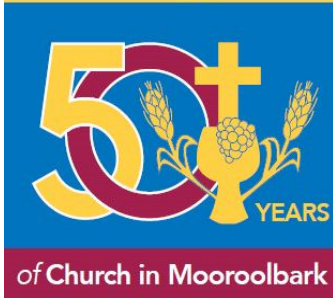


St Peter Julian Eymard Parish



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*We are a Welcoming Eucharistic and
Spirit Filled Parish Community.*



SPJE PARISH IS A CHILD SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Parish Priest
Fr. Joseph Xin Lu

Parish Secretary
Mrs. Adriana De Leo

Parish Assistant
Mr. Brian Twining

RCIA Coordinator
Mr. Michael Mc Lindon

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234 Hull Road (PO Box 2)
Mooroolbark 3138
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Parish Hall - contact Parish Office

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

SPJE - Outside School Hours Care
Tel: 8215 9206

St. Richard's Parish School
672 Mt. Dandenong Rd.
Kilsyth, 3137
Telephone 9728 4378 Fax 9728 6272
School Principal - Mr. Marcus Gill
<http://www.srkilsyth.catholic.edu.au>

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

7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

23rd February 2020 Issue No 5

Matthew 5:38-48

In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus' reinterpretes the Torah and gives his understanding and teachings on retaliation (Matt 5:38-42) and love for one's enemies (5:43-48). The old understanding about an 'eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth' (Exod 21:24; Deut 19:21; Lev 24:20) is often cited as a harsh example of Old Testament justice. What Jesus expects disciples to do is the opposite. He wants us to be prepared to accept double of what the perpetrator requires-surrendering your cloak as well as your tunic (Matt 5:40); going two miles instead of just one (Matt 5:41).

What Jesus teaches us, sounds impossible.

Disciples of Jesus are required to adopt a generous stance in the face of injury and often unreasonable demands from others. Occasionally, in the midst of terrible wars and atrocities, we hear of people who have been able to rise above their own suffering and rage, to find in themselves the ability, the grace, of forgiveness.

How much easier is it then, for us to turn the other cheek to our spouses, our families, those we work with and our neighbours when they do wrong to us?

Rudy Vail

Deputy Principal/Religious Education leader
St. Richards Primary School

PARISH CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2020

- 22/23th Feb Seventh Sunday Ordinary Time**
11am - Baptism
12.30pm - Private Baptism -
Visiting Priest
- 24th Feb Mon Formation Dinner & Presentation
(Parish Leaders) 6.30pm Church
- 26th Feb Ash Wednesday Mass**
9.15am & 7.00pm

MARCH 2020

- 30/1st Mar First Sunday of Lent**
11am - Baptism
- 3rd March Baptism Meeting - Home of Tim
& Lucy Newcomb - 7.30pm
- 4th March Faith Development Meeting - 10am
- 5th Mar Thur Parish Pastoral Council Meeting -
7pm Parish House
- 6th March School Closure Day
- 7/8th March Second Sunday of Lent**
BAPTISMS
- 9th Mar Mon LABOUR DAY (Public Holiday)
- 11th First Eucharist Family Night -
7pm Church
- 14/15th March Third Sunday of Lent**
- 17th Mar Tue ST PATRICK'S DAY

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday to Friday
9.15am

Readings for Next Week – 29/1st Mar

Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19;
Mt 4:1-11

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;

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

† Remembrance Diary †

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

22/2 to 28/2

**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, Ruby Roker, Cynthia Hicks, Helen
Adams, Judith Mountain, Barbara Priestley,
Leonard Peres, Brian Joseph Richmond.**

ROSTERS

Counters

- 24th Feb Paul Redfern & Norm Willingham
2nd March Jan Phippard & Eileen Goltz

Flowers

Lent - NO FLOWERS

Cleaners

- 24th Feb Anna & Kevin Dwyer & Fr Joseph
2nd March 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 Volunteer
11.00am Daylin Rowland

Readers and Commentators - 29th/1st March

- 6.00 pm Pat Harman & Iris Gale
9.00 am Lisa Read & Tim Newcomb
11.00am Elizabeth Acabado & Margaret Corker

Musicians - 29th Feb/1st March

- 6.00 pm Shelly & Co
9.00 am STRUM
11.00 am Filipino Group

Parish Registration Card

Parishioners who have not registered with
the parish or are new to the parish or have
changed address are asked to pick up and
complete a
Parish registration card .

Registration Cards are available next to the
newsletters.

Once completed please hand to Fr Joseph or
place in the box provided next to the
newsletters.

BAPTISM

We welcome

Lucas Armbrust & Lenny Driscoll

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.



Combined Parishes Car Raffle

Parishioners please collect your named Raffle tickets from the tub in the church foyer.

I would be very grateful for volunteers to assist Bob & Wies Dight [9.00am] and Mike McCann & Angela Mallard [11.00am] with foyer sales.

If you have any queries, I can be contacted on 0403 568 302 or by email:
rafflespje@gmail.com

Marg Vallence / Co-ordinator
SPJE Parish Mooroolbark Combined
Catholic Parishes Raffle 2020.



LADIES LUNCH GROUP

Our next Ladies Lunch will be at Chirnside
Park Country Club
68 Kingswood Drive Chirnside Park
On Tuesday 3rd March
Meet at 12pm for lunch at 12.30pm

Contacts : Nancy Gough 0411 137 251
9726 325

Philomena Turner 0417 208 077
9727 1448

MONTHLY CHURCH COLLECTION

Thank you to the many parishioners who
contributed to the monthly church
Collection last weekend.

Amount raised \$485.05

CHURCH NOTICE BOARD

Please see church noticeboard for more
notices, flyers, school news, etc.



Project Compassion Sunday
23rd February 2020



Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed **“Go Further Together”**. Your generosity will assist some of the world’s most vulnerable communities to lift themselves out of poverty. When we **Go Further Together** in love and compassion, the whole world thrives.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes,
or by phoning 1800 024 413 or visiting
www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

FOR THE INFORMATION OF PARISHIONERS –

LENT 2020

(from the Vicar General -Fr. Joe Caddy)



The Lenten season has a twofold character:

- 1) it recalls baptism or prepares for it;
- 2) it stresses a penitential spirit.

By these means especially, Lent readies the faithful for celebrating the paschal mystery after a period of closer attention to the Word of God, and more ardent prayer

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence from meat.

On all other Fridays, except solemnities, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following :

Prayer – for example, Mass attendance, family prayer, a visit to a church, reading the Bible, making the Stations of the Cross, praying the Rosary, or in other ways.

Self Denial – for example, not eating meat, not eating sweets or dessert, giving up entertainment to spend time with family, limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country or elsewhere, or in other ways. Project Compassion is a major means of expressing our self-denial in Australia.

Helping Others – for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened, or in other ways.

All who completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain (Canon 1252)

The Season of Lent is a time of penance. During this season the faithful are exhorted to devote themselves in a special manner to prayer, to engage in works of piety and charity and to deny themselves.

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled between Ash Wednesday, 26 February, 2020 and Trinity Sunday, 7 June 2020 unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year.

The wonderful gift of the Lord's merciful love is offered in a special way in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Lent is the most appropriate time to receive this Sacrament. All the faithful who have reached the age of discretion are bound faithfully to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

FUNERALS - On Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday all Masses for the Dead, including Funeral Masses are forbidden. Funerals on these days are celebrated with the Liturgy of the Word and without the Eucharistic Sacrifice

WEDDINGS – Weddings should be discouraged during the Easter Triduum : Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday. No decorations (including flowers), no music, nor Nuptial Mass will be permitted.