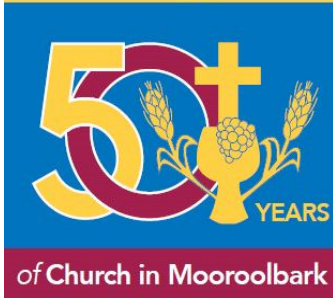


St Peter Julian Eymard Parish



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

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Mrs. Adriana De Leo

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SPJE Parish School
Reay Road, Mooroolbark 3138
Telephone 9725 0595 Fax 9723 9255
School Principal – Mrs. Maria Bast
<http://www.spjemooroolbark.catholic.edu.au>

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Tel: 8215 9206

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672 Mt. Dandenong Rd.
Kilsyth, 3137
Telephone 9728 4378 Fax 9728 6272
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



ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD 2nd June 2019 - Issue No: 19

ASCENSION REFLECTION



The feast of the Ascension celebrates that Jesus is present to us in a way that is no longer bound by time and space. In his earthly life, Jesus had revealed the 'Good News' of God's love and so the disciples and we, today, know clearly what is Jesus' mission that He calls us to live.

Jesus revealed to us the heart of God. A God whose heart delights in each and everyone of us whom he has created. A God who longs to be in union with each of us as he was with his son, Jesus, as Abba Father.

God delights in **EACH** one of us! God has no boundaries to his love and accepts everyone. What affect does this awareness have in us as we greet those in our homes, work places, communities and our global world?

Our mission to bring Jesus's good news to our world invites us to 'see as God sees our world, ourselves and each other'.

This awareness challenges us in the depths of our being each and every day. It challenges our judgements, our assumptions, our boundaries to our openness and ways of showing love to others.

Brendan Byrne in his book, 'The Hospitality of God- A reading of Luke's Gospel' on page 14, states, 'God offers a hospitality in which human beings and, potentially, the entire world, can become truly human, be at home and can know salvation in the depths of their hearts.'

Jesus' good news – God delights in each one of us....

Michelle McCourt - Parishioner

Weekday Mass Times

No Weekday Mass
28th May - 14th June

Readings for Next Week – 8/9th June

Yr C: Acts 2:1-11; Rom 8:8-17;
Jn 14:15-16, 23-26

PARISH CALENDAR

JUNE 2019

1/2nd June	The Ascension of the Lord Propogation of the Faith Celebrant : Fr.Michael Knight Baptism Welcome Mass - 11am
4th June	Ladies Lunch - 12 noon Dorset Garden Hotel
7th June Fri	School Closure Day
8/9th June	Pentecost Sunday Celebrant : Fr.Michael Knight Baptism Welcome - 6pm Baptism - 11am Church Special Monthly Collection
10th June Mon	Queens Birthday (public holiday)
12th June	Pre Confirmation Night - 7pm Church
13th June Thur	Baptism Meeting - 7.30pm Church Foyer - Marg & Lili
15/16th June	The Most Holy Trinity Baptisms - 11am Baptism Welcome - 11am

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill,
especially,
**Brian Alan, Peter Margerison, Jessie Elliott,
Kay Williams, Richard Corrigan, Frank
Covino, Simon Bissonette, Pat McCann, Maria
Cordedda, Louis Wycisk, Robert Azzopardi,
Filomeno Ursua & Jenny Fitzgerald**

† Remembrance Diary †

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

1/6 to 7/6

**Syril Waring, Victor Trudgen, Betsy Kennedy, Stephen
Douglas, Roma McWilliams, Verna Harnetty, Felix
Soffici, Catherine Gangell, Peter Briglia, Francesco
Piccolo, Antonio Molusso, Eve Warren, Brendan Tate,
John Peters, Adrian Tobin, Mick Guglielmi, Annie Burns,
Immacolata Sainato, Sheila Staunton, Patricia
Commerford, Gwenneth Key, Mavis Morgan, Harold
Dobson, Robert Haynes, Gisela Liedtke, Anna Alvar,
Harold Redfern, Louisa Verdaasdonk, Edmond & Eden
Pannawitch, Michael Collins, Chester Seagle, Tony
Azzopardi, Mary Robinson, Kevin Mackey, Sarah Bone,
Giuseppe Zappia, Ted Blow, Jack Grant, Jean Goodman.**

ROSTERS

Counters

3rd June	Joan & Maurie Prendergast
11th June Tue	Des Delahunt, Pam Dryden, Christine Sellar

Flowers

8th June	Routley Family
15th June	Philomena Turner

Cleaners

3rd June	Wojtek Nowicki & Eleanor Thompson
10th June	Graeme Vear & Gerard Wright

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

Ministers of Eucharist Coordinators for June

6.00 pm	Bernadette Brown
9.00 am	Karen Broughton
11.00am	Mike McCann

Readers and Commentators - 8/9th June

6.00 pm	Jessica & Gloria Romero
9.00 am	Muzeena D'Almeida & Karen Broughton
11.00 am	Charlotte Wightman & Elizabeth Acabado

PARISH THANKSGIVING

Monthly totals - thanksgiving period from
1st January to 30th April 2019

	PLEDGE	GIVEN
Jan '19	\$8,256	\$6,575
Feb '19	\$8,311	\$7,477
Mar '19	\$9,893	\$8,379
April '19	\$8,466	\$7,532
Total	\$34,924	\$29,963

POSITIONS VACANT

Applications are invited from suitably qualified
and experienced people for the positions of:

[Executive Assistant, Professional Standards Unit, East
Melbourne](#)
[Tertiary Chaplain, Deakin University, Burwood](#)
[Accounts Executive, Catholic Development Fund,
East Melbourne](#)

Further details can be found on the
Archdiocese website at:

<http://www.cam.org.au/Jobs.aspx>

PARISH CHILD SAFETY

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

All parish volunteers are required to hold a **Working With Children Card**.

Those volunteers who already have a card are asked to come to the office to have the details recorded.

Those who don't have a card need to apply for one either online or at the post office.

If you need assistance with this please contact Adriana or Brian at the parish office on 9723 4275

All Volunteers means anyone who assists the parish in any capacity.

June 2, 2019 - The Ascension of the Lord

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." (Revelations 22:13)

This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Mass and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work or at school. Living gratefully and generously is a lifestyle; it should influence how I make all my daily decisions.

LADIES LUNCH

The next Ladies' Lunch will be held at :
Dorset Gardens Hotel
4th June, 2019

12 noon for 12.30 lunch

To book please ring either -

Philomena on 0417 208 077 or

Nancy on 0411 137 251



St Vincent de Paul Society

VICTORIA

good works

Lilydale Conference are looking for a cheaper rental house or ½ house for a mother with 3 children if available.

\$350 or under.

Please ring Brenda 0421 011 326

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC MAGAZINE June 2019 ISSUE (Forever Young]

June Edition of Melbourne Catholic is now available.

Articles of interest include :

- Five things the Bible says about being young
- Beautiful, good and true
- Old is the new young
- The Nazareth Knitting Club

\$2 per copy.

Bring your Palms Together...

As we prepare for Pentecost, join Palms Australia to celebrate diversity, cross-cultural understanding, and our Call to peaceful development of global family.

Palms Together
Thursday June 6th from 5:30pm

Irish Times Pub
427 Little Collins St

MELBOURNE

RSVP by June 2nd to Robert@palms.org.au or call www.palms.org.au
02 9560 5333

CAN YOU HELP?

The parish needs to replace two sections of timber garden walls along the HULL ROAD frontage.

If you are able to assist us with this, please contact the Parish office on 9723 4275 for details



Palms Australia
Reach Beyond

INTERVIEW WITH POPE FRANCIS

In a wide-ranging interview with Mexican media network Televisa, Pope Francis responds to a series of questions concerning his pontificate and the state of the world.

Building bridges not walls

One of the first questions regards the border wall with Mexico. Pope Francis responds by repeating what he has always said, namely that 'whoever builds walls ends up a prisoner of the walls he builds... Instead, those who build bridges make friends, shake hands, even if they stay on the other side... But there is dialogue', he says.

Young people

Turning to the subject of young people, the Pope warns of how youth risk 'losing their roots'. He confirms his advice 'for young people to talk to old people, and the old to talk to the young, because... a tree cannot grow if we cut off its roots'. The Pope encourages youth to 'dialogue with the roots, receive culture from the roots. Then you grow, you bloom and you bear fruit'.

Violence against women

The Pope also addresses the issue of violence against women. Without attempting to give what he calls 'a sociological explanation', the Pope does say that 'women are still in second place' and, often, being in second place can mean 'to be the object of slavery'. Here he gives the example of prostituted women and speaks of his own visit recently to a rescue shelter in Rome. The Pope goes on to praise the role of women, saying 'the world without women doesn't work'.

Migrants and refugees

The Pope also answers questions about migrants and refugees, something he calls a top priority in today's current world scenario. 'The phenomenon of migration is such that I have taken in my hands the Migrants Section of the Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development,' he says, because every day we receive news of more deaths in the Mediterranean. Pope Francis comments on the problems that arise from some political leaders enforcing policies that close ports of entry, obliging boatloads of migrants and refugees to return to dangerous waters. He reiterates his belief that not only must we have the heart to 'welcome', but that we must follow up with the unique process of 'accompaniment, promotion and integration'.

The Pope also mentions the reality of humanitarian corridors as a positive response to the global emergency. He gives the example of Sweden, 'because during the dictatorships in the 1970s in Argentina and in Latin America, the so-called 'Operation Condor' worked very well'. Pope Francis explains that thanks to that project, Sweden received many Latin American refugees. They were welcomed, given language training, temporary housing and help in seeking employment. Sweden was able to do this, he says, although today it is harder because of the numbers.

However, he says, the system has worked, pointing to some of the children of those migrants who today are government ministers.

Pope Francis goes on to speak about how when countries make political agreements and set boundaries, migrants - who are the weakest and most vulnerable - are the ones who suffer and often end up being trafficked, enslaved, tortured...

Abortion

On the subject of abortion, the Pope says, he always asks two very clear questions: 'Is it fair to eliminate a human life in order to solve a problem?'. The answer to which is: no. 'Second question: is it fair to pay a sniper to solve a problem? No. Abortion is not a religious problem in the sense that just because I am Catholic I must not seek an abortion. It is a human problem', says Pope Francis. 'It is a problem of eliminating a human life. Period'.

Relationships with governments

In the interview, the Pope refers to how, during his travels, he sometimes finds himself in situations in which political leaders may be champions of policies with which he disagrees. Pope Francis says he always strives for dialogue and for the best possible outcome. In his speeches, he says, he touches generically on what may be the problems of a country, but in private, he takes another step, always making the effort to give encouragement in achieving good. 'I find something good in everyone', he says, 'be it good will, also in non-believers, they always do something good', he says, reminding the journalist that it is never good or profitable to speak badly of others.

For the first time, the Pope reveals that 'Don't speak badly of others' is the title of a pamphlet he has had distributed in the Roman Curia in the Vatican. 'Gossip is a universal defect and it applies to everyone', he says, 'to rulers, non-rulers, children, young people, men, women, everyone. They say that women are more gossipy: rubbish! Men are also gossips', says the Pope.

Another question in the interview focusses on possible controversies deriving from gestures and words spoken privately to individuals such when as the Pope embraced a transsexual person and his partner whom he received at the Casa Santa Marta, or his words to a divorced Argentinean woman over the telephone in which he reportedly said she could receive Communion.

Homosexuality

Underscoring his belief that we are all God's children, the Pope reiterates his stance regarding the fact that families must love and include all of their children, including those who are homosexual. He vehemently denies ever having said homosexuals are in need of a psychiatrist. But, he adds, that 'doesn't mean I approve homosexual acts, far from it'.

Finally, Pope Francis clarifies his famous quote: 'Who am I to judge?'. He made the comment during an inflight presser while returning from Rio de Janeiro soon after becoming Pope. The comment seemingly raised a lot of expectation within the global homosexual community that allegedly hoped he was going to go further. In the interview with Televisa, Pope Francis notes that Catholic doctrine has not changed. Rather, he warns against the temptation to take words out of context, and as far as doctrine is concerned, he defines himself as a 'conservative'.