



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

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Reflection

As St Paul tells us, 'We are children of the light and children of the day.' Let us stay awake to the promises given to us through Jesus as we offer these prayers.

We pray for Pope Francis and all the bishops of the church. May their teaching and example awaken us to the reality of God's abiding love.

We pray for civil leaders. May their public service be directed to the wellbeing of the communities they represent.

We pray for all members of the workforce who strive to earn a living. May they be rewarded for their efforts and respected in the workplace.

We pray for all those priests who have retired or moved to new parishes during the recent time of restrictions. We ask for God's blessings on them as they embark on the next stage of their ministries in these challenging circumstances.

We pray for the sick and lonely of our parish and for all who have asked for our prayers. We pray for those who have died recently and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they share the rewards of their love, and rest in peace, enjoying the merits of their labours.

God of justice, may we always be confident to voice our concerns and our needs before you, who gives us a share in the joy that comes to us through Christ our Lord. Amen

Pauline George
Religious Education & Wellbeing Leader
St Peter Julian Eymard Primary School
Mooroolbark



ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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

PARISH UPDATE

With the easing of restrictions from the 9th November the following will apply:

MASS

Mass will be celebrated outdoors at SPJE School (using the Under-croft, where we held our 50th Anniversary, next to the oval; with parking available in school carpark).

Those parishioners who do not have access to email, please register for your preferred Mass as follows, by ringing or sending a text message.

6.00pm Mass - Contact Bernadette Brown on 0447 743 138

9.00am Mass - Contact Marg Vallence on 0403 568 302

11.00am Mass - Contact Adriana De Leo on 9723 4275 and leave a voice message [no texts]

Please leave a clear message with your name, preferred Mass time and a current contact number. Also indicate the number of people attending with you.

If you cannot attend the Mass you have been accepted for, we ask that you contact us as soon as possible so we can allocate the time slot to another parishioner.

From 23rd November we expect further advice from the Archdiocese on how we should proceed with Masses into the future

We will notify the attendees for each mass on Friday mornings, starting the 13th November.
Joseph Lu Xin & PPC Council

Readings for Next Week – 22nd November 2020

Ezek 34:11-12,15-17;
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46



We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;

*Trish Fenton, Annette Andrewartha,
Julia & Mabel Dana, Rose Robert,
Lorraine Downie, Trish Leahy,
Jean Blencowe, Nancy Greco &
Danielle Devlin.*

† Remembrance Diary †

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

14/11 to 20/11

**Doris Gates, Eugene Bevilaqua, Peter Wyss,
Aileen Sullivan, John Dobson,
Maureen Stephens, Cornelia Van Rooden,
Ellen Jackman, Margaret Heesterman,
Peter Martin Versteegen, Ruth Carmody,
Victor Dobin, Anne Scanlon, Bob Brown,
Ellen Kelly, Sam La Morticella, Nancy Beatty,
Annie Trappel, Vesa Mitaliac,
Marian Bialowieyski, Theresa Maria Bartoli.**

Masses

We will require our parishioners to be flexible to ensure that we do not breach the guidelines for outdoor religious worshipping.

Masses will be held at the Undercroft at SPJE School with access via the school carpark in Reay Road. You can enter the carpark and veer left towards the basketball courts. There will be a person there to direct you to car spaces. **Strictly no parking is allowed on any of the soft court surfaces.**

A COVID Safe Plan will be displayed at all Masses and attendees are required to adhere to this plan. **MASKS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES** and sanitizing stations will be set up with recording of contact details for tracing purposes, if required.

With regards to the distribution of Holy Eucharist, The Archbishop asks that Holy Eucharist is received by hand only (and not directly on the tongue), as a precautionary step to protect against COVID-19. This is not done lightly, because in normal circumstances the Church in Australia does not limit reception of the Sacrament to one way or another. This is not a permanent situation and will be reviewed at each significant change in the Victorian Roadmap. The Archbishop will lift this requirement at the earliest opportunity. We trust that you will understand and adhere to this guideline.

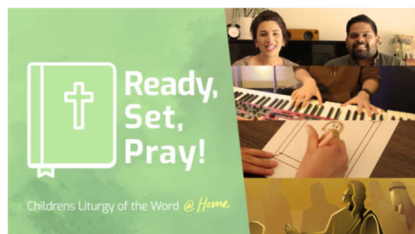
From the weekend of 14th/15th November, 50 people will be allowed at outdoor gatherings. Bookings will be essential - by email or by phoning the relevant number shown in the parish update on this page.

**CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE LINK
LIVE STREAM MASS**

<https://melbourncatholic.org.au/Mass>
11am MASS ON SUNDAY

The 11 o' clock mass from the cathedral may be seen on channel c31 (press 44)

The **Ready, Set, Pray!** Children's Liturgy of the Word @ Home video series has been created to provide an engaging space for families to encounter Jesus through the Sunday gospel.



Each week includes an invitation for families to gather in their own prayer space, to sing, hear the Gospel, pray and respond creatively through an activity.

This weekly resource follows the familiar Children's Liturgy of the Word format provided in many parishes – but moved to an online setting. It can be used by families in their homes, and also by teachers and catechists.

The series consists of 10 weekly sessions of 15-20 minutes duration, which commenced from Sunday 18th October and continues each Sunday until

Christmas. We hope this experience of gathering for prayer will encourage families in this time when they cannot gather for parish celebrations of Eucharist. It is produced by Proclaim: The Office for Mission Renewal at the Archdiocese of Melbourne. <https://bit.ly/ReadySetPray>

PRAYER

O God, our Creator, all life is in your hands from conception until death. Help us to cherish our children and to reverence the awesome privilege of our share in creation. May all people live and die in dignity and love. Bless all those who defend the rights of the unborn, the handicapped and the aged. Enlighten and be merciful toward those who fail to love, and give them peace. Let freedom be tempered by responsibility, integrity and morality.

BAPTISMS

The parish is planning to conduct Baptisms from mid November as follows:

- Outdoors, adjacent to the church, for 50 attendees.
- In the church, for 20 attendees, subject to further advice from the Archdiocese

Baptisms are required to meet to the Covid Safe requirements for religious activities.

Please contact the Parish by email mooroolbark@cam.org.au to discuss availability.

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND. FEAST DAY : 16TH NOVEMBER.



Fr Joseph's Homily for 33rd Sunday, Year A, 2020

Once upon a time two frogs fell into an open bowl of cream. The frogs couldn't climb out of the bowl and neither of them could swim. The first frog said to himself, "This is hopeless." And he just allowed himself to sink to the bottom. The second frog said, "I can't escape and I can't swim but at least I can splash around this cream and postpone my death for a while." And that is what he did.

A poem is written about this event by an unknown author. It says, "The more he swam, his legs aflutter, the more the cream turned into butter. On top of the butter at last he stopped, and out of the bowl he gaily hopped."

When we do nothing – nothing happens. Or sometimes failure comes upon us (the first frog). But when we try – sometimes we are surprised at what happens.

Sometimes someone comes to our aid unexpectedly. Sometimes we discover abilities which we did not know that we had, or sometimes laws of nature which we were not aware of take effect (cream turns into butter).

In today's gospel (Matt 25:14-30), the third man had been given 1000 talents and failed to try. If he had tried and failed it would have been all right. But, like the first frog in our story, he failed to try. In today's gospel Jesus encourages us to go ahead and try. He tells us not to worry about the future. He says. "The Spirit will tell you what to say."

Have you ever said, or heard other people say, "Oh, I can't join the choir, I can't be a reader. I can't be a Eucharistic Minister, I can't do this and I can't do that!" and the master said, "You lazy, cowardly fellow!"

Pandemic Reflection

During this Coronavirus pandemic, many are tempted to fear, anxiety and perhaps even despair. Some have lost their precious lives, some have lost those whom they love, some have suffered through the debilitating effects of this illness, some have lost their jobs, their income, and most have encountered much disruption to the normal flow of their daily lives.

Every crisis in life is an opportunity to turn to our beloved Saviour in trust and complete abandonment so as to rest in His merciful hands. To rest in the hands of the God means we are secure, despite the uncertainty of life. It means we are free to love God and others, despite the challenges we face. It means we raise our eyes to Heaven, rather than look down in fear.

A Prayer to Combat the Coronavirus Pandemic:

Most Merciful God, we come to you in our weakness. We come to you in our fear. We come to you with trust. For you alone are our hope.

We place before you the disease present in our world. We turn to you in our time of need. Bring wisdom to doctors. Given understanding to scientists. Endow caregivers and nurses with compassion and generosity. Bring healing to those who are ill. Protect those who are most at risk. Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one. Welcome those who have died into your Eternal Home.

Stabilize our communities. Unite us in our compassion. Remove all fear from our hearts. Fill us with confidence in your care and grace. Jesus, I trust in you. Amen.



ST. VINCENT de PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL



Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who purchased TOMATO PLANTS. The venture was most successful to the extent that we sold out.

We are expecting a greater call on our resources over the next few months when many will encounter hardship as a result of the affect of Covid.

As a result of this and because we were not able to have our usual Winter appeal we will be having a Christmas appeal at all the Masses on the First Sunday of Advent 28th -29th November. Envelopes will be on the seats and for those who wish direct debt can be made into our bank account .

St Vincent de Paul Conference Mooroolbark

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If you require a receipt please let us know.

We will also be supplying Christmas Hampers and toys to many families so that they can enjoy Christmas.

Our Christmas Tree with the usual tags will be at all the Masses from the 14th November and we will be very grateful if you can help as you have over many years. There are also tags for donations for those who prefer not to buy gifts.

There is no need to wrap the gifts as we have to open them before we give them out.

All parcels should be returned by the 14th December.

Thank you all for your ongoing support of the Mooroolbark Conference of St. Vincent de Paul, your generosity helps us to continue our very important work of helping those in need.

*Jan Phippard
President, SVDP Mooroolbark*

SVDP Christmas Cards and Columban Calendars

We will again be selling St Vincent de Paul Christmas cards and Columban Calendars at all Masses from the 14th November.

Christmas cards are \$5.00 for a pack of 8.

Columban Calendars \$9.00

