



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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Office Hours:

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

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Parish Hall - Contact Parish Office

SPJE Parish School

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Telephone 9725 0595 Fax 9723 9255

School Principal – Mr. Greg Thomas

<http://www.spjemooroolbark.catholic.edu.au>

St. Richard's Parish School

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School Principal - Mr. Marcus Gill

<http://www.srkilsyth.catholic.edu.au>

Normal Mass Times at SPJE

Weekday Masses

Tues: 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

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5th February 2023 Issue No. 1

Reflection

In a world that appears dark, what kind of light
will people turn to?

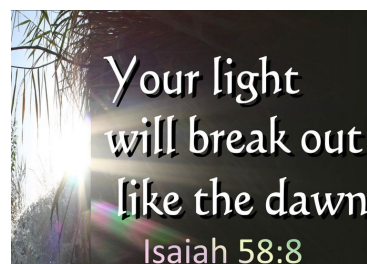
Perhaps it depends on how we understand the
dark. Are the problems Godlessness,

secularism, relativism, sex, drugs and rock n'
roll? Or is the darkness more timeless: fear,
loneliness, regret and despair? It seems that

Jesus discovered these darkness's two
thousand years ago, just as Isaiah found before
him, and we find today. And the light, as ever,
is 'Good News for the poor': it is a light of
hope and healing; love and liberation. We

demonstrate our faith and our integrity by
serving the needy and offering justice to the
oppressed. We become the light that others
turn to, which attracts attention and trust.
Only then will we be able to speak out of the
power of God and not our own. As St Paul VI
put it, today's world 'listens more willingly to
witnesses than to teachers, and if (it) does
listen to teachers, it is because they are
witnesses.'

So let us be lights that shine for everyone.



God's Word Daily Reflections

PARISH CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2023

4/5th	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4th Feb Sat	Private Baptism - 3 pm
7th Tue	Weekday Mass - 9.30 am
7th Tue	FUNERAL
	Eleanor Thompson
	11.30 am
8th Wed	Weekday Mass - 9.30 am
8th Wed	Lenten Planning Meeting -
	7.30 pm Parish House
9th Thur	SPJE School Mass - 9.15 am
	Baptism Preparation Meeting -
	7 pm Church - Marg & Lili
11/12th	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	Pastoral Care Appeal - all Masses
12th	Private Baptism - 12.30 pm
18/19th	7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	Baptisms - 11 am
22nd Wed	ASH WEDNESDAY
	Beginning of Lent
	Mass 9.30 am
	Mass 7.30 pm (T.B.C.)
25/26th	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
	Monthly Church Collection
	Baptism - 11 am

ROSTERS

Counters - Month of February

Office Staff

Flowers - Month of February

Philomena Turner

Church Cleaners - Month of February

Margaret Kim & Esther Ngaihte

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

Readers and Commentators - 11/12th Feb

6.00 pm	Dympna Beard & Angela Stainwall
9.00 am	Marinella Mack & Karen Broughton
11.00am	Charlotte Wightman & Volunteer req

Musicians - 11/12th February

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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL



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

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday & Wednesday

9.30 am mass

Readings for Next Week - 12th February

Sir 15:15-20: Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34:R
1 Cor 2:6-10: Mt 5:17-37

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;

Max Pisotek & Sophia Aranco

† Remembrance Diary †

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

4/2 to 11/2

Rosa Turk, Mary Ward, Norma Foley,
Gerard Sheehan, Mary Willingham, Noel
McWilliams, Joe Khodr, Alan Tatnell, Rudolf
Quinless, Nancy Cornwell, James Cornford,
Josepha Doekes, Phillip Perna, Bernard Stats,
Craig Anning, Alan Pritchard, James
Steadman, Noelle Kelly, Pat Williams,
Wilhelmina Graafmans, Antoinette
Haughton, Peter Ayton, Caroline Bien, Bill
Heaney, Ellen Decker.



BAPTISM

We welcome to our Parish through
Baptism

Alessio Stilo

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

PARISHIONERS COLUMN NEWS - STORIES - REFLECTIONS



We would like to introduce a weekly column, where we invite parishioners to contribute items of interest.

Stories, anniversaries, reflections, interesting articles that can be shared with the parish community.

The articles can be emailed or dropped off to the parish office by Thursday morning.

PASTORAL CARE APPEAL 2023 11/12th February

Next weekend is the Pastoral Care Appeal in the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

Each year a special collection is conducted in all parishes, so that the vital work of the Catholic Chaplains can continue. The Chaplains support thousands of Victorians every year in hospitals, prisons and youth justice centres. Your gift can help people find comfort and hope as they go through some of their darkest times of their life.

Please give generously.

You can donate using the envelopes provided or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call

(03) 9287 5513

Sunday Morning Tea/Cuppa after 9am Mass Commencing this weekend

In order to continue with morning tea after 9am Mass on Sunday we need a few more helpers. Please see Karen or Lilette after Mass or advise Adriana at the parish office



St Vincent de Paul THANK YOU



Your generosity in donating so many toys and so much cash means that we were able to assist 80 families and 75 children with extra Christmas Joy.

Heartfelt thanks to all.

Richard Knight
Mooroolbark Conference President

SVDP FREEZER

SVDP have a medium size 200 litre free-standing freezer (Not Frost Free) available to someone requiring a freezer.

A small donation to SVDP would be appreciated.

Please email Richard Knight
richardknight8@gmail.com

LADIES LUNCH GROUP PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FOR FEB. LUNCHEON

With the sad passing of our dear friend Eleanor Thompson on Monday 30th Jan. her Funeral Mass at SPJE will be offered on Tues 7th Feb. at 11.30 am

Our rescheduled Ladies Luncheon will now be on

TUESDAY 14th FEBRUARY

Venue: CHIRNSIDE PARK COUNTRY CLUB
68 Kingswood Drive Chirnside Park
We will meet at 12 pm for 12.30 lunch

**PLEASE BE SURE TO RECONFIRM YOUR
BOOKING FOR THE CHANGED DATE
By Sunday 12th Feb**

Philomena Turner 0417 208 077
Nancy Gough 0411 137 251



Following on from the beatitudes in Matthew's gospel, Jesus speaks of his followers as salt and light. Is that us, we might wonder? While we may no longer preserve food with salt, though millions in the world still do, we all know something of the lift it can give to food. We don't want to overdo it, but no salt and our food might lack for something.

So, salt comes into its own when added to something else. That's our task, to add something to people's lives, to give what life we're able to those who share our lives. But Jesus then reminds us that salt can lose its distinctive character and be of no use except for salting the path. So too can we, when the world is too much with us.

If we adopt unwittingly the ways of the world and the call of Jesus fades into the background of our lives, we too will lose our character. To be in the world, to love it, but not be of it, is what's required of us if we are to be 'salt of the earth'. That is what we are to be in our street, in our neighbourhood, in our town and even beyond.

Jesus goes on to say that 'you are the light of the world'. Rather like salt, light doesn't illumine itself, so we're to share the light of Christ, who is the light of the world. That's what we are called to be: a light which will help illumine the lives of those with whom we share our lives. And as we begin to open our lives to others, we begin to recognise we belong to one another, and that this includes people in need, the hungry, the homeless, those left with nothing (as Isaiah says in the first reading). Then our light will shine 'like the dawn.'

When we do this we'll begin to live the beatitudes and be counted blessed. We'll learn to reveal the power of the Spirit and of God, as Paul says in the second reading. It begins with doing simple things. This light can also illumine the unease and, at moments, even the despair of our lives; and then we might find we're able to sit with people who feel weighed down by their lives. As we begin to do this, let us give thanks to God for enabling it, because we're living as God wants us to live.

So, don't hide our lights away, for what use is that, but put them on a stand, in order that they might shed some light in a darkening world. Let our good works be that light.

In this way Jesus encourages us to be salt and light for the world. When we do this, we're able to make a difference, and to witness to this way of living.

Damian Coleridge

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