

# 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

**Parish Priest**  
Fr. Joseph Xin Lu

**Parish Secretary**  
Mrs. Adriana De Leo

**Parish Assistant**  
Mr. Brian Twining

### Parish Office

234 Hull Road (PO Box 2)  
Mooroolbark 3138  
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<http://pol.org.au/mooroolbark/Home.aspx>  
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### 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>

**SPJE - Outside School Hours Care**  
Tel: 8215 9206

### 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 - Tuesday - Friday: 9.15 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



### ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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

## 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A

10th May 2020 Issue No 16

### FR JOSEPH HOMILY

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Year A, 2020

Perhaps we have heard some people say, “God is so hidden. I want to see His face. I want to hear his voice. I want to know what he wants me to do.”

These words are very much like the words of Philip in today’s gospel (John 14:1-12): “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.” Jesus said to him, “Philip, after I have been with you all this time, you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.” In effect, Jesus was saying, “I and the Father are one. I am equal to the Father. My thoughts and desires are my Father’s thoughts and desires. His plan for you is my plan for you.”

Some people say that God is so hidden. But God is not hidden. He is so clear in the person of Jesus, who is God. Daily, if we wish, God speaks to us in the gospels. Daily, if we wish, we can see his actions and hear his words. Jesus is not the representative of God, nor is he like God.

He is God, and he is not hidden.

After St Paul discovered this truth of Faith, he said to the Philippians (3:18), “I believe that nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus, my Lord. I have forfeited everything; I have accounted all else as rubbish so that Christ may be my wealth.”

“Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.”

## PARISH CALENDAR

**ALL WEEKEND & WEEKDAY  
MASSES HAVE BEEN  
SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER  
NOTICE**



### To all Fellow Parishioners



We are finding our way through a scary, lonely and confronting time during this Covid 19 virus.

We are cut off from our family and loved ones and depression can be a real problem.

For many older people the loss of independence is confronting.

Father Joseph and the Parish Pastoral Council want everyone to know that they are in their thoughts and prayers.

We are aware that sometimes people just need to talk to someone or get some practical help if required

We can be contacted through email:

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

or by ringing the Parish on 9723 4275.

**Please leave your name and contact number and someone will get back to you.**



## Readings for Next Week – 17th May

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pet 3:15-18;  
Jn 14:15-21.



We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;

**Trish Fenton, Annette Andrewartha, Julia & Mabel Dana, Matthew Arrowsmith, Rose Robert, Brian Allan, Lorraine Downie, Trish Leahy, Maria Devlin & Jean Blencowe.**

### † Remembrance Diary †

We remember those who have died, especially **Dorothy Smith** and all anniversaries that occur about this time.

**9/5 to 15/5**

**Elvira Pascetta, Peter Vos, Carmen Caruana, Kevin Collins, Isabel Clancy, Doris Weeks, Veronica McNeill, Alf Confeggi, Mary Carmody, Margretta den Broeder, Christian Van Den Akker, Bernadette Vear, Rosa La Morticella, Nancy Commene, Margaret Russo, Lynda Smyth, Elizabeth & Michael Gannon, Anthony Lizzi, Michelle Brown, Alice & James Lee, Vera Klepac, Maria Mesa, Mary O'Donnell, Victor O'Brien, Michael Lim.**

## THANKSGIVING PROGRAM

During this difficult time, parishioners are encouraged to continue to support the Parish financially. This support is essential to the ongoing weekly expenditure of our Parish.

Thanksgiving envelopes can be dropped off at the Parish Office. **(left side of front door).**

If you wish to donate via electronic funds you may wish to set up direct debit from your bank to the church account (please phone or email the office for the parish bank details)

If you prefer Credit Card payments this can be arranged by phone or email to the Parish Office. Please leave your name and phone number and Adriana will contact you.

Fr Joseph acknowledges your generosity and thanks you for your continued financial support.

## PARISH UPDATE - 10-5-2020

No Masses until further notice.

Funerals allowed with max of 10 people  
Weddings max of 5 people, including the Priest, wedding couple and witnesses.  
All Baptisms have been postponed until further notice.

Father Joseph will provide a homily.  
The weekly reflection will be included in the Newsletter and our Web page.

**Parishioners are encouraged to provide an email address so that they can receive weekly notices and updates.**

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

Please refer to The Catholic Archdiocese or Parish Website for updates.

### A Prayer for Mothers

*We thank you Lord for the great gift of motherhood.*

*It is within our mother's womb, that we began life.  
It is in her embrace that we have known safety and comfort.*

*It is through her encouragement that we grow and mature.*

*Lord, bless our mothers.*

*Draw close to them and hear their prayers for their children.*

*Give them the grace of surrendered love – a love that images the love of our heavenly mother, Mary.*

*May all mothers find daily the strength to love generously, the patience to endure graciously, and the grace to live their vocation of motherhood joyously.*

*We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ,  
Amen.*



## THE COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2020

**3 x ALL NEW SUZUKI BALENO TO BE WON!!!**



**1<sup>st</sup>**

**2<sup>nd</sup>**

**3<sup>rd</sup>**

**4<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> Prizes – Coles / Myer Gift Cards  
The Raffle Draw Date is now September.**

**HOWEVER**

myself and my family would like to once again be able to use our dining room table which is currently covered in Raffle Books.

**SO**

could you please place your tickets, sold or unsold,

in a clearly named envelope RAFFLE, in the letter slot to the left of the Parish House front door

**by the end of July**

Thank you to everyone who has sold and returned tickets.

Marg Vallence

0403 568 302

[rafflespie@gmail.com](mailto:rafflespie@gmail.com)

### CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE LINK LIVE STREAM MASS

<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

11am MASS ON SUNDAY

**PROJECT COMPASSION**

GO FURTHER TOGETHER

## Thank you

Parishioners please continue to return donation boxes to the parish house from now until

**10th May between 2pm - 7pm.**

Please ring the door bell and Fr Joseph will collect them from you.

We thank you for your kind donations.

### Greetings to all from Liturgy Brisbane

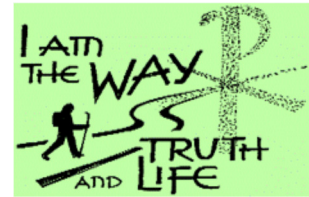
We invite you to explore the latest edition of LITed which looks ahead to what the Church may look like after Coronavirus, and reflects upon how we may have learned to see differently.

The current edition is now ready to view at <https://litedliturgybrisbane.weebly.com/>.

Very best wishes from the team at Liturgy Brisbane.

Newsletter Reflection  
5th Sunday of Easter  
Mothers' Day, 10 May 2020

+ *Jesus said to his disciples,  
"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, still, & trust in me"*



And what, pray, would Jesus say in Mooroolbark today?

While health, productivity, technology, communications, transport, even justice & social care systems, are so vastly different, we are still intimately connected to the first believers in our basic humanity & longing for community & goodness & hope. Being the Jesús People of a couple of millennia on, with our daily fill of images just as terrible & bleak, with public voices as relentlessly fearful & haunting, Quite a few of us are separated from family & friends; many alone, frail or ill, or without work or its possibility. Some of us managing family lockdown situations that seem impossibly demanding & never-ending. Seemingly locked-in to inescapable worry, sadness & anxieties for oneself, children, parents, family & friends, young & old, sadly separated by distance or estrangement. Worried even for the wide world & our future. Disciples in a modern era whose faith can be challenged or seem empty, while our community is threatened and denied fellowship & sustenance. Welcome to the inner lived experience of the Church of the Gospel writers – the writers of the Good News. Good News?!?!?!?

Yes, indeed, look around – & within. The smiles & nods of neighbours and strangers on walks or in shopping aisles – the posters, footpath chalkings & teddies; not the headlines & shock jock declamations of people's "bad", but the simple goodness & kindness that you feel & hear, say & give in phone calls & notes, casseroles & cakes, smiles & nods, winks & waves. Of the basic fortitude, commitment & deep care of those we name "essential workers": from laundry, shop & kitchen, to driver & paramedic, nurse, scientist & surgeon, to child carer & helpline responder - & so many of our political leaders. Not to mention outreach workers, artists & community providers.

Jesus doesn't work magic: Jesus gave only himself, offering his life & word in grace: his singular response is still - "Do not let your hearts be troubled, Trust in God still, & trust in me". As Jesus People, we are the face & hands of Jesus in Mooroolbark, 2020. Not in our shuttered church whose mini-spired cross still gives witness to passers-by, but in our streets & shops & jobs, in everyday kind noticing & giving – especially of time: in family & alone time; in Zoom & FaceTime encounters (& encouragers).

We are each & all discipled & dedicated to Jesus & Church through *Call, Belief & Baptism* – the *Alleluia Gifts of Easter*. In Jesus, we, SPJE Parish, are *The Way, the Truth & the Life 2020* - for our time and place; for ourselves.

Good News indeed..... *Alleluia! Alleluia!! Alleluia!!!*



Perhaps our prayer for this week & our times can be the Prayer after Communion (for us a Spiritual Communion) of today's liturgy: "Loving Father/ Mother God, may these mysteries give us new purpose & bring us to new life, made possible & real through Jesus in the loving unity of your Holy Spirit".

And a HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY to all who are Blessed to share in the Sacred Mothering Work of our Mother/ Father God throughout the days & nights....and the years.

*Michael Mc Lindon  
Parishioner-counsellor & spiritual director-  
"...care always..."*