



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

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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

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 14th July 2019 - Issue No: 25

It is not social definitions such as class, religion, gender, or ethnicity that determines who is our neighbor. A neighbor is a person who acts with compassion toward another. The point becomes not who deserves to be loved as I love myself, but that I become a person who treats everyone with compassion.



In My Neighbor's Eyes by Robert Hedrick

If I were my neighbor, what type of neighbor would I see in me, One that I hardly knew at all or one who stopped by regularly. When a neighbor's needed, is this the one on whom I could call, Or would he just turn his back, not acknowledging my call at all.

If I were injured or became ill and was unable to mow my grass, Would I see this neighbor out there mowing, even before I ask. Then, later, would he come back by, seeking to do another chore, Or just become scarce until I was well and not see him anymore.

Would I see him as a loving husband, a good helpmate to his wife, Or someone who is selfish and lazy, with signs of anger and strife. Would I see in him a caring father, a devoted type of family man, One who provides quite well for them, giving the best that he can.

Seeing myself in my neighbor's eyes, am I pleased in all that I see, Or would I be totally shocked, hanging my head rather shamefully. When I'm outside, as things go wrong and my temper begins to soar, I'll try to remember the world is watching and it all begins next door.

Maria Bast - Principal SPJE.

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday to Friday at 9.15am

Readings for Next Week – 21st July

Gen 18:1-10; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

PARISH CALENDAR

JULY 2019

13/14th July **15th Sunday Ordinary Time**
New Thanksgiving Envelopes
Commence this weekend

15th July Term 3 Begins

20/21st July **16th Sunday Ordinary Time**
20th July Wedding - 2pm Church
Senior Level Mass 6pm, 11am
Monthly Church Collection

21st July Sun Jack Hannon - 100th Birthday
9am Mass

27/28th July **17th Sunday Ordinary Time**
Catholic Mission Collection

30th July Tue SPIRIT DAY - Church

AUGUST 2019

1st Aug Thur SVDP Festival Mass - 7pm
Church

2nd Aug Fri Feast Day Mass
CONFIRMATIONS - 6.30pm

3rd Aug Sat CONFIRMATIONS - 1.00pm
CONFIRMATIONS - 3.00pm

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill, especially, **Brian Alan, Peter Margerison, Jessie Elliott, Kay Williams, Richard Corrigan, Frank Covino, Simon Bissonette, Pat McCann, Maria Cordedda, Louis Wycisk, Robert Azzopardi, Trish Fenton, Freddy Chavez, Reg Thaggard, and Robert Radulj.**

✠ Remembrance Diary ✠

We remember those who have died and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.
13/7 to 19/7

Michelle Bleumink, Judy Shaw, Clare Joiner, Veronica Gorman, Hugh Boyd, Sarah Scanlon, Paul Krix, Freida Van Beek, James O'Leary, Rebecca Wallis, Joseph Tront, Claude Mullavey, Jim Hanlon, Janie Roberts, Marija Jelenc, Iolanda De Leo, Sr Aileen Vear, Ruby Fawknor, Mary Rose Barlow-Barker, Emmanuel Bartoli, Keith Pullin, Dennis Stockdale, Rosa Stevens, Maureen Harris.

ROSTERS

Counters

15th July Des Delahunt, Pam Dryden & Christine Sellar

22nd July Bob & Wies Dight

Flowers

20th July Routley Family

27th July Philomena Turner

Cleaners

15th July Anna & Kevin Dwyer & Fr Joseph

22nd July Laurel Simpson & Francis Braganza

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

Ministers of Eucharist Coordinators for July

6.00 pm Pat Harman

9.00 am Tim Newcomb

11.00am Vivien Margeletic

Readers and Commentators - 20/21st July

6.00 pm Judith Griffith & Pat Harman

9.00 am Lisa Read & Tim Newcomb

11.00 am Jun Romero & Lorri Hayes

PARISH THANKSGIVING

Monthly totals for Thanksgiving from
1st January to 30th June 2019

	PLEDGE	GIVEN
January	\$8,256	\$6,575
February	\$8,311	\$7,477
March	\$9,893	\$8,379
April	\$8,466	\$7,532
May	\$8,251	\$7,427
June	\$9,752	\$8,103
Total	\$52,927	\$45,428

Heart of Life Spirituality Centre

96 Albion Road, Box Hill, is offering a "Retreat in Everyday Life – an 'at home' retreat" – over five weeks, beginning Monday, 5 August and concluding 2 September.

During this time, you are invited to spend some time in prayer at home each day pondering your experiences of the day, and on Mondays to come to Heart of Life between 1.15 pm – 2.15 pm to reflect with a spiritual companion on how God might have been present for you.

To register your interest, please call 9890 1101 or email holsc@bigpond.com, no later than Monday 29 July.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES & STATEMENTS

The new set of Thanksgiving Envelopes and statements are available this weekend for you to collect from the church foyer.

Those parishioners on Quarterly, Half Yearly will be available next weekend.

We encourage you all to pick up boxes at your earliest convenience.

Credit card and direct debit statements are available for you to collect from the parish office.

Email Mooroolbark@cam.org.au or phone 9723 4275.

We encourage those who are not contributing via Thanksgiving to consider supporting our parish.

See below example of the Thanksgiving envelope .

2 sections to the thanksgiving envelopes.

As displayed below.

(Left side Church contribution, right side Priest offering)

<p>ST. PETER JULIAN EYMARD & ST. RICHARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH (MOOROOLBARK, KILSTYTH, MONTROSE)</p> <p>THANKSGIVING OFFERING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">* To pay Parish operating costs and debt.* To subsidize Catholic education in the Parish.* To support growth of Parish services.* For Charitable Works. <p>\$.....</p>	<p>ST. PETER JULIAN EYMARD & ST. RICHARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH (MOOROOLBARK, KILSTYTH, MONTROSE)</p> <p>PRESBYTERY OFFERING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">* To support the Priests of this parish and meet normal household expenses.* To support sick and retired priests. <p><i>This amount not included in your pledge.</i></p> <p>\$.....</p>
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MELBOURNE CATHOLIC MAGAZINE July 2019 ISSUE (Harmony)

July Edition of Melbourne Catholic is now available.

Articles of interest include :

- A pilgrim's post
- Reinvigorating and sharing faith
- A heart-to-heart with God
- The treasures of darkness

\$2 per copy.

OZANAM CONVERSATION: STANDING UP – RECLAIMING LAY LEADERSHIP IN THE CATHOLIC SECTOR

Wednesday 24 July, 6.30–8pm

Catholic Leadership Centre, 576 Victoria Road, East Melbourne Join renowned journalist and broadcaster Geraldine Doogue in conversation with Francis Sullivan who was recently the CEO of The Truth, Justice and Healing Council. Francis argues for the need of reform, renewal and refreshment in the Church and has been highly successful in bringing a social conscience to the political debate on health and welfare issues. **Enquires and RSVP:** Bookings are essential and close Monday 15 July: rsvp@svdp-vic.org.au or 9895 5935 download flyer: <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Portals/0/Oz%20Conversation%202019.pdf>

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations and a very Happy Birthday to :



Jack Hannon —who turns 100 on 17th July
Reg Thaggard—who turned 97 on 11th July
Pat Snowball— who turns 94 on 25th July

The Parish community wish you God's blessings.



Plenary Council 2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

The **Plenary Council 2020** moves into its next phase of preparation today with the announcement of the National Themes for Discernment that emerged from a historic process of listening to the voices of more than 222,000 people.

The six National Themes for Discernment invite people to reflect, to pray and to consider how God is calling the People of God to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is:

- Missionary and Evangelising
- Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal
- Prayerful and Eucharistic
- Humble, Healing and Merciful
- A Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community
- Open to Conversion, Renewal and Reform.

Plenary Council has issued a bulletin about the Themes for Discernment, and a Snapshot Report on the second theme:

Humble, Healing and Merciful.

See the noticeboard for the bulletin and snapshot report

July 14, 2019 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'" (Luke 10:37)
This was Jesus' command at the end of the Good Samaritan story. Did you know that the Samaritans and Jews despised each other. The moral of the story is to love our neighbor. That means loving someone you may not know or someone that looks different than you or someone that you don't like. All without expecting anything in return.



Working with
Children Check

PARISH CHILD SAFETY WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

All parish volunteers are required to hold a
Working With Children Card.

Those volunteers who already have a card are
asked to come to the office to have the details
recorded.

Those who don't have a card need to apply for
one online.

Once you have completed your application
online you will need to take it to the post
office who will process it and take a photo for
you at no charge.

Please remember to bring identification with
you to the post office.

If you need assistance with this please contact
Adriana or Brian at the parish office
on 9723 4275

The Parish thanks those parishioners who have
responded by providing card details or
obtaining one.

For those that haven't please do so.

We Care

Responding to the Voluntary Assisted Dying Act.

From the earliest times, Christ's followers have set
themselves apart by their care of the vulnerable
(Acts 4:34). On 19 June 2019, the *Voluntary
Assisted Dying Act* (VAD) comes into effect. It
legalises euthanasia and assisted suicide.

Despite what the law may say, our Christian
tradition affirms that every life, including those of
the sick and suffering, is sacred.

Euthanasia and assisted suicide are never part of
end of life care.

Pope Francis has encouraged ordinary Catholics
everywhere to resist euthanasia and to protect the
old, the young and the vulnerable from being cast
aside in a "throw-away culture." We are called to
follow Christ by accompanying people with
compassion, sharing hope not fear.

The Bishops of the Catholic dioceses of
Melbourne, Ballarat, Sale and Sandhurst, echoing
Pope Francis, have published a pastoral letter
including practical guidance on ways we can be
conscientious objectors to euthanasia.

A copy of the letter is available in the church foyer
and online: www.cam.org.au/euthanasia

Please read and share it.

MULTICULTURAL LUNCH

SUNDAY 20th October 2019

A great response has been received to our Multicultural Lunch

Location: Parish Hall

Date: 20th October 2019 - After 11am Mass



We encourage parishioners to join us to celebrate a multicultural lunch.

We ask that you make a dish of your culture and bring a dish to share with many others.
If you wish to celebrate with us please place your name on the list provided on the church
Noticeboard.

More details will follow on this parish event. This is a great opportunity to get to know
each other and learn about the cultural diversity that we are blessed with in this parish.

Any queries to Hyacinth on 0433 425 086 or Adriana at the parish office on 9723 4275.

SOCIAL JUSTICE ACTION GROUP

Our 2018 Advent Appeal, raised funds for the building of Oznam House, a multimillion dollar project of Vincent Care. The new Oznam House provides sanctuary for 134 homeless people. . The article below gives an update on the use of your generous donations.

I can't help but think of the words of Jesus, "When I was homeless, you gave me rest."

This article is from the June 29 issue of The Age Digital Edition.
Written by Tom Cowie

Damien Chandler spent many years as a rough sleeper, often pulling things out of charity bins, to use as blankets in parks. When he found crisis accommodation, it was hardly a restful place.

"I'd go to a homeless service to sleep when it was bad weather on the way," he said. "It's so depressing, you're sleeping with your sneakers, everything you own, because it will be stolen.

"They're nothing like this at all."

*Damien is referring to **Ozanam House**, the new 10-level homelessness supercentre on Flemington Road in North Melbourne. It will be Australia's largest accommodation service for rough sleepers, when it opens its doors in the coming weeks.*

Around 25,000 people experience homelessness in Victoria, including almost 400 in the city and inner suburbs.

It began in 1953 as a night shelter for single men, but the redeveloped Ozanam House will welcome women for the first time. It will also be a one stop centre for support services.

As well as housing for 134 people, including 60 short-term crisis accommodation units, the building will have a range of drop-in health services, including dentistry, optometry and alcohol and drug intervention.

There is also a tech hub, with free wi-fi, cloud storage and a place to recharge phones. A gym, laundry and library are also available, while a cafe will provide meals.

Design choices were made to project a calm environment, with lots of natural light, timber panelling and warm colours.

After doing his barista training, Damien will volunteer making coffees at Ozanam House. Even a well-made cuppa can be a big deal for those who don't have much, he says. "Other places have a bucket of coffee in the corner, it is what it is, it's better than nothing," he says. "We get their names and when you bring out the coffee and say 'here John', it's that extra layer of personalisation." Housing minister Richard Wynne toured Ozanam House yesterday. "This is really the future of homeless intervention going forward, this is a spectacular building and the residents who will be living here deserve the best," he said.

Vincent Care CEO, Quinn Pawson, said, "the new centre had been designed through consultation with clients. Feedback around noise levels led to the use sound reduction materials," he said.

"Really the benchmark for us is," would we want to live here? If we could answer yes to that question, then I think we got it about right," he said.

It's the rooms themselves that will be the big difference, according to Damien.

He recalled staying at Matthew Talbot Hostel in Sydney, in one big dormitory full of beds. There was no privacy, including in the showers, and the syringe bins were overflowing .

Each of the apartments at Ozanam House is lockable and has an ensuite. There are large windows with views of nearby Royal Park and the city. "You've got your own room, with a door that locks, your own shower and toilet," he said. "Anyone sleeping in the park right now, coming in and having that, it really stood out for me."

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Damien Chandler