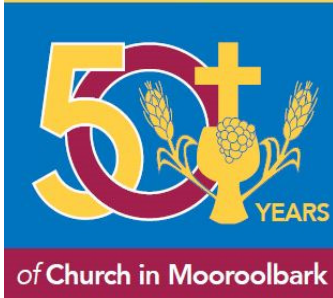


St Peter Julian Eymard Parish



# 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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Mr. Michael Mc Lindon

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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**  
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672 Mt. Dandenong Rd.  
Kilsyth, 3137  
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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

## THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

2nd February 2020 Issue No 2

### Reflection

This weekend, we celebrate the Feast Day of the Presentation of the Lord. In bringing Jesus to the Temple, Mary and Joseph thankfully presented back to God the gift of God had given them. This gesture of generous thanksgiving is the pattern of salvation and the way of all Christian living. The life that Jesus received, the very life for which his parents gave thanks, is the same life Jesus offered back to the Father.

This too was accompanied with sacrifice, but a more costly and personal sacrifice in the temple that was Jesus' body on a cross that pained his mother's soul. Jesus is the gift of God, in Simeon's words, a gift of salvation and light for the whole world which are the focus of the Gospel reading of this weekend.

This month, I have had the chances to watch Australian Open, I am so impressed by a 22 years old young German tennis player Alexander Zverev who is willing to donate his money earned from playing the games for the victims of the bushfire. A young man can show such a kindness and generosity for the needs of others is indeed shown as a Light for us whom are our called to follow and imitate the Source of the Light our Lord Jesus Christ.

Fr Joseph Lu Xin PP

## PARISH CALENDAR

### FEBRUARY 2020

- 1/2nd Feb** Presentation of the Lord  
Baptism 11.00 am
- 8/9th Feb** Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time  
Baptisms 6.00 pm, 9.00am  
St Richards Staff Commitment  
Mass 9.00am
- 12th Feb* Lenten Liturgy Meeting - Parish  
House 7.30pm
- 15/16th Feb** Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time  
SPJE Staff Commitment Mass  
& Prep Angel Mass  
6.00 pm & 11.00am
- 22/23th Feb** Seventh Sunday Ordinary Time  
Baptism 11.00am
- 26th Feb** Ash Wednesday Mass 7.30pm

### MARCH 2020

- 30/1st Mar** First Sunday of Lent
- 7/8th Mar** Second Sunday of Lent

## Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday to Friday  
9.15am

## Readings for Next Week – 8/9th Feb

Is 58:7-10; 1Cor 2:1-5;  
Mt 5:13-16

## Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;

**Pat McCann, Trish Fenton, Freddy Chavez,  
Peter Margerison, Judith Griffith,  
Annette Andrewartha, Julia & Mabel Dana,  
Jan Smith, James Heaton, Wilfred Howarth,  
Matthew Arrowsmith, Rose Robert  
& Lorraine Downie**

## † Remembrance Diary †

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

1/2 to 7/2

**Joan Walker, Leah Talbot,  
Margaret Trenerly, Molly Arman,  
Ignats Plaucs, Maria Klepac,  
Mena (Philomena) Bell,  
Edward Chookoon, Joseph O'Hara,  
Fredrick Quinless,  
Mary Josephine Ward, Norma Foley,  
Rosa Turk, Gerard Sheehan,  
Alan Tatnell, Joe Khodr,  
Mary Willingham, Noel McWilliams,  
Rudolf Quinless, Nancy Cornwell,  
Josepha Doekes & James Cornford.**

## ROSTERS

### Counters

- 3rd Feb Joan & Maurie Prendergast  
10th Feb Des Delahunt, Pam Dryden, Christine  
Sellar

### Flowers

- 9th Feb Visa Maka  
16th Feb Ester Ngaihte

### Cleaners

- 3rd Feb D'Almeida Family  
10th Feb Peter & Anne Holt, Wernert Family

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

### Ministers of Eucharist Coordinators for February

- 6.00 pm George Nantes  
9.00 am Volunteer  
11.00am Daylin Rowland

### Readers and Commentators - 8/9th February

- 6.00 pm Volunteers Required  
9.00 am Andrea Braganza, Lilette De La Harpe  
11.00am Charlotte Wightman, Elizabeth Acabado

### Musicians - 8/9th February

- 6.00 pm Shelly & Co  
9.00 am Strum  
11.00 am Tongan Group

## BAPTISM



We welcome  
**Willow Myers**  
to our Parish through Baptism.

As she receives the Holy Spirit through the  
Sacrament celebrated this weekend, may her faith  
guide her throughout her life.

**February 2, 2020**  
**The Presentation of the Lord**

“... they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord...” (Luke 2:22)

How seriously do you take being a Catholic? Is “being Catholic” something I just do when I attend Sunday Mass or attend one of my parish functions? It’s easy to be Catholic then, it’s harder to be Catholic when I am out in the world. Would someone recognize you as a Catholic by the way you act, dress, and talk? How do you present yourself to the Lord and to others?

## Combined Parishes Car Raffle

This is advance notice that the Parish and the two Schools will once again be participating in the Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle.

Tickets will be distributed early in February to both schools and will be available in the church foyer for collection by parishioners. Foyer ticket sales will commence at some time during February at most masses until Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April

The prizes are fabulous: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> are Suzuki cars while 4<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> are Coles/Myer Gift cards. Tickets are \$2.00 each so they are extremely good value.

If you have any queries, I can be contacted on 0403 568 302 or by email: [rafflespje@gmail.com](mailto:rafflespje@gmail.com)

Marg Vallence / Coordinator  
SPJE Parish Mooroolbark  
Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle 2020.

## LADIES LUNCH GROUP STARTING UP AGAIN FOR 2020

Our first luncheon will be at Club Ringwood  
Cnr Maroondah Hwy and Oban Rd  
Ringwood  
Tuesday 4th Feb  
Meet at 12pm for 12.30pm lunch  
Contacts: Philomena Turner 0417.208.077  
Nancy Gough 0411.137.251  
9726.8325



**Catholic Theological College**  
*2020 Study Options Now Available!*

### The Parish and Pastoral Ministry in a New Environment

Parish life today is facing many new opportunities and challenges. The parish of the future will be built on the missionary creativity of people and priests working together in a changed social and ecclesial environment. Fr Brendan Reed, author of *Engaging with the Hopes of Parishes*, will be teaching this new unit in 2020. This intensive course will be beneficial for anyone involved in parish life, parish councils, parish teams and parish ministry. It will be particularly of use to those wishing to engage in parish life in light of the 2020 Plenary Council. 12, 14, 19 March; 30 April; 2, 23 May + online learning (12 hours equivalent)

### Church History

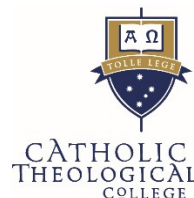
Discover more about the Church’s story and the journey of faith across the centuries. Units include;

The Spirit of Trent and the Mystery of Vatican II,  
Lecturer: Rev. Dr Max Vodola – Semester 1,  
Wednesday 6-9pm.

Two Centuries of Catholic Experience in Australia,  
Lecturer: Rev. Dr Christopher Dowd OP – Winter Intensive, 29/6, 1/7, 3/7, 6/7, 8/7, 10/7 9.30-4.30pm  
The Reformation in the British Isles, Lecturer: Rev. Prof. Austin Cooper OMI AM – Saturday Intensive, Semester 1: 7/3, 14/3 18/4, 2/5. Semester 2: 1/8, 29/8, 12/9, 10/10 10-3.00pm.

Contact the Academic Records Office for all study options and further information.

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### 2020 Strength in Weakness Conference

Saturday 15 February 2020, 9:00am – 6:30pm, 400 City Road, Southbank (Planetshakers Centre)

A day of prayer and renewal for all Christians to come together and be strengthened and encouraged in their faith. Encouraged by Pope Francis' message that we are all called to be saints, the underlying theme of the conference is to rely solely on God's grace and strength – especially in times when your faith could be questioned and challenged. Guest speakers will include Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, Archbishop Christopher Prowse, Fr Augustine Vallooran V.C, Lenyce Willason, Fr Ken Barker MGL & Lalith Perera.

We invite everyone to this free event. If you are interested in participating, please register online. For more information & free registration visit [www.strengthinweakness.com.au](http://www.strengthinweakness.com.au)

You are invited to join us for the



## St Valentine's Day High Tea

Friday 14th February 2020 at Sofitel on Collins

*Intense love does not measure. It just gives.* - Mother Teresa

**Catholic Mission** would like you to invite you to attend St. Valentine's Day High Tea. Catholic Mission aim to raise \$100k at this event to establish a sustainable vocation center for the war-ravaged people of Cambodia and assist the Eden Garden Home in Nagaland India for 275 children.

Our aim this Valentine's Day is to address the needs of the poor in Cambodia, Ethiopia and India.

In **Cambodia**, Catholic Mission will develop student vocational learning, extend income-producing farm infrastructure, establish processing rooms for seed, soap and food production, and develop teacher-training programs.

In **Ethiopia**, we address intolerable gender imbalance by investing in women's education programs. This is vital in the fight against poverty, and our skills training courses offered by the Kidist Mariam Centre are targeted particularly at young women aged between 16 and 28, who have finished only primary education.

The region of **Nagaland** is one of the most impoverished in India, and Catholic Mission is partnering with the Eden Gardens Children's Home to help them deliver a series of development initiatives. We will work to ensure a reliable supply of water to the home throughout the year, as well as provide education beyond grade ten for five students and Improve the Home's sustainability, to cut costs, increase income generation and reduce negative environmental impacts.

Please Join us in this life-changing work as we celebrate the gift of love, which grows so much when we share it. Let us bring love laughter and loving into their lives by attending this event.

If you are able to book a table of 20, we at Catholic Mission will send you a signed certificate along with a gift for your as a keepsake as a memento, for the wonderful effort in helping us.

**Booking for this event are available via [www.trybooking.com/BHEDP](http://www.trybooking.com/BHEDP) For further information please contact Catholic Mission on (03)**

**9412 8412 or email us at**

**[catholicmission@cam.org.au](mailto:catholicmission@cam.org.au)**

Dr. Lorraine Valladares for Catholic Mission:

**[Lorraine.Valladares@cam.org.au](mailto:Lorraine.Valladares@cam.org.au)**

## Gospel of Matthew Retreat Fr Frank Moloney SDB 3 – 6 February

Fr Frank Moloney will lead this retreat on the Gospel of Matthew at the beautiful and peaceful Don Bosco Retreat Centre. Cost - \$430 all inclusive (retreat, meals, accommodation, etc). Further information and registration: Contact - Candy 9752 2432 or  
e-mail: [dbrclysterfield@gmail.com](mailto:dbrclysterfield@gmail.com)

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## Plenary Council 2020

Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

## Call for Delegates

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has requested that each Diocese nominate four people (who may be laypersons, members of religious orders or Clergy), who are willing to be called as delegates for the Plenary Council Sessions in October 2020 and June and July of 2021. Each delegate will participate in the process of discernment and contribute to a variety of forums before, during and after the Plenary Council Sessions.

**To apply, complete the online form by Friday 24 January 2020.**