



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

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

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John 20:19-31

Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

Today's Gospel tells us that Jesus appeared to the disciples on several occasions after they discovered that his tomb was empty. Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. The bodily form was not one that the disciples recognized though. In John's Gospel, Mary of Magdala does not recognize that the figure standing before her is Jesus until he speaks to her. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. In doing so, Jesus commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." During the meeting, Jesus also shows the integral connection between forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The story of Thomas illustrates our Christian experience today: We are called to believe without seeing. In fact, all Christians after the first witnesses have been called to believe without seeing. Thomas's doubt compelled him to want hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death was indeed the same Jesus who had been crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to act on that desire. He is our witness that Jesus is really risen.

Our faith is based on the witness of the Church that has preceded us, beginning with Thomas and the first disciples. Through Baptism we receive the same Holy Spirit that Jesus brought to the first disciples. We are among those who are "blessed" because we believe without having seen.

Stay Safe, optimistic, vigilant and most importantly connected!

Marcus Gill- Principal

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

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 – 26th April

Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Pet 1:7-21;
Lk 24:13-35



We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;

Trish Fenton, Freddy Chavez, Annette Andrewartha, Julia & Mabel Dana, Matthew Arrowsmith, Rose Robert, Brian Allan, Lorraine Downie, Carol Braganza.

† Remembrance Diary †

We remember those who have died, especially **Wilfred Howarth** and all anniversaries that occur about this time.

18/4 to 24/4

Ann Marie Bloomer, Suzanne Pollard, Raynor Gray, Ben Slagman, Kimiora McElhinney, Michael Harnetty, 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, Jim Hanlon, Sr Julienne McKenna.

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 - 19.4.2020

No Masses until further notice.

**Funerals allowed with max of 10 people
Weddings max of 5 people, including the
Priest, wedding couple and witnesses.**

All Baptisms have been postponed until
further notice.

Father Joseph will provide a homily,
The weekly reflection will be included in the
Newsletter and our Web page.

**Parishioners are encouraged to provide
an email address so that they can
receive weekly notices and updates.**

Parish Email: mooroolbark@cam.org.au

Please refer to The Catholic Archdiocese or
Parish Website for updates.

For peace of soul

Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you.

All things are passing:
God alone is changeless.
Patience gains all things,
Who has God wants nothing.
God alone suffices.

THE COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2020

**3 x ALL NEW SUZUKI BALENO
TO BE WON!!!**



1st 2nd 3rd

**All New 2020 Suzuki Baleno Series II GL
valued @ \$20,682 each Drive Away
4th / 5th Prizes - Coles / Myer Gift Card valued @
\$1000 ea.**

**6th Prize to 14th Prize – Coles / Myer Gift Card
valued @ \$500 ea.**

**The Raffle Draw Date has been deferred
I will advise of the new date in due course
In the meantime could you return your tickets,
sold or unsold to the Parish House letter slot to
the left of the Parish House front door.**

**Church goers who asked for tickets in the
church foyer, you need to return yours too.
A big thank you to all those parishioners who
have sold tickets.**

**Marg Vallence 0403 568 302
rafflespie@gmail.com**

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE LINK LIVE STREAM MASS

<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

11am MASS ON SUNDAY

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**
GO FURTHER TOGETHER

**Thank you
19th April 2020**

 **Caritas
AUSTRALIA**

Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2020. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit www.caritas.org.au to make your donation online.

Through your generosity you will be empowering the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and share their strengths with their communities to lift themselves out of poverty.

www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion #projectcompassion 1800 024 413

**Parishioners please continue to return donation boxes to the parish house from now until
30th April, Between the times of 2pm - 7pm.**

**Please ring the door bell and Fr Joseph will collect from you.
We thank you for your kind donations.**

FATHER JOSEPH'S HOMILY

TRUST IN HIS MERCY

Today is the second Sunday of Easter. Today is also known as the Divine Mercy Sunday: Pope John Paul 11, himself a devotee of the Divine Mercy, proclaimed this commemoration on April 30, 2000 during the canonization of St. Fustina Kowalska, a Polish nun who experienced apparitions of Jesus and His call to trust in His Divine Mercy. Saint Faustina was named an "apostle of the Divine Mercy: and the faithful were encouraged to pray her exclamation to the Divine Mercy, "Jesus, I trust in You."

On the eve of the Divine Mercy Sunday in 2005 , Pope John Paul 11 died. Pope Benedict XV1 beatified him on a Divine Mercy Sunday in 2011. Our present pope , Pope Francis, canonized Pope John 11 on April 27, 2014, also a Divine Mercy Sunday.

In today's Gospel, the Divine Mercy is on full display. The Risen Lord appears to the disciples. He did not accuse them of their betrayal. He showed them his wounds, not to put them on a guilt trip but to shower them with mercy, to assure them it was for them (and us) that He bore those wounds.

To top it all, He even commissioned them to be bearers of the same mercy by being agents of forgiveness of sins.

Jesus, I trust in You !

Just a caveat. Jesus calls us to trust in His mercy, not the presume it. Trust is the attitude of a lover.

Presumption is the attitude of a user. When we presume something, we become complacent. We become abusive.

A husband who presumes the love of his wife willingly commits infidelity , thinking, "After all, she will take me back." A child wo presumes his parents' dedication to his welfare squanders his allowance, thinking, "After all, they can't bear to see me suffer." A Christian who presumes God's mercy willingly sins, thinking, "After all, I can always go to confession."

Be a lover, not a user.

Fr. Joel Jason.

