



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 - For February
Tues & Thurs: 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



ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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First Sunday of Lent B



There is a lot to be learned from Noah's Ark.

1. Don't miss the boat.
2. Remember that we are all in the same boat, heading to the same destination.
3. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
4. Stay fit. When you are 80 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
5. Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
6. Build your future on high ground.
7. For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
8. Speed is not always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
9. When you're stressed, stop and float a while.
10. Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.
11. No matter the storm, when you are with God, there is always a rainbow waiting.

(author unknown)

I hope you find your rainbow this week.

Aedin Braun
RE Co Ordinator SPJE School

PARISH CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2021

- 20/21st Feb First Sunday of Lent**
Ashes will be distributed at all Masses. Masks are compulsory
Baptisms - 6pm
Welcome for Baptism
Baptism - 9am & 11am
First Eucharist 1 Child - 9am
- 22nd Mon **FUNERAL - Alan Pritchard**
(see page. 3 for details)
- 24th Wed Fr Joseph Lu Xin**
20 Year Ordination as Priest
- 27/28th Feb Second Sunday of Lent**
Baptism - 9am & 11am

MARCH 2021

- 6/7th March Third Sunday of Lent**
12th SPJE Grade 5 Reflection Day
- 13/14th Fourth Sunday of Lent**
16th Tue Grade 5. Eucharist Mass - 7pm
17th Wed Grade 5. Eucharist Mass - 7pm
18th Thur Grade 5. Eucharist Mass - 7pm
19th Fri School Closure Day
23rd Grade 4. Eucharist Family Night - Church
25th Thur Parish & School Formation Night - 6pm Church
27th Sat Grade 4. Eucharist Mass - 6pm

ROSTERS

Counters Month of February 2021

Mon. Joan & Maurie Prendergast

Flowers February 2021

No flowers during Lent

Church Cleaners Month of February

Laurel Simpson & Francis Braganza

*(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 T.B.A.
11.00am T.B.A.

Readers and Commentators - 27/28th February

6.00 pm Jessica & Gloria Romero
9.00 am Karen Broughton & Lilette de la Harpe
11.00am Volunteers Required

Musicians - 20/21st February

6.00pm Shelly & Co
9.00am No Music
11.00am ZOMI Group

Weekday Mass Times

February 2021

Tuesday & Thursday

9.30 am

Readings for Next Week – 28th Feb

Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31-34
Mk 9:2-10

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;

*Trish Fenton, Sister Rosalie Corrigan,
Rose Robert, Lorraine Downie, Trish Leahy,
Jean Blencowe, Danielle Devlin,
Gerard Hoogenboom & Rachael Ash.*

† Remembrance Diary †

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

20/2 to 26/2

**Dorothy Gartlan, Peter Vincent, Matthew Ellis,
Robert Bell, Tony Nugent, Michael Watson,
Cyril Vincent, Mary Hewett, Henry de la
Harpe, Maria Bialowieyski, David Bryce, Arne
Bouwhuis, Maria Aranco, Brian Gough, Anna
Robertson, Armando La Morticella, Alan
Porter.**

BAPTISM

We welcome



**Otilie Harrod, Nash Sablinskis, Leo &
Caleb Ivaldi, Cole Ivaldi, Leo & Ned
McLaughlin**

to our Parish through Baptism.

As they receive the Holy Spirit through the
Sacrament celebrated this weekend, may their
faith guide them throughout their life.



FUNERAL

Alan Pritchard

Monday 22nd February 2021

9.30am Rosary

10.00am Viewing

10.30am Funeral

Followed by refreshments in the parish hall.

COVIDSafe Summer –

Restrictions apply from 11:59pm 17 February 2021 From 11:59pm 17 February 2021 Victoria returns to COVIDSafe Summer restrictions – with some revised conditions.

These restrictions are designed to balance allowing Victorians to get back to doing the things they love while also putting in place measures to protect all that Victorians have worked so hard for. This means that:

- There are no restrictions on reasons to leave home.
- You must carry a face mask with you when you leave home.
- **Face masks continue to be mandatory indoors (other than residential homes). This includes workplaces.**
- Face masks are also mandatory outdoors when you can't keep 1.5 metres distance from other people (except with people from your own home).
- You can have up to 5 visitors to your home per day. There is no limit on the number of households those people come from.
- Up to 20 people can meet outdoors in a public place. There is no limit on the number of households those people come from.
- Schools and education providers are open
- Weddings, funerals and religious gatherings can occur with no limits on guests or attendees in commercial venues. To ensure people can keep 1.5 metres distance, the venue must apply the **two square metre rule**. If conducted in a private home, the private gathering limit applies (5 visitors, the celebrant and a photographer are not counted).



Father Joseph's 20th Anniversary



On the 24th of February 2021 Father Joseph will celebrate 20yrs since his ordination into the priesthood. We congratulate Father Joseph and pray that he continues to pursue his religious and faith journey. We at Mooroolbark Parish have been blessed with Father Joseph having spent more than half of his time as a priest with us going into his 11th year. We have grown as a parish community during this time as a result of Father Joseph's spiritual leadership as well as his caring approach to the vulnerable, impoverished and mental health of our parish family. We thank you Father Joseph and look forward to many more years of your priesthood.

What is Lent?

Lent is a 40-day period of spiritual preparation leading up to Easter in which many Christians reflect on Christ's death and resurrection.

While many people use Lent as a way to better themselves (*through giving something up*), the Lent season isn't really supposed to be about *us* at all. Rather, it's a time to reflect on what *Jesus* did. And it's meant to be a time of self-sacrifice, denial and repentance. It's not about deciding what to give up for Lent. It's about deciding to turn our focus back to Christ, and finding ways to grow in relationship with him, be more like him, and follow him better. This doesn't mean we should skip giving up something for Lent, of course. Giving up something for Lent is still a great practice!

We just need to be careful to **avoid making giving up something for Lent all about us and what we can do, rather than about what Jesus did for us** when he died on the cross.

Catholic Lent is meant to be a season of self-sacrifice, denial and repentance. It's an opportunity to grow closer to God, to remember his life and death, and to focus more on him and less on ourselves and our busy schedules. However, depending on what things you choose to give up for Lent, **Lent could help you: grow closer to God, learn to trust Him more, break free of specific sins you struggle with, become more like Christ, grow in gratitude, or develop a greater understanding of those who are different than you.** Or, you could just finish the 40 days with a sense of accomplishment that you were able to complete a challenge you made to yourself.

Many people simply choose one of the popular things to give up for Lent, such as chocolate, coffee or social media. Others want something a little more meaningful, such as giving up alcohol for Lent or trying to give up worry for Lent.

But before you decide what to give up for Lent, **you want to make sure you have an idea that's perfect for YOU.** Something that will actually *help* you, not just frustrate you for 6 weeks.



LADIES LUNCH GROUP

**TUESDAY 2nd MARCH at 12pm
AT THE DORSET HOTEL**



This is a great opportunity for any ladies who might be new to our parish or who have been considering joining our group to come along as we start this new-year. We ask all who are interested in attending to please contact either

Philomena or Nancy by TUESDAY 23rd FEB so numbers can be provided to the venue

Philomena Turner 0417 208 077 OR Nancy Gough 0411 137 251