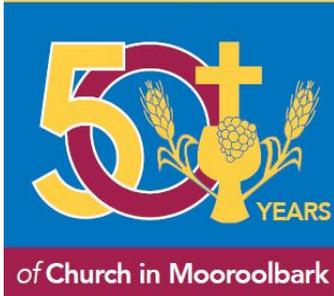


St Peter Julian Eymard Parish



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

CHRISTMAS DAY & JANUARY 2020
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CHRISTMAS DAY

Dear Parishioners, parish staffs and parish and
school leaders,

On this great season of joy, it is a fitting time for me
to express my gratitude to all you have done for the
support of our parish/schools and me. Christmas
season is an occasion which invites us to be more
reflective on the many events of the year. This is
applicable to me as well. Many of you are my
inspirations and at times you have given me
spiritual strength throughout this year even though
some of you have not realised this. You are the gifts
from God to our parish and me. Just as somebody
said that we are like “angels” hidden within a block
of marble, but God wants to form us the kind of
“kind of angels” we can be, that is to say, to form us
into God’s own image and likeness.

Today let us kneel at the crib and present our block
of marble to the newborn baby, and say to him:

“Take O Lord, and receive, this block of marble
which is me. Form me and shape me, until I am
made into your image and likeness. Amen.”

Fr. Joseph Xin LU
Parish Priest



PARISH CALENDAR

DECEMBER

Christmas Mass Times

24th Dec	6pm Mass - SPJE School Oval 5.30pm Carols 9pm Mass - Church 8.30pm Carols
25th Dec	9am Mass & 11am Mass
26th Dec Thur	NO MASS
27th Dec Fri	NO MASS
28/29th Dec.	HOLY FAMILY 6pm Mass 6pm Baptism - Mc Lay Family 9am & 11am Mass
31st Dec Tue	NO MASS

JANUARY 2020

1st Jan Wed New Years Day Mass 10am

No weekday Morning Masses

*No weekday Masses during January
Weekday Mass will resume on
Fri. 31st January 2020*

**PARISH OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED FROM 24th December until
27th January 2020**

Prayers for the Sick

**We pray for all parishioners and friends who
are ill.**

† Remembrance Diary †

We remember those who have died
and all those whose anniversaries occur
during January.

BAPTISM

28th December 2019

We welcome the following
children to our Parish through Baptism :

Anthony McLay

As he receives the Holy Spirit through the
Sacrament celebrated this weekend, may his
faith guide him throughout his life.



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO OUR PARISH FAMILY

May you and your families be blessed with
the gifts of peace, joy and hope this
Christmas and in the coming year.



With love from Fr Joseph,
Adriana, Brian & Bernadette.

*May Christmas be a time of joy,
grace and blessing for all.*

Have you Changed?
Phone Number
Email Address
Residential Address
Mail Address

Please notify the Parish Office on 9723 4275
or email mooroolbark@cam.org.au

ROSTERS

Counters

30th Dec	Joan & Maurie Prendergast
6th Jan	Des Delahunt, Pam Dryden & Christine Sellar
13th Jan	Bob & Wies Dight
20th Jan	Paul & Marianne Redfern & Norm Willingham
28th Jan	Jan Phippard & Eileen Goltz

Flowers

Dec	Christmas (Pat Harman)
28th Dec	Jane Parslow
4th Jan	Visi Maka
11th Jan	Volunteer Required
18th Jan	Routley Family
25th Jan	Philomena Turner

Cleaners

30th Dec	Anna & Kevin Dwyer & Fr Joseph
6th Jan	Laurel Simpson & Francis Braganza
13th Jan	Wojtek Nowicki & Eleanore Thompson
20th Jan	Graeme Vear & Gerard Wright
27th Jan	Jessica & Gloria Romero & Catherine Tai

Ministers of Eucharist Coordinators for January

6.00 pm	Volunteers Required
9.00 am	Volunteers Required
11.00am	Volunteers Required

Readers and Commentators

28/29th December

6.00 pm	Paul Redfern & Gina Hume
9.00 am	Lilette de la Harpe & Lilijana Stride
11.00am	Jun Romero & Lorri Hayes

4/5th January

6pm	Iris Gale & George Nantes
9am	Lisa Read & Tim Newcomb
11am	Joseph Mung & Auna Wernert

11/12th January

6pm	Mitchell Mazarella & Volunteer Req.
9am	Andrea Braganza & Lilette de la Harpe
11am	Charlotte Wightman & ElizabethAcabado

18/19th January

6pm	Paul Martin & Judith Griffith
9am	Muzeena D'Almeida & Karen Broughton
11am	Margaret Corker & Marie Mutton

25/26th January

6pm	Pat Harman & Michael McLindon
9am	Lilette de la Harpe & Lilijana Stride
11am	Jun Romero & Lorri Hayes

Musicians - 28/29th December

6.00 pm	No Musicians
9.00 am	No Musicians
11.00 am	No Musicians

All of January 2020

6pm	No Musicians
9am	No Musicians
11am	No Musicians



We proclaim a crucified Christ
1Cor12:3

A time of Hope...

**A message from Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne
Christmas 2019**

Hello friends,

I love Christmas. It is such a beautiful time of hope. Behind the tinsel, the advertising, the stress and frantic energy of the season, we encounter a profound simplicity in the story of God's arrival.

We just need to think about Mary and Joseph. They weren't welcomed into any warm hotel or inn; they weren't able to put themselves down by the fireplace in someone's home. They had come from far away and arrived in a place they did not know.

They could be like us after a long journey when nobody welcomes or acknowledges you. You can become quite despondent: no family around you; far from home; and in Mary and Joseph's case, a child on the way. It can seem like a story of isolation.

And yet, in the midst of a simple stable, a home for working animals, this most precious gift is given to us—a little boy, who against all the odds and in a place of somewhat hopelessness, becomes not merely a symbol of hope but who is hope itself. A hope for us.

He is a real baby, flesh and blood, with all the tears and the smiles of any little baby, and yet he is also the Son of God. *Emmanuel*. God among us.

In the distance, the angels were singing their hymns of hope, and shepherds were learning something about how this hope was coming into their lives. These shepherds—traditionally considered the 'lowly' in society—gifted with Hope itself. So, when we look upon this child, we can sense the stirrings of hope within ourselves—hope for new life, new beginnings, and the promise of peace.

He has brought unimaginable joy—joy into his own family who loved him, but also a joy that the whole world needs.

This is not just a story that we might tell each year at Christmas time. It is not just something of the past. Jesus lives now. Jesus lives in us, and Jesus lives for us today.

In today's world of change and uncertainty, we long for God to step gently into our lives, lovingly and tenderly reaching out to each one of us. So, as we busily prepare our homes for the arrival perhaps of family and friends at Christmas time, I invite you to take the time to prepare your hearts to welcome Him who offers himself to us.

May I wish you a beautiful, joyful and hope-filled Christmas

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne

Merry Christmas everyone!

The Church looks beautiful today, doesn't it? Let's spend some time looking at and talking about the decorations. We see them each year, but sometimes we forget the meaning behind them.

Christmas Tree

- Evergreen tree is a symbol of the eternal life that God has.
- Jesus also promised to give us eternal life.
- The colour green is a sign of hope, especially the hope that comes from Jesus.
- The lights symbolize Jesus the light of Christ.

Candles

- Jesus is the light of the world and shattered the darkness.
- Placement of the candles in church (ambo, altar, sanctuary light, congregation)
- Candles used to be put on trees in the olden days to symbolize the light of Christ; now we use electric lights.

Wreath

- Shape of a circle, no beginning or end, just like God. This is why we do not have square Christmas wreaths.
- Evergreen symbolizes the eternal life of Jesus and his promise of eternal life to us.
- Red bow is a symbol of love, the great love that God has for us.

Candy Cane

- Symbolizes the shepherd's crook, which reminds us that the poor were the first ones to be told about the birth of Jesus.
- Jesus is the Good Shepherd, and will always watch over and guide us.
- Turned upside down it is a "J"
- White for purity, red for love and the blood that Jesus shed for us on the cross.
- The candy is hard because it reminds us that Jesus is our rock,

Holly

- Green colour of hope.
- Sharp prickly leaves remind us of the Passion of Jesus, crown of thorns.
- Red berries remind us of the blood that Jesus shed for us.

Star

- The star that God sent to lead the Three Wise men to the place where Jesus and Mary were.
- Jesus is the Morning Star (which marks the beginning of a new day), because he marks the beginning of a whole new way of life for all people who follow Jesus.

Poinsettia

- In places where they grow outside naturally, where it is warm all of the time, they bloom for Christmas.
- Symbolic of the Star of Bethlehem.

Santa Clause

- Santa means saint in many languages.
- He is also known as Saint Nicholas.
- Brings gifts once a year. God gives us gifts every day (parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters, teachers, friends, created the world for us, gives us life).

Gifts

- Jesus has given us each many gifts, and he calls us to share them with God and one another. We need to continue to give people the gift of ourselves all year.
- The Three Kings brought gifts for Jesus.
- Jesus is the greatest gift of all. Jesus is God.