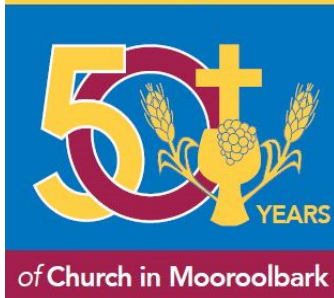


St Peter Julian Eymard Parish



# 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

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

**St. Richard's Parish School**  
672 Mt. Dandenong Rd.  
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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

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

## 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A

17th May 2020 Issue No 17

### Reflection

John 14:15-21



At the Last Supper Jesus told his apostles he would be leaving them to return to the Father. In today's Gospel, he reassures them and us that we will not be alone. The Holy Spirit was sent to the disciples and is with each of us as a special helper and friend until Jesus returns to us.

Recall that wind is a symbol of the Spirit. Walk outside and feel the wind. Is it a gentle breeze today or is it gusting? Think about why the wind is considered a symbol of the Holy Spirit. As the Holy Spirit leads us and guides us like the wind, are we gently moved or sometimes does it take a hurricane wind to get us moving?

Think of some things your family has been guided to do by the Holy Spirit. Also consider some things the Spirit might be calling you to presently.

*I know the Holy Spirit was guiding me directly once when . . .*

*I have felt orphaned before, but I know the Spirit was with me because . . .*

*I have seen the Spirit at work in our parish when . . .*

Lord God, we entrust to you the families and communities affected by Coronavirus, wherever they may be. We pray especially for health care workers, that you may guide and protect them. We pray that your Spirit might inspire those researching new medicines and treatments. And in the midst of this, keep us strong in faith, hope and love.

Grant us the courage and perseverance to be good neighbours.

Amen.

Marg Vallence - Parish Pastoral Council

## 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 – 24th May

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20



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, and all anniversaries that occur about this time.

**16/5 to 22/5**

**Linda Young, Brenda Ward, Catherine McArdle, Gerrit Brinkhuis, Lindsay Goodall, Gerard Van Der Horst, Elizabeth Reid, Marcus Redfern, Anna Veips, Joseph Lowell, Kathleen Haoust, Agnes McLindon, Clara Maria Worton, James Daffey, Mick Hawkins, John & Helena Graafmans, Raffaele Malvaso, Linda Steane, Roy Downie, Eileen Gildea, James Leahy, Angelo Cincotta, Frank Anderson, Gwen Johnson, Maria Casotti, Giovina Cellante, Ernst Franz.**

## 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 17-5-2020

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

The Parish Pastoral and Financial Council (PPFC) would like to provide you with an update of the staged approach to re-opening our Church. The relaxing of restrictions has allowed Father Joseph and the PPFC to examine the resources available and required to safely resume our Mass schedule. We thank you for your continued support for our Parish, as even though we are not celebrating Mass, the Parish expenses need to be met on a weekly basis. Unfortunately we will not be able to re-open our Church for regular Masses until after 31 May 2020. There are a number of reasons for this decision:-

1. The relatively small numbers allowed at this time is problematic and our resources do not support this to be a realistic approach.
2. The Church is currently undergoing a range of upgrades and maintenance during the lockdown period including the replacement of carpets throughout, the stripping and resealing of the vinyl, replacement of lighting and maintenance of the drainage system. The Church will then require a thorough clean once all this work has been completed. It is hoped that a further relaxing of restrictions on or after 31 May 2020 will allow places of Worship to increase the number of people that can attend Church services. The Parish is also required to adhere to all personal hygiene guidelines as determined by the Victorian Government, the Health Department and the Archdiocese of Melbourne. These requirements place further emphasis on Father Joseph and the PPFC in ensuring that all entry and exit points are clearly defined, hand sanitizers and wipes are available, recording the names, contact details and time of entry and exiting of each person attending a Church service as well as the cleaning of the Church after each Mass.



Further updates will be provided when available and Father Joseph and the PPFC are looking forward to welcoming our Parish family to a renewed and refreshed Church with a somewhat different celebration of our Holy Mass.

Yours in Christ Our Lord  
Bernadette Brown Chairperson (PPFC)

### Online Pentecost Pilgrimage

Click on the link to join this worldwide Pentecost Pilgrimage with over 70 countries participating...featuring International and acclaimed Catholic speakers.

It's not too late to join the pilgrimage and to make this Inspirational journey, while opening our hearts and minds, allowing the Holy Spirit to move within us, as we look forward to Pentecost Sunday.

Join us this Sunday, releasing four new Holy Spirit filled talks.

**Let others know that it's not too late to join** the caravan!

Share the hope and joy of the Pentecost Pilgrimage.

**TO LOG INTO THE PILGRIMAGE SITE**

Paste this link into your browser

<https://pentecostpilgrim.kartra.com/portal/srkBEfDg0WoQ>

Enter your name and email to enter the site.

Select the top menu tab for videos and select Wednesday videos. Choose your speakers video. Participate in chat rooms below each talk!

### 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**  
[rafflespje@gmail.com](mailto:rafflespje@gmail.com)

## FR JOSEPH HOMILY

Once upon a time there was a man who always wanted to know in advance, and in detail. For example, when invited by his friends to dinner, he wanted to know what was on the menu. The friend would say, "Don't worry; it is something that you like." "But what is it," the man would say. "Oh, it is a surprise. I do not want to spoil the surprise for you." Then his friend would invite the man to a movie, and he would say, "What is about? Is it a comedy? Mystery thriller? Cowboy? Adventure?" And again, the friend would say, "Oh, you will enjoy it. I do not want to tell you because that would spoil the surprise and lessen the joy."

Many of us are like this man who does not want to be surprised. Yes, we trust our friend, but still, we want to know in detail. We are like this when it comes to life after death. Yes, we trust in God. We know it is going to be nice. *But we fear the unknown. We want to the detail.*

St Paul (1 Cor 2:6-10) says with regards to heaven has this to say, "It is written that eye has not seen, ear has not heard, nor has it so much as dawned on man, what God has prepared for those who love him." Is that a good enough description for us? Does that put our minds at rest? Can we leave the rest to God? "Yes – but what are the details?" we are tempted to say. No, we must leave the details to God, the way a person must leave the details to a caring friend who wants to surprise us so that our joy may be more complete. "Trust me," says the Lord. "I know you well, and I know what will make you supremely happy."

In the gospel from John, Jesus promises us, "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you." The Holy Spirit is the way Jesus carries out that promise. During this time of Pandemic, many of us have been affected. It is a time of trial and challenge, we are not sure what will behold us, we want to know in detail many things which are seemingly unknown to us, however, we are called to pray and ask the Holy Spirit and Jesus to give us the strength, wisdom and love in our hearts all along. That, as the Psalm says, is when we "Let all the earth cry out to God with joy." Because we trust that we will finally overcome and defeat the Coronavirus with God's help by prayers and our collective efforts.

