



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

We acknowledge the Wurundjeri People, the traditional custodians of this land

Parish Priest
Fr. Joseph

Parish Secretary **Parish Assistant**
Mrs. Adriana De Leo Mr. Brian Twining

Parish Office
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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

Parish Hall - Contact Parish Office

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

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
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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
26th February 2023 Issue No. 4

Gospel Mathew 4:1-11 **Jesus is tempted in the desert.**

The Gr 6 children of SPJE listened to and unpacked Mathew 4: 1-11.
Here are some of their thoughts and wonderings...

Jesus went into the desert. He went without food or water for 40 days and forty nights.
Maz, Lucas, Alessandro.

Jesus was hungry and thirsty and even though he was weak, he did not give up. We can relate this to our lives by not giving up when things get hard for us or by not listening if someone tells us to give up.
Ryan, Ivy

Jesus did not give into temptation while in the desert and he prayed to God for guidance, we can pray for guidance too.
Alannah, Siankop

I wonder...

Why did Jesus want to test himself?
What did it feel like to not eat and drink for 40 days?

What was the first thing Jesus ate?
Why did Jesus go by himself?

Aedin Braun
RE Leader SPJE School

**PARISH
CALENDAR**



**FEBRUARY
2023**

25/26th **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**
Monthly Church Collection
Baptism - 11 am
Baptism - 12.30 Private

MARCH

2nd Thu Parish Pastoral Council
Meeting - 5.30 pm P. House
4/5th **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**
Baptism - 6 pm

11/12th **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**
Baptism - 11 am

14th Tue Baptism Preparation Meeting -
7.30 pm - Tim Newcomb
16th Thu F.D.T. Meeting - 10 am

18/19th **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
Baptisms - 11 am

25/26th **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
Baptisms - 9am & 11am

Weekday Mass Times
Tuesday & Wednesday
9.30 am Mass

Readings for Next Week - 5th March
Second Sunday of Lent
Gen 12:1-4: Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22:
2 Tim 1:8-10: Mt 17:1-9

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;

Sophia Aranco

† Remembrance Diary †

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

25/2 to 3/3

Maria Aranco, Brian Gough, Anna Robertson, Armando La Morticella, Alan Porter, Ruby Roker, Cynthia Hicks, Helen Adams, Judith Mountain, Barbara Priestley, Leonard Peres, Brian Richmond, John Margerison, Gladys O'Connell, Kevin Keane, Christine Butler, Jean Dyason, Joseph Reading, Bill Fuller, Claire McKiernan, Michael Redfern, Heather Derix, Noreen Burke, Rosemary McGrath, Rosina Gajewski, Luke Scudds, Bruce Gardner.

ROSTERS

Counters - Month of March

Maurie & Joan Prendergast

Flowers - Month of March

No Flowers for Lent

Church Cleaners - Month of March

Francis Braganza & Laurel Simpson

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

Readers and Commentators - 4/5th March

6.00 pm Paul Redfern & Paul Martin
9.00 am Marinella Mack & Volunteer req
11.00am Elizabeth Acabado & Volunteer req

Musicians - 4/5th March

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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL



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



BAPTISM

We welcome to our Parish through
Baptism

Luka Mitchell & Pia Hall

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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The focus this year is on Taiwan and the speaker is the Communications Officer for the Bible Society – Penny Mulvey.

The service will be at St Margaret's Uniting Church on Friday March 3rd at 10:30

All invited

Contact: Joyce Dodge
Email: gjdodge25@tpg.com.au

A Contemplative Space (monthly via Zoom with two in-person sessions), 2nd Friday of month starting March-November from 10 am – 12pm (AEDT) with Leslie Hanger.

An invitation to take time out and nurture your soul in a contemplative space. These monthly gatherings offer opportunities for meditation, personal reflection and time for sharing. The sessions will be held online except for May and November when the group will meet in-person at Heart of Life. This is a great opportunity to develop connections with others and support each other's contemplative journey. Join us for individual sessions or book for the entire 9 sessions commencing with 10 Mar 2023. Cost: \$25 per session or \$200 for the series. Book and pay by 6/3/23 via www.heartoflife.melbourne.

Understanding Your Personality Type: Gifts Differing (in-person event), Saturday 18 March from 10 am – 3.30 pm with Peter Malone msc.

Our graced selves, praying, communicating... This is a Myers Briggs reflection day. Attendees can complete the Personality Type Indicator form on the day. Cost: \$60 (BYO lunch). Book and pay by 15/3/23 via www.heartoflife.melbourne.



REMEMBER
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CATHOLIC
THEOLOGICAL
COLLEGE



UNIVERSITY
of DIVINITY

Enrolments are still open for Semester 1 at the Catholic Theological College.

We have many areas of study that may be of interest such as *John Henry Newman and the Church in the Nineteenth Century, Pastoral Leadership for a Safe Church and many online options*

For more information contact:
registrar@ctc.edu.au or visit ctc.edu.au

An extract from an article in Melbourne Catholic

The gospel for the first Sunday in Lent
(Matthew 4:1–11)

We read that Jesus is led into the wilderness by the Spirit. This is part of God's plan.

There is something in the desert for Jesus to see and experience, but there is also something for him to resolve.

Jesus is led into the wilderness to be tempted and tested on a number of fronts—on his priorities, on his relationship with the Father, on who he is going to be and how he is going to follow his calling

Things we too need to consider in response to our own baptisms, our own callings.

So as we embark again on this Lenten journey, travelling with Jesus deep into the wild regions of our lives, may we experience our own hunger and profound need of God. And may we listen attentively to the quiet voice of the Spirit, so that we might learn to trust the God who created us and who longs to give us all that we need.

*Lucy Davison
Communications Office
Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne.*

*For the full article visit
<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/into-the-wild-a-lenten-reflection>*

Have you Changed?

Phone number

Email Address

Residential Address/Mail Address,

Please notify the Parish Office on 9723 4275 or email mooroolbark@cam.org.au





We begin our annual Lenten Project Compassion journey by learning about Laxmi, a 16-year-old girl living in a remote district in Nepal where almost half of the population live below the poverty line. Tragedy struck when Laxmi was ten and her father passed away. Her father worked hard to pay for his children's education and, after losing him, Laxmi was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty.

With the support of Caritas Australia's partner, Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club at her school. She developed the skills and confidence to become a leader, advocating for clean water taps at her school.

Laxmi is now excelling in her studies and working towards her dream of becoming a civil engineer. She continues to be involved in the child's club, mentoring the next generation of young leaders at her old school.

Support Project Compassion today:
www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Watch Laxmi's story here: www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/laxmi-story-video



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Please enquire further about potential assignments for you or someone you know:

RING: 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567. WEB: www.palms.org.au

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/>

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

Attached to the newsletter email is the Parish's **Code of Conduct and Declaration** for volunteers.

All volunteers, in whatever role, **are required to read and acknowledge that they have read the declaration**, by signing it on the last page and having someone witness their signature.

The parish can provide full printed copies on request

When completed please give the forms to any Pastoral Council member, or to Fr Joseph