



# 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

**12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A**  
**21st June 2020 Issue No 22**

### *Matthew 10:26-33*

**Jesus assures the Twelve that God cares about them.**

We read today's Gospel in the context of last week's Gospel in which Jesus sent the twelve disciples to proclaim the kingdom of heaven. In between last week's reading and today's reading, Jesus has predicted that the disciples will face difficulties in their mission. Many people will not receive them well, even within the land of Israel.

Even family members will turn away from the disciples because of the disciples' commitment to Jesus and the kingdom. Today's Gospel offers the disciples consolation against this difficult truth. This section of Matthew's Gospel should be read in the context of Matthew's intended audience, a Jewish-Christian community. The Gospel alludes to the dangers and persecutions that this community has most likely already faced and will continue to face. To reassure this community, Matthew recalls for them the encouraging words of Jesus that we read today.

In this Gospel passage, Jesus might be understood as putting suffering in perspective. The disciples of Jesus are called upon to keep their focus on God. Those who can harm the body do not have ultimate power; God does. Still persecution and suffering can not be avoided or prevented. But Jesus reassures his disciples that God knows and cares about what happens to his children.

We might not face the same type of persecution, but we do experience difficulties as we endeavour to live a Christian life. Sometimes we let the opinions of others prevent us from doing what we know to be right. We need the reminder that what God thinks about us is more important. We are reassured by the promise that God cares for us and protects us.

***Stay Safe, optimistic, vigilant and most importantly connected!***

**Marcus Gill - Principal St Richards**

## PARISH UPDATE

Dear Parishioners,

The further relaxing of restrictions allows for the increase of people allowed in places of worship.

**.....Bookings Now Open.....**

**As of 27th and 28th June,  
50 people are allowed at each Mass,  
including children & musicians.  
In mid July approx. 100 people will be  
allowed to attend Mass.**

The parish will be updated by the Archdiocese prior to the easing of this restriction.

Parishioners **must** email or phone to book your attendance.

Given limited numbers at each mass please state your mass time preference -

**6 pm Saturday**

**Sun. 9am & 11am, or the additional Mass  
at 5pm on Sunday.**

Please leave your full name and contact details clearly on the telephone if you do not have access to a computer and state your preference Mass with 1st & 2nd choice.

We will do our best to accommodate your request.

We ask that you please adhere to hygiene requirements - hand sanitiser and wipes available at the church and social distancing signage in the Church.

Family groups who live in the same household must sit together.

Individuals to sit where marked by a green cross on the pews.

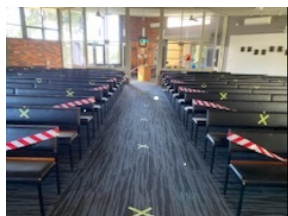
The church will be open 30 minutes before Mass.

We ask parishioners to kindly leave at the conclusion of Mass to allow for the cleaning of the church. After Mass please practise social distancing and only chat with Fr Joseph and other parishioners if it is really necessary.

No cuppas after Mass until further notice.

Yours in Christ

**Bernadette Brown  
Chairperson PPC**



## Readings for Next Week – 28th June

2 Kg 4:8-11, 14-16; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11;  
Mt 10:37-42



We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;

**Trish Fenton, Annette Andrewartha,  
Julia & Mabel Dana, Matthew Arrowsmith,  
Rose Robert, Lorraine Downie, Trish Leahy,  
Jean Blencowe, Nancy Greco, Colin Hallam,  
Otilie Porter.**

## ✠ Remembrance Diary ✠

We remember those who have died especially **Maria Devlin (Bernadette Brown's Mother)** and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time

**20/6 to 26/6**

**Maria Kemperman, Jack Fitzgerald, John Gates, George Barbutt, Anna D'Emilio, Dorothy Joan Ho, Douglas Margenberg, Lina Duckworth, Jack O'Leary, Rudolf Muller, Patricia & Des Commerford, Maureen Johnston, Peter Plaues, Ann Cairns, Marjorie Forrest, Michael Proc, Ken Hibbert, Scott McHenry, Margaret McNamara, David Wharton, Teresa Cheney, Cecilia Zdrasil, Tony Warren, Walter Zicari.**

## 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.

# SVDP WINTER APPEAL



The St Vincent de Paul Winter appeal will take place at all the Masses on the weekend of **27/28th June 2020.**

This year more than any other in recent history SVDP needs your support. The call on our resources will become greater as the restrictions are lifted and the government subsidies are reduced, and the true extent of job losses and cutbacks are realised.

We, at the Mooroolbark Conference, have been assisting people seeking our help throughout the last few months in accordance with the restriction guidelines and will continue to do so as the need increases as it no doubt will.

We are most grateful for an donation you are able to give to help us in our work.

We will have the usual envelopes in the church on the collection weekend and anyone not yet attending Mass can drop their donation in a marked envelope at the Parish House (front door letter box).

As there are no actual collections at Mass at present there will be two baskets at the front of the altar one for the church collection and the other for SVDP. They will be clearly marked.

Receipts will be forwarded to anyone who requires them and donations can be made by credit card if required.

We are most grateful for any donation you are able to give to help us in our work as **St. Vincent de Paul Victoria receives very limited government funding.**

Any inquiries

Jan Phippard 0417 335 763  
Anne Goodall 0419 341 483

Thank you for your continuing generosity to Vinnies.

*St Joseph,*

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**PRAYER  
to  
ST JOSEPH**

You were receptive to God working in your life. Help us by your prayers at this time of trial. You kept Jesus and Mary under your watchful care: may your prayers assist our local Church to respond to those in need.

You taught the Christ Child your trade and prayers: help us to follow his example of love.

You were part of God's plan for all humanity: assist us to be vigilant and responsible this day.

You spent your life in service: may we be mindful of others, particularly the elderly and vulnerable, caring for them in these difficult days.

You trusted in the clear primacy of God over all history and every situation: help us to grow in faith and pray to the Father, *Thy will be done.*

Amen



## THE COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2020

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



**1<sup>st</sup>**

**2<sup>nd</sup>**

**3<sup>rd</sup>**

**4<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> Prizes – Coles / Myer Gift Cards**

**The Raffle Draw Date is now September.**

**NOW THAT CHURCH ATTENDANCE IS  
BEING INCREASED**

**There are approximately 25 parishioners who  
need to return their raffle books**

**SO**

**If this is you, could you please hunt out the  
book**

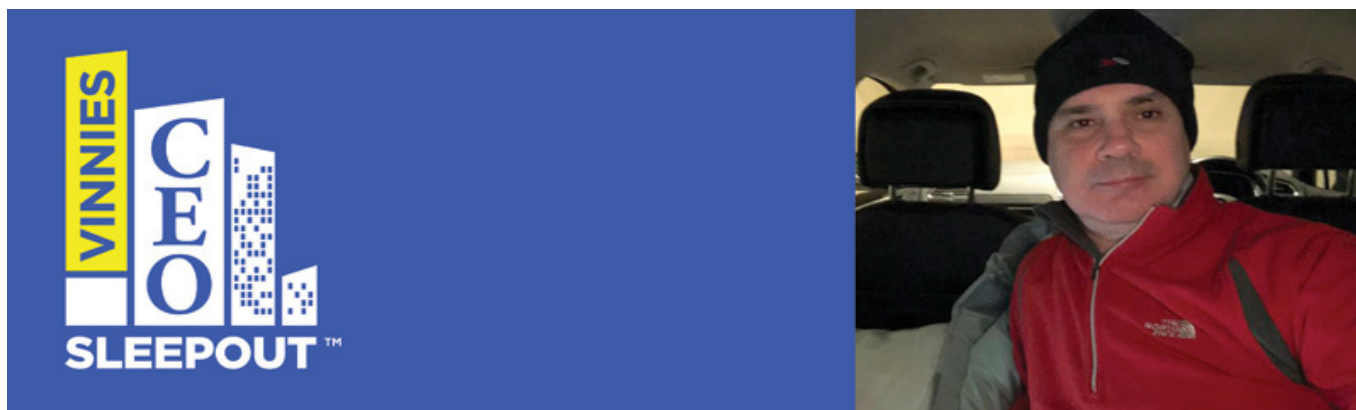
**and return it to mass or put it into  
the letter slot to the left of the  
Parish House front door  
in an envelope marked Raffle**

**by the end of July**

**Thank you to everyone who has sold and  
returned tickets.**

**Marg Vallence 0403 568 302  
[rafflepje@gmail.com](mailto:rafflepje@gmail.com)**

*Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne  
Communications Office  
Thursday 18 June 2020*



The [Vinnies CEO Sleepout](#) is a one-night event over one of the longest and coldest nights of the year (Thursday 18 June). Hundreds of CEOs, business owners as well as community and government leaders sleep outdoors to raise funds and support the many Australians who are experiencing homelessness and people at risk of homelessness.

By the numbers:

- 27% of homeless people in Australia are under 18 years of age
- 1 in 200 people are homeless on any given night in Australia
- Almost half of all homeless people are women
- Over 17,000 kids under the age have no home
- 14% of Australians live below the poverty line
- 30% of people experiencing homelessness are living in severely crowded homes

Last year, the Vinnies CEO Sleepout raised \$7.9 million for people experiencing homelessness and people at risk of homelessness. Now in its 15th year, the restrictions caused by COVID-19 have meant the event has had to move to a more interactive, online format. Participants have been asked to nominate an alternate sleeping option (their couch, backyard or car) and will share the experience through an interactive live stream program, logging in with others all around the country.

Participating in his first Vinnies CEO Sleepout, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli is sleeping out in his car to help raise awareness and funds for the important cause. "It's a little bit of discomfort for a good bit of awareness," he said.