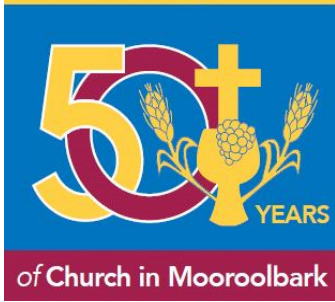


St Peter Julian Eymard Parish



# St Peter Julian Eymard Catholic Church Mooroolbark Parish

*We are a Welcoming Eucharistic and Spirit Filled  
Parish Community.*



**Parish Priest**  
Fr. Joseph Xin Lu

**Parish Secretary**  
Mrs. Adriana De Leo

**Parish Assistant**  
Mr. Brian Twining

**Pastoral Associate Emeritus**  
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Michael Mc Lindon

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**SPJE Parish School**  
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**School Principal - Mr. Marcus Gill**  
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**Normal Mass Times at SPJE**  
Weekday Masses - Tuesday - Friday: 9.15 am  
**Rosary prayed on  
Wednesday and Thursday after 9.15 am Mass**

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

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 16th December, 2018 - Issue No: 46

“Rejoicing Sunday”

- from the Song of the Prophet Zephaniah,  
“Shout for Joy - Shout Aloud!” “Rejoice - Exult with All  
Your Heart!” You have no more evil to fear – The Lord Is In  
Your Midst!” “The Lord will exult over you; the Lord will  
renew you by his Love and will dance with shouts of joy for  
you!” (3. 14-18)

- from the Psalmist,

“I trust, I shall not fear, for the Lord is my Strength, my  
Song!” “Sing and shout for Joy! (12.2-6)

- from Letter of Paul to the People of Philippi,

“I want you to be Happy, always Happy in the Lord; I  
repeat, What I want is your Happiness ” “There is no need to  
worry – the Lord is near: ask God for what you need in  
prayer and thanksgiving, and that Peace of God, which is  
beyond all understanding will guard your Hearts and your  
Thoughts, in Christ Jesus!” (4. 4-7)

Do I believe these words ? Do I trust? – do I believe this is  
Good News? Good News each day for me and for our world  
and time? Are my heart and my life joyful? Am I deep  
down happy and at peace? Are others happy and at peace  
because of me?

The people of his time asked John, ‘What must we do?’ The  
Baptist’s is a straightforward and simple reply - and is  
instruction to us too, just as much at odds with our society  
and times as with theirs. We need be in right relationship  
with our neighbour, living honestly and justly. The kindness  
and mercy of God will be found in our living rightly and  
generously with one another in our families, communities  
and wide world. Those who have more need share with those  
who have nothing; people are to be treated fairly without any  
extortion or violence. How does this Good News sound in  
our times of Royal Commissions, doomsayers and fake  
news? In a Society and even a Church hugely in disarray and  
disgrace needing to be recalled to Justice and Mercy,  
Honesty and Truth, Simplicity and Peace. John invites us  
through his immediate hearers to form that New Society;  
especially to become a Church, a Parish, a Family, a  
Believer and Doer who is Good and Joyful News now. We  
are each graced receivers of that Good News of Jesus,  
baptised in his Holy Spirit and with fire.

Father God, ever faithful to your promises and ever close to  
your Church, the universe rejoices in hope of the Saviour’s  
coming and looks forward with longing to his return at the  
end of time. Prepare our hearts and remove the sadness that  
hinders us from feeling the joy and hope which his presence  
bestows, for Jesus is forever Lord. Amen.

Can I make this my prayer for Church, Parish, Family, all  
Believers and all those in Need, in these days leading to our  
ChristMass?



### ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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

### Weekday Mass Times

No 9.15am  
Morning Mass Tuesday—Friday

### Readings for Next Week –22/23rd Dec

Micah 5:1-4; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-44

## PARISH CALENDAR

### DECEMBER

15/16th Dec 3rd Sunday of Advent  
Monthly Church Collection

### Week

18th-21st Dec No 9.15am Morning  
Mass

18th Dec Tue NO 9.15am Mass  
10 am End of Year Mass -  
SPJE School Oval  
Funeral Mass for Cathy  
Zinghini 11.30am

19th Dec Wed NO 9.15am Mass  
9.15am End of Year Mass -  
St Richard's School  
Funeral Mass for Jim  
Corrigan 11am  
SPJE Graduation Mass -  
7pm Church

20th Thur Last Day for School Staff  
20 & 21st  
Thur & Fri. NO 9.15am Mass

22/23rd Dec 4th Sunday of Advent

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### † Remembrance Diary †

We remember those who have died, especially  
Angie Zangmeister, Maria Kermac, Cathy  
Zinghini and Jim Corrigan, and all those whose  
anniversaries occur about this time:

15/12 to 21/12

Anne Harding, Colin Reilly, Mary Wallace, Joy  
Blake, Pasqua Napolitano, Christopher  
Dennany, Paul Windsor, Patrick Walsh, James  
Malone, Jim Johnston, George Stanley, Alice  
Robe, Chris Slennett, Fay Dwyer, Lorraine  
Cameron, Elvia Caraffi, Fr Tom Lennon, John  
Turner, Alfred Ayres, Jean O'Connell,  
Christine Jorgensen RSC, Sylvia McVeigh,  
Carla Van Gorp, Ligorio Naval.

## ROSTERS

### Counters

17th Dec Des Delahunt, Pam Dryden & Christine  
Sellar  
27th Dec Bob & Wies Dight, Paul & Marianne  
Redfern

### Flowers

Dec Advent (No Flowers)  
23rd Dec Patricia Harman (Christmas Flowers)

### Cleaners

17th Dec Wojtek Nowicki, Eleanor Thompson  
24th Dec Graeme Vear & Gerard Wright

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

### Ministers of Eucharist Coordinators for December

6.00 pm Bernadette Brown  
9.00 am Pam Delahunt  
11.00am Mike McCann

### Readers and Commentators - 22/23rd December

6.00 pm Paul Redfern & Paul Martin  
9.00 am Tim Newcomb & Andrea Braganza  
11.00 am Jun Romero & Lorri Hayes

## FUNERAL NOTICES

### Cathy Zinghini

Funeral Mass for the repose of the soul of Cathy  
Zinghini will be held on Tuesday, 18th December at  
11.30am

### Jim Corrigan

Jim passed away peacefully at Ringwood Private  
Hospital on the 13th December.

A Requiem Mass will be held at SPJE on Wednesday  
the 19th December at 11.00 am.

Jim's family would like to thank everyone for your  
prayers and support throughout Jim's illness.

Brenda & Family



### CHRISTMAS ROSTER

The Christmas roster is available in the Church foyer.

Please note that Midnight Mass is a traditional Mass and assistance is required to allow the Parish to continue to offer this service. Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and people to assist Father Joseph are essential to ensure that a Midnight Mass is available at SPJE.

Please approach or contact Bernadette Brown at Church or on mobile : 0447743138. Bernadette will co-ordinate these rosters.

### ST VINCENT de PAUL

Columban Calendars and SVDP Christmas Cards are now on sale.



Calendars - \$9.00  
Christmas Cards (pack 8) - \$5.00

### BIRTHDAY WISHES

Congratulations Joan Prendergast who celebrated her 80th Birthday last weekend.



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

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL UPDATE

I would like to say a big thank you to Christine Sellar and also Lisa Read for their great contributions to the PPC and Parish as they have decided to resign from PPC!

You will be missed by all of us. I am happy to announce that Sharon Daly has agreed to join PPC and Sharon is a professional nurse and SPJE school mother as well.

*Fr. Joseph*

### SUMMER SCHOOL OF EVANGELISATION: WORLD YOUTH DAY @ HOME – REGISTRATIONS CLOSING SOON!

**Sunday 20 to Sunday 27 January 2019  
PGL Campaspe Downs, 1302 Trentham Road, Kyneton**

In 2019, the Melbourne Summer School of Evangelisation in partnership with the Archdiocesan Office for Youth will be offering a special WYD-themed Summer School! The Summer School will include many of WYD features such as Catechesis with bishops, a Stations of the Cross, an expo and a final Mass. Join Bishop Mark Edwards and participants from around Australia for a week of faith and fellowship. Open to young people aged 16-35. Registrations close December 20. To register visit: [www.cam.org.au/wyd/wydhome](http://www.cam.org.au/wyd/wydhome).



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Parishioners are asked with the lead up to Christmas to be aware of any suspicious behaviour from unknown persons. Please report any concerns to Fr Joseph or parish staff.

*Thank you.*



“We shall never know all the good that a simple smile can do.” *Mother Teresa*

### Social Justice Action Group Advent Appeal

Once again, the Social Justice Group is holding the annual Advent Appeal and invite parishioners to donate to a very worthy cause. This year, the proceeds will go to VincentCare, Ozanam House Redevelopment Project.

The new facility, in North Melbourne, is tackling homelessness in an innovative way, it incorporates resources other than housing and feeding the homeless. It responds to the physical, safety, health & wellbeing needs of our most vulnerable community members via multimodal services, therapies, and vocational programmes, which address the root causes of homelessness.

As we all go about getting our gifts and food organised for our family Christmas, this is a great opportunity to shift the focus to the spirit of giving that this holy feast is meant to engender in us.

Envelopes will be left in the church pews over the four weeks of Advent, how you donate is up to you. You may like to make one donation, or make it a weekly contribution, as a means of focusing on the real meaning of Christmas over the four weeks of preparation. Either way, we trust that the generous people of SPJE and St Richards, will once more support this very urgent need.

### THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM AIRS 23 Dec2018

Christmas edition, and then we enter the summer series until February

This week on The Journey, the Gospel reflection is from the Dioceses of Wollongong Advent reflection booklet, Sr Hilda shares her Wisdom from the Abbey with her Christmas reflection, Bruce Downes the Catholic Guy reminds us to be still before God, and The Pirolas encourage us to Make A Change For The Better. It is with great pleasure and gratitude that we say thank you for your support with Journey Catholic Radio for another year. God Bless, and Merry Christmas from all of us here at the Diocese of Wollongong . Go to [WWW.jcr.org.au](http://WWW.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au) where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

## PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

### *LISTEN TO WHAT THE SPIRIT IS SAYING*

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future.

To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question **“What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?”**

### PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

To find out more about the Plenary Council 2020.

Website :

[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

### *Plenary Council Prayer*

*Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.*

*Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.*

*O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.*

*Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.*

*Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.*

*Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.*

*Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.*

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age.*

*Amen.*

***Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.  
St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.***



PlenaryCouncil2020  
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...