



# 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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Fr. Joseph Xin Lu

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### Parish Hall - contact Parish Office

### SPJE Parish School

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**School Principal – Mr. Greg Thomas**

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### St. Richard's Parish School

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Kilsyth, 3137

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**School Principal - Mr. Marcus Gill**

<http://www.srkilsyth.catholic.edu.au>

### Normal Mass Times at SPJE

Weekday Masses - For March

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

### Parish QR Code



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**21st March 2021 Issue No. 8**

## MOVE ON

In today's gospel (John 12:20-33) Jesus says that, "The man who loves his life loses it. "How is this possible?"

For example, if a child loves to play, long after he has started schooling, and if he plays at the expense of discipline and study, he is going to lose the opportunity to grow from childish ways to the ways of a student.

Likewise, if an adolescent loves his relative freedom so much that he doesn't want to buckle down to the rigors of university life, he's going to lose the opportunity to grow to a higher level of maturity. In this sense, the one who loves his life too much at one level, loses the chance to move up to a higher level.

Even the university graduate - if he or she, after many years of single life, doesn't want to settle down to married life and the responsibilities of parenthood, that person is not going to mature as he was meant to mature, and be a nurturer of life. This is what Jesus means when he says to us today that the man who loves his present stage of life too much, and doesn't want to move on, is the man who stunts his further growth and loses the opportunity to grow into the fullness of life. We have all heard people say of others, "He hasn't grown up, he's afraid of responsibilities; he's not going anywhere."

Jesus says in today's gospel that if the grain of wheat falls into the ground and refuses to give itself to growth, it remains nothing more than a grain of wheat in the ground; but if it dies to its old self, it produces much fruit.

During this season of Lent, let us all say "yes" to the Spirit, and move on to a higher level of giving and dying, to a higher level of growth in the likeness of Jesus Christ.

## PARISH CALENDAR

### MARCH 2021

<b>20/21st</b>	<b>5th Sunday of Lent</b>
21st	Baptism 9am & 11am
22nd Mon	Baptism Preparation Meeting - 7.30pm Tim Newcomb
23rd	Grade 4. Eucharist Family Night - Church
24th	English Classes Church 7-8.30pm
25th Thur	The Annunciation of the Lord
25th Thur	Parish & School Leaders Formation Night - 6pm Church
<b>27/28th</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>
27th Sat	Grade 4. Eucharist Mass - 6pm
28th Sun	Grade 4. Eucharist Mass - 11am

### HOLY WEEK & EASTER

29th	
1st April	Holy Thursday - 7.30pm
2nd April	Good Friday - 10am In the Church Good Friday Liturgy - 3pm
3rd	Easter Vigil - 7pm
4th	Easter Sunday - 9am & 11am
5th	Easter Monday (public holiday)

## ROSTERS

### Counters Month of March 2021

Mon. Jan Phippard & Eileen Goltz

### Flowers March 2021

*No flowers during Lent*

### Church Cleaners Month of March

Fri. Wernert & Holt Family

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

### Ministers of Eucharist Coordinators for March

6.00 pm	Bernadette Brown
9.00 am	Karen Broughton
11.00am	Daylin Rowland

### Readers and Commentators - 27/28th March

6.00 pm	Special Roster
9.00 am	Special Roster
11.00am	Special Roster

### Musicians - 27/28th March

6.00pm	Shelly & Co
9.00am	STRUM
11.00am	Paul & Angela

## Weekday Mass Times

March 2021

Tuesday & Thursday

9.30 am

### Readings for Next Week – 28th March

Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 - 15:47

### Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;

*Rose Robert, Carmelita & Keith Arrowsmith,  
Danielle Devlin, Eleanor Thompson, Joan  
Bourke, Rae Church (Shelly Goss' mother)  
Patricia Koblar & Sue Hoogenboom.*

### † Remembrance Diary †

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

20/3 to 26/3

Mary Hanks, Nellie Hubbard, John Pierce, John  
Berens, Peter Kavanagh, Hazel Jansz, Gerry  
Brinkhuis, Geoffrey Hobday, Leo O'Leary,  
Josephine Dennany, Amanda Clancy, James Cairns,  
Hilda Joyce, William Collins, Fr Wally Silvester,  
Nicole Rose, George Mazar, Len Decker, Anne  
Colapaolo, Joseph Francis Johnston, Maria Thi Nhi  
Cao, Victor Treloar, John Woodhouse, Sr Brenda  
Keary RSJ, Patricia McCann (1st death  
anniversary)

## BAPTISM

We welcome



to our Parish through Baptism.

*Nash Sablinskis ,  
Amelia & Niamh Docherty*

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

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER ROSTERS

If you can assist with Reading, Commentating, and other Ministries for Holy Week & Easter Masses, please place your name on the roster on the notice board.



*Thank You.*

## HOLY WATER

Holy water available from the church sacristy.  
Please ask Fr Joseph or a church leader.  
If there is sufficient interest we will make more available



## LADIES LUNCH GROUP



Our next Ladies Lunch will be on  
**TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

At The Chirside Park Country Club  
68 Kingswood Drive, Chirside Park

PLEASE NOTE THIS WILL BE EASTER TUESDAY AND SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

We will meet at 12pm for 12.30 lunch

To book please contact

Nancy Gough 0411 137 251 or

Philomena Turner 0417 208 077

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

21st March 2021



**You can watch Halima's Story here:**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C0co7Om1Xxc&feature=emb\\_title](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C0co7Om1Xxc&feature=emb_title)

**Download Project Compassion videos here:** [Project Compassion 2021 Films on Vimeo](#)

**You can read Halima's Story here:** <https://lent.caritas.org.au/week-5>

Halima is raising her two children in a refugee camp in Bangladesh while caring for her mother, who has a disability. Widowed at 21, Halima fled violence in Myanmar's Rakhine State and arrived at the camp with nothing. Caritas Australia, through Caritas Bangladesh, helped Halima out with a shelter, cooking equipment, hygiene and sanitation training. She took on the role of community trainer herself, organising the cleaning of washrooms, wells and toilets. Halima aspired to 'Be More'. She is proud that she is now able to earn a small income while maintaining the health of her family and the cleanliness of the camp community.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to so this transformational program can continue to empower vulnerable women, men and children, and strengthen the communities around them.**

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

**Donation boxes and envelopes are available in the church foyer**

## PARISH UPDATE

**Dear Parishioners,**

please note the following information regarding the changes with our Easter Masses - Palm Sunday and the Easter Triduum.

We must remain very thankful that we are able to have our Easter Masses in 2021, however we have been advised by the Archdiocese of several changes that we must adhere to enable us to minimise risk, stay safe and remain open:-

1. **Palm Sunday** - we are unable to gather as a group for the Blessing of the Palms in the church foyer, as social distancing cannot be maintained during this activity. However, Father Joseph will bless the Palms at the end of the entrance song for our 6.00pm Mass and Palms will be available for parishioners to take home at the end of each Mass as we exit the side door at the back of the Church. Hand sanitisers will be available if you wish to use them when collecting a Palm.

2. **Holy Thursday** - There will be no washing of the feet at this service or the procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Alter of Repose. The Blessed Sacrament will remain in the closed Tabernacle. The stripping of the Alter will be completed by Eucharistic Ministers. **The Watch:** after a short interval of 5-10 minutes, a PowerPoint slide will guide a prayerful reflection, followed by Night Prayer.

3. **Good Friday:** Unfortunately this year we are not able to offer outdoor Stations of the Cross. It was felt that maintaining social distancing would be problematic given that we would be walking on public pathways and the sharing of carrying the Cross would not be possible. **Stations of the Cross will be in the church at 10.00am.**

**The Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3.00pm** will be slightly changed in the Veneration of the Cross. Father Joseph will carry the Cross into the Church, however there will be no touching or kissing the Cross, only bowing or genuflecting in front of the Cross.

4. **Easter Vigil will be at 7.00PM:** We will be unable to gather around a fire this year or enter the church with lite candles, however we still wish to maintain the solemnity of this celebration and we encourage parishioners to bring a torch or mobile phone (to use flash light) to symbolize the introduction of light into the Church as we begin our beautiful celebration of the Lord's resurrection.

**Parishioners will be advised when to switch on these lights.**

The Archbishop also reminds us we are far from 'back to normal' and that we don't want to run the risk that a parish gets caught in a difficult situation in which any practices were considered unsafe or imprudent.

The parish leadership team would like to thank parishioners for their patience and faithfulness in the midst of this Pandemic as we pray with confidence for the successful roll-out of the Covid vaccine.

**Warm regards the Parish Leadership Team**

