah, and of the Law with Moses, are afraid for their lives and livelihoods because they have heard & embraced the Good News of Jesus, but at what cost? They are in a cloud of unknowing, of doubt and denial, of downplaying the call of discipleship. They know what Peter is experiencing, for that is now their own experience as they are rejected from the synagogues, so costing them and their families, as they lose friends & social support, jobs & safety; and they are likewise in peril from the Roman occupying forces attempting to stamp out Jewish faith & life. Yet Mark's message remains clear if not cosy: "This is my Son, the Beloved, listen to him." How often am I in a cloud of unknowing, experiencing fear, doubt & denial, trying to downplay the Gospel call as I accommodate to passing fashions or beliefs or new gurus? How often does being a believer seem to be too much, too over the top? When am I afraid? Where do I deny my beliefs for comfort sake? Today Mark is speaking to to me, to us, in our world of confusion, fear, double standards & doubt. And how do I respond? This is what Lent is about: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him'*

*Michael McLindon, fellow Lenten Pilgrim.*



Coming Soon

### **PALM SUNDAY/EASTER RAFFLE**

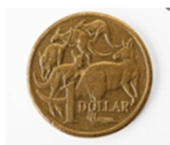
**Tickets will be on sale at all masses during  
March until draw date.**

**The Raffle will be drawn at 11.00am Mass 24<sup>th</sup>  
March**

**Raid those money boxes**

**Tickets are \$1 each.**

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### **Ladies MARCH Luncheon**

**Tuesday 5th March  
GROOVE TRAIN**

Shop pad P4 ,  
Chirnside Park Shopping Centre  
Maroondah Hwy, Chirnside Park  
Meet at 12 midday for lunch at 12.30  
Contact Philomena Turner  
0417 208 077 or  
Nancy Gough 0411 137 251