



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 Xin Lu

Parish Secretary **Parish Assistant**
Mrs. Adriana De Leo Mr. Brian Twining

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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
Telephone: 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
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

EASTER SUNDAY
17th April 2022 Issue No. 12

Easter 2022: The Eternal Dawn

*It is the dawn of a new creation that greets
those who go out to meet the Lord.
As the gospels tell us: "Early on the first
day of the week, while it was still dark,
Mary Magdalene came to the tomb..."
Wrapped in grief and shock, Mary had
come to attend to the dead body of
Jesus. Dutifully and lovingly, she made her
way through the remnants of the night to
honour the one she loved.*

*What she encountered there was the dawn
of the risen Jesus – a light that broke into
her darkened life. As Mary reached the
darkened tomb, she saw the emerging
Dawn, and she believed.*

*The light of dawn also emerges for us, as
the dark of night gives way to a new day. In
the dawning light of the risen Jesus we, too,
recognise a world reborn. He has patiently
and lovingly waited for our eyes to see and
our hearts to reach out to him.*

*For Christ is the dawn into our lives; he is
the light of our new day.*

*May we emerge from our own shadows,
step forward, and hasten to the Dawn of his
resurrection and our re-creation.*

Easter blessings to you all.

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli

PARISH CALENDAR

APRIL

16th Sat **EASTER VIGIL**
7.00 pm



17th Sun **EASTER SUNDAY**
9.00 am & 11.00 am

23/24th Second Sunday of Easter
Visiting Priest - Fr Michael Morgan

24th Sun Baptism - 11am
25th Mon ANZAC DAY - Public Holiday
26th Tue Term 2 Starts

30/1st May Third Sunday of Easter
Visiting Priest - Fr Michael Morgan

Private Baptism - 12.30pm
Eucharist Commitment Mass - 6pm
1st May Eucharist Commitment Mass - 11am
3rd Tue Baptism Information Meeting - 7pm
SPJE Church - Bernadette & Naomi
6th Fri Eucharist Reflection Day - SPJE

7/8th May Fourth Sunday of Easter
Visiting Priest - Fr Michael Knight

ROSTERS

Counters - Month of April 2022

Des Delahunt, Christine Sellar & Pam Dryden

Flowers

17th Apr Patricia Harman (Easter)

Church Cleaners Month of April

Jun & Gloria Romero

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

Readers and Commentators - 23/24th April

6.00 pm Pat Harman & Iris Gale
9.00 am Marinella Mack & Karen Broughton
11.00am Elizabeth Acabado & Volunteer Required

Musicians - 23/24th April

6.00 pm No Music
9.00 am FILIPINO Group
11.00am No Music

Weekday Mass Times

Weekday Mass
Tuesday's - 9.30 am

Readings for Next Week - 24th April

Acts 5:12-16 Ps 117:2-4, 22-27
Rev 1:9-13, 17-19: Jn 20:19-31

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;

*James Devlin, James Brien,
Eleanor Thompson, Patricia Fenton,
Patricia Koblar, Sue Hoogenboom, Brenda
Corrigan, Vic Garcia, Pam Stephens,
Hyacinth Pereira, Judith Fitzgerald &
Bert (Josie Cairns) brother.*

✝ Remembrance Diary ✝

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

16/4 to 22/4

Francis Wilson, Helen Colacarro, Donette
D'Rozario, Mary Wharton, Janet Lamers,
Mick Maloney, Rita Bambach, Phillip
Cawood, May & Bill Healy, Theresa Frisina,
Ann Marie Bloomer, Suzanne Pollard, Raynor
Gray, Ben Slagman, Kimiora McElhinney,
Carol Braganza, Michael Harnetty, Freddy
Chavez, James Collins Jnr, Antonia Marin,
Mary Mills, Adrian Van Osta, Dulcie James,
Fr Gerald Cudmore, John Potter, Doreen
Parslow, Molly Brown, Barry Carroll,
Sophie Jekot, Fr Ronald Pickin.



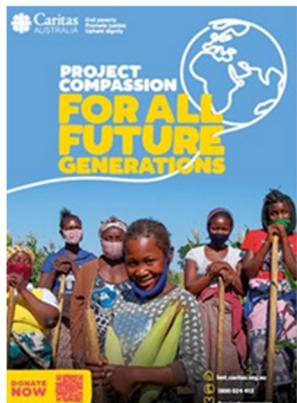


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17th APRIL



Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion –past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *For All Future Generations*.



Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia’s Project Compassion 2022 Lenten appeal.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *For All Future Generations*. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL



If assistance is required, please contact

1800 305 330
Mon to Fri 10am to 3pm



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Series of short sessions: online via Zoom

Engaging Your Faith
Choose one, choose all, choose what interests you and all for just \$25 per session, running 3 to 28 May 2022.

Booking, payment & more information:

ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/



The Marriage Kit Leader Formation

April - June 2022

Hosted by SmartLoving



Online Gatherings:

Wednesdays @7:30 pm | Apr 27, May 11, May 25, Jun 8, Jun 22

Free Enrolment includes:

1. Access to the Marriage Kit online course (Apr 1- Jun 30).
2. The course is comprised of 5 lessons with each one taking approximately 2 hours to complete which couples do at home in their own time.

Access to Online Gatherings, community chat, file share, via MS Teams private group.



More Info & enrolment

<https://smartloving.org/mk-leader-formation/>

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Covid 19 Update for Parishioners Holy Week Masses

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

We have received advice from the Archdiocese regarding attendances at our Holy Week Masses, where it is anticipated there will be larger gatherings at all Masses:-

MASKS are strongly recommended at all indoor Masses.

All indoor areas to be appropriately ventilated.

Hand sanitizing to be available before and after Masses.

Eucharistic ministers must wear a mask and sanitize their hands prior to distributing communion.

People should not gather in the foyer after Masses, but can catch up outside in open space.

The parish leadership team acknowledges that this again can be challenging time for you all, however this is more an awareness/precaution rather than a condition. This recommendation is made to protect not only ourselves, but our more vulnerable and elderly parishioners.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to adhere to our Covidsafe Plan.

**God Bless
Parish Leadership Team**

MIGRANT ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLASSES 2022

FREE - LIMITED NUMBERS

Mondays 10am - 11.30am

Wednesdays 7pm - 8.30pm

St Peter Julian Eymard Church

240 Hull Road, Mooroolbark

(walking distance from Mooroolbark station)
Contact: Jan 0414 763 801 to book a place.

"The focus will be on 'everyday' conversational English, with some reading and writing"

Parish Child Safeguarding Team

If you have any child safety concerns please contact the following team members

Brian Twining

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Or request a call back on the Parish Office
phone 9723 4275



ST. PETER JULIAN EYMARD



OPEN DAY WEDNESDAY 11th MAY 2022

On this Day Tours will start at 9.30am and leave the office every half hour up to 1pm.

For all other tour dates please check the website
<https://spje.vic.edu.au/>



Easter 2022

This lent I have found my mind drifting to the people of Ukraine, wondering how they make sense of the death and resurrection of Jesus in the light of the untold suffering they are facing.

In the post-resurrection appearances in the Gospels, Jesus' first words are 'fear not, peace be with you.' In John 14:27-31, we hear Jesus say, 'do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid.' In Luke's gospel, when Jesus appears to the apostles, he asks, 'why are you so agitated and why are these doubts rising in your hearts?' (Lk 24:38). Jesus invites them to look at Him, see the wounds, and give Him something to eat. We are then told, their joy was so great they still could not believe it and they stood dumfounded (Lk 24:41). The invitation is not from fear to bravery or toughness, it is from fear to joy.

Jesus acknowledges that our experience may be frightening, yet we can find peace even in our fear and anxiety. Even though Jesus can see and feel the fear and confusion of the disciples, he sends them on mission, 'as the Father has sent me, I am sending you' (Jn 20:21). Our mission is to be sent as Jesus was sent, to be with Him on mission.

This Easter, let us pray we not be deaf to the call of Jesus, that we be disciples of joy and peace even in the most difficult of times. Keeping in mind those who have suffered from Covid and especially the people in war zones and the flood-affected areas of Australia, we pray for peace.

From all at the Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Ministry, we wish you the peace and joy of the risen Christ.

*Ian Cribb SJ - Provincial Assistant
Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia*



**A Reflection
EASTER SUNDAY
17 April 2022**



“Christos Anesti – Christ is Risen” + “Alithos Anesti – Truly, He is Risen”

This is the Easter Greeting common throughout the Eastern Churches which I find so much more robust than our Western variations; *“Happy Easter”, “Buona Pasqua”, “I-Ghid it -Tajjeb”* & so on. It is Proclamation, Statement of Faith, Witness to the World. Can

I put myself in the disciples’ sandals? Mary Magdalene – to be named “Apostle to the Apostles”; John – “Beloved Disciple”; Peter – “You are the Rock”, triple betrayer – yet the one lingered by the fire (John 18.15-27); Mary & John stood by the cross with Jesus’ mother (John 19.25-27), witnessing the most awful death a Jew could endure, “hanging on a tree...cursed by God” (Deuteronomy 21.23). This was the one whom they had believed in & followed as the Hope of Israel, now the “most despised of men” (Isaiah 53.3). Once they received Jesus’ body, Mary - with a number of “the women”, carried out the ritual anointing & wrapping, placing the traditional cloth or veil on Jesus’ face: finally the disciples set in place the heavy stone seal. Can you imagine the next morning, and the horror, confusion & terror that the grieving group must have experienced on seeing an open, empty tomb: “Where have they taken him?”

But once the disciples went into the burial chamber & saw the folded wraps & facecloth, they realized that this was not the work of grave robbers or Roman mercenaries. They then realized even more profoundly & believed: “Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.” (John 20.9.) Mary’s tears, as she wept outside the tomb, led to even greater, life-changing revelation. This was not the gardener whom she was asking to help to find her beloved master’s body: “Jesus said, “Mary!” In that instant “she knew him” & heard his words & instruction, in glad relief & believing love, “Go & find my brothers & tell them” (John 29.11-18). The ritual veil found folded in the tomb now unveiled to her Jesus’ divinity! The centurion by the cross had been an early unwitting witness, as “he saw in the way Jesus breathed his last & said, ‘Truly this man was God’s Son!’” (Mark 15.39): “Thomas, (who was called the Twin)” would later on confess, out of his earlier – perhaps snitchy - doubt, “my Lord & my God”. Jesus said, “Blessed are those who have not seen yet have come to believe.” (John 20.-29). Peter addressed “Cornelius & his household - We are the witnesses; we have eaten & drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead” (Acts 10.34-43) . That was then – almost two millennia ago, Now, Easter 2022, We are the Proclaimers, the Witnesses to the Risen Jesus & to his Good News. How do I Witness? Where? When? Or is my faith practice a bit too bland, blasé, “just another word”? Can I begin to envisage & to feel in Mind, Heart & Gut, the ancient disbelief, shock, confusion & hesitant fear; then the joyful realization & energized excitement of those First Witnesses to Our Story on that first Easter Day, moving through the Ascension to Pentecost. As a 2022 Witness, can I work out how to re-fire my Witnessing? In Family & Friendships; in Work, Study & Play; Social Justice Action & Advocacy; in Companionship; in Loneliness, Suffering & Lostness?

“This is the Day that Lord has Made, Let us Rejoice & be Glad in It” (Psalm 117)

Michael Mclindon, parishioner & counsellor/ spiritual director

“Christos Anesti + Alithos Anesti ”

