

# 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

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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### 4th Sunday of Lent

#### Homily for this weekend

One time the father of six year old boy took him to a place where you could hear the echo of your own voice.

The boy shouted “Hello” and the voice came back, saying, “hello.” Then he shouted. “What is your name?” and the voice came back; “what is your name? Then the boy shouted. “You tell me first!” and the voice came back, “You tell me first!”

At this last answer the little boy got a little angry and he shouted, “I hate you!” and the voice came back, “I hate you!”

This frightened the boy and he ran back to his father. The father comforted his son and told the boy what to do. The boy returned to the place on the side of the cliff and shouted. “I’m sorry” and he heard a voice say, “I’m sorry.” Then he shouted, “I love you,” and the voice came back, “I love you too!”

Life is like that. Usually we get from others what we give to others.

Some people have so many friends. Why is that? They are not rich. Maybe the reason why so many people are happy to see these friendly people is because these friendly people were the first to greet them. Usually we get from others what we give to others.

In today’s gospel (John 9:1-41) Jesus says, “I am the light of the world.” Maybe so many people felt enlightened when they saw Jesus and listened to him because, for them, he was a light, and they became his echo.

Jesus was Good news to all who met him. To all who meet us, are we Good News and clear echoes of this God News that we have received from Jesus?

## PARISH CALENDAR

### ALL MASSES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

#### FUNERAL

Tue. 24th March  
Pat Snowball  
10.30am in the Church  
Family Only

#### CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE LINK LIVE STREAM MASS

<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

11am MASS ON SUNDAY

## Weekday Mass Times

All weekday Masses have been  
suspended until further notice.

### Readings for Next Week – 28/29th Mar

Ezek 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45



We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;

**Pat McCann, Trish Fenton, Freddy Chavez, Annette Andrewartha, Julia & Mabel Dana, Jan Smith, James Heaton, Wilfred Howarth, Matthew Arrowsmith, Rose Robert, Brian Allan, Lorraine Downie, Carol Braganza.**

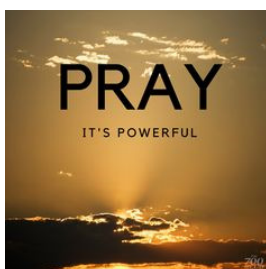
### PARISH UPDATE 20-3-2020

Father Joseph will open the Church on Saturday from 6.00pm - 7.00pm and Sunday from 10.00am - 11.00am for private prayer only. Numbers must be limited to 100 people and will be monitored by Parish Leaders. Please be respectful if you are asked to wait until other parishioners leave should this number be exceeded at any given time.

Father Joseph will provide his Homily and weekly reflection in the Newsletter and our Web page. Parishioners are encouraged to provide an email address so that they can receive weekly notices and updates.

**Parish Email: [mooroolbark@cam.org.au](mailto:mooroolbark@cam.org.au)**

This information can be shared with others, provided we adhere to the restrictions in place with regards to the number of people gathering in indoor and outdoor spaces.



### † Remembrance Diary †

We remember those who have died, especially **Pat Snowball and Anthony Beck** and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

**21/3 to 27/3**

**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 Johnston, Maria Thi Nhi Cao, Victor Treloar, John Woodhouse, Sr Brenda Keary RSJ, Bernard Brown, Antonia Tejero, Margaret Kierce, Antonio 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).**

You can continue to support the Parish financially by direct debit/credit card payments and this can be arranged by contacting the Parish Office by email or telephone (or leave a message with your details)

### *A 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

## Combined Parishes Car Raffle

Please return raffle tickets and money  
a.s.a.p. please.

A big thank you to all those who have returned their books and money.

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 / Co Ordinator  
SPJE Parish Mooroolbark  
Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle 2020.

### March 22, 2020 - 4th Sunday of Lent

*"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." (1 Samuel 16:7)*

How often do we invest our time, talent, and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car, and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent, and treasure here on earth.

## What is Lent - The Meaning of Time Set Aside

Just as we set aside time to spiritually prepare for Christmas Day, it makes sense to set aside time to prepare for the two most important days of the Christian year. Lent is a time that offers us an opportunity to come to terms with the human condition we may spend the rest of the year running from and it brings our need for a Savior to the forefront. Like [Advent](#), Lent is a time to open the doors of our hearts a little wider and understand our Lord a little deeper, so that when Good Friday and eventually Easter comes, it is not just another day at church but an opportunity to receive the overflowing of graces God has to offer.



**Project Compassion**  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent - 22nd March 2020**



Thirty-two-year-old Sakun lives in a village in central east India. She developed polio as a child and has difficulty walking. After joining a Caritas Australia-funded program, Sakun has learned new skills and gained important mobility. She is more resilient, more confident and more independent.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to help uplift vulnerable communities and support the rights of indigenous peoples around the world.**

**Let's Go Further, Together.** 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.

# CORONAVIRUS PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages curing every disease and illness.

At your command, the sick were made well.

Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbours from helping one another.

Help us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Lord Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus .  
May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair.  
May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks.  
May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Lord Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare.

In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

*Lord Jesus Christ, heal us.*

