



# 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

**Parish Priest**  
Fr. Joseph Xin Lu

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**School Principal - Mr. Marcus Gill**  
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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

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

26th January 2020 Issue No 1

## Australia Day 2020

*Light surrounds us even if shadow abounds.  
God is the God of Joy and we should rejoice as  
people do when the harvest is brought in.*

These hopeful and encouraging words of Isaiah are part of the passage quoted by Matthew when he begins the story of Jesus' ministry. We live in a time when the signs of harvest with its residue of empty paddocks and stripped vines are echoed by the destruction of a deadly harvest caused by the natural disaster we have experienced. Where once was laughter and play now is ruin.

Every ending prefigures a new beginning. Our humanity is most engaged by the suffering of our brothers and sisters. This is a universal call which we have sometimes allowed ourselves to ignore. Into such a situation in his own time Jesus moves, as he begins his ministry.

**I love a sunburnt country,  
A land of sweeping plains,  
Of ragged mountain ranges,  
Of droughts and flooding rains.  
I love her far horizons,  
I love her jewel-sea,  
Her beauty and her terror -  
The wide brown land for me!**



Marg Vallence  
Parish Pastoral Council  
*With acknowledgement to Dorothea Mackellar*

## PARISH CALENDAR

### JANUARY 2020

**25/26th Jan Third Sunday Ordinary Time**  
Second Collection in support of  
disadvantaged children in China

*Weekday Mass will resume on  
Fri. 31st January 2020*

### FEBRUARY 2020

**1/2nd Feb Presentation of the Lord**  
Baptism 11.00 am  
St Richards Staff Commitment &  
Prep Angel Mass 11.00am

**8/9th Feb Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time**  
SPJE Staff Commitment 6.00 pm  
& 11.00am  
Baptism 6.00 pm

*12th Feb* Lenten Liturgy Meeting - Parish  
House 7.30pm

**15/16th Feb Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time**

**22/23th Feb Seventh Sunday Ordinary Time**  
Baptism 11.00am

**26th Feb Ash Wednesday Mass 7.30pm**

### MARCH 2020

**30/1st Mar First Sunday of Lent**

## Weekday Mass Times

*Weekday Masses resume  
Friday 31st Jan at 9.15am*

## Readings for Next Week – 1/2nd Feb

Malachi 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18;  
Lk 2:22-40

## 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  
& Lorraine Downie**

## † Remembrance Diary †

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

25/1 to 31/1

**Charlie Pizzaro, Daniel Veldhus,  
Dorothy Wellard, Jean Hauser, John Fox,  
Joshua Margerison, Margaret Burgi,  
Wauturus Van Den Borg,  
Michael Petterson, Walter Grimwood,  
Eva Stapleton, John Bramble,  
John McVeigh, Margaret Harriott,  
Maria Turk, Gordon Willey,  
Peter Wheaton, Patricia Fry,  
Cameron Buckley, Georgina Smith,  
Kevin Phillips, Margaret Grant,  
Mary Allison, Michael Argus,  
Agnes Buckley, Angelo La Morticella,  
Jane Catherine Commene,  
Margaret McLaren, William Jansman,  
Benjamin Morton, Breda Falvey,  
Helen Geldens, Anne Cairns,  
Brian Hegarty, John Sullivan,  
Michael Bowman, Savka Lenger,  
Tom Campbell & John Russo**

## ROSTERS

### Counters

28th Jan Jan Phippard & Eileen Goltz  
3rd Feb Joan & Maurie Prendergast

### Flowers

2nd Feb Jane Parslow  
9th Feb Visa Maka

### Cleaners

28th Jan Catherine Tai, Volunteers  
3rd Feb D'Almeida Family

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

### Ministers of Eucharist Coordinators for February

6.00 pm  
9.00 am  
11.00am

### Readers and Commentators - 1/2nd February

6.00 pm Dympna Beard & Angela Stainwall  
9.00 am Lisa Read & Tim Newcomb  
11.00am Joseph Mung & Auna Wernert

### Musicians - 1/2nd February

6.00 pm Strum  
9.00 am Shelly & Co  
11.00 am Filipino Group

**January 26, 2020  
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*“He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him.”*

*(Matthew 4:22)*

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. Everything from our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries, and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

## **Combined Parishes Car Raffle**

This is advance notice that the Parish and the two Schools will once again be participating in the Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle.

Tickets will be distributed early in February to both schools and will be available in the church foyer for collection by parishioners. Foyer ticket sales will commence at some time during February at most masses until Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April

The prizes are fabulous: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> are Suzuki cars while 4<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> are Coles/Myer Gift cards. Tickets are \$2.00 each so they are extremely good value.

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 / Coordinator  
SPJE Parish Mooroolbark  
Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle 2020.

**Catholic Theological College**  
*2020 Study Options Now Available!*

### **The Parish and Pastoral Ministry in a New Environment**

Parish life today is facing many new opportunities and challenges. The parish of the future will be built on the missionary creativity of people and priests working together in a changed social and ecclesial environment. Fr Brendan Reed, author of *Engaging with the Hopes of Parishes*, will be teaching this new unit in 2020. This intensive course will be beneficial for anyone involved in parish life, parish councils, parish teams and parish ministry. It will be particularly of use to those wishing to engage in parish life in light of the 2020 Plenary Council. 12, 14, 19 March; 30 April; 2, 23 May + online learning (12 hours equivalent)

### **Church History**

Discover more about the Church's story and the journey of faith across the centuries. Units include;

The Spirit of Trent and the Mystery of Vatican II,  
Lecturer: Rev. Dr Max Vodola – Semester 1,  
Wednesday 6-9pm.

Two Centuries of Catholic Experience in Australia,  
Lecturer: Rev. Dr Christopher Dowd OP – Winter Intensive, 29/6, 1/7, 3/7, 6/7, 8/7, 10/7 9.30-4.30pm  
The Reformation in the British Isles, Lecturer: Rev. Prof. Austin Cooper OMI AM – Saturday Intensive, Semester 1: 7/3, 14/3 18/4, 2/5. Semester 2: 1/8, 29/8, 12/9, 10/10 10-3.00pm.

Contact the Academic Records Office for all study options and further information.

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### **CONTACT FORM FOR ALL PARISH MINISTRIES**

FAMILY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER NAMES: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PH: \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT ARE YOU INTERESTED IN RIGHT NOW ?

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|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Registering in parish            | <input type="checkbox"/> Sacrament Enquiry | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Request   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reading or Commentating          | <input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning Roster   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Ministries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Join Parish Thanksgiving Program |  | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER            |

**PLEASE PLACE THIS COMPLETED FORM ON THE COLLECTION PLATE,  
OR CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE**

You are invited to join us for the



## St Valentine's Day High Tea

Friday 14th February 2020 at Sofitel on Collins

*Intense love does not measure. It just gives.* - Mother Teresa

**Catholic Mission** would like you to invite you to attend St. Valentine's Day High Tea. Catholic Mission aim to raise \$100k at this event to establish a sustainable vocation center for the war-ravaged people of Cambodia and assist the Eden Garden Home in Nagaland India for 275 children.

Our aim this Valentine's Day is to address the needs of the poor in Cambodia, Ethiopia and India.

In **Cambodia**, Catholic Mission will develop student vocational learning, extend income-producing farm infrastructure, establish processing rooms for seed, soap and food production, and develop teacher-training programs.

In **Ethiopia**, we address intolerable gender imbalance by investing in women's education programs. This is vital in the fight against poverty, and our skills training courses offered by the Kidist Mariam Centre are targeted particularly at young women aged between 16 and 28, who have finished only primary education.

The region of **Nagaland** is one of the most impoverished in India, and Catholic Mission is partnering with the Eden Gardens Children's Home to help them deliver a series of development initiatives. We will work to ensure a reliable supply of water to the home throughout the year, as well as provide education beyond grade ten for five students and Improve the Home's sustainability, to cut costs, increase income generation and reduce negative environmental impacts.

Please Join us in this life-changing work as we celebrate the gift of love, which grows so much when we share it. Let us bring love laughter and loving into their lives by attending this event.

If you are able to book a table of 20, we at Catholic Mission will send you a signed certificate along with a gift for your as a keepsake as a memento, for the wonderful effort in helping us.

**Booking for this event are available via [www.trybooking.com/BHEDP](http://www.trybooking.com/BHEDP) For further information please contact Catholic Mission on (03)**

**9412 8412 or email us at**

**[catholicmission@cam.org.au](mailto:catholicmission@cam.org.au)**

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**[Lorraine.Valladares@cam.org.au](mailto:Lorraine.Valladares@cam.org.au)**

## Gospel of Matthew Retreat Fr Frank Moloney SDB 3 – 6 February

Fr Frank Moloney will lead this retreat on the Gospel of Matthew at the beautiful and peaceful Don Bosco Retreat Centre. Cost - \$430 all inclusive (retreat, meals, accommodation, etc). Further information and registration: Contact - Candy 9752 2432 or  
e-mail: [dbrclysterfield@gmail.com](mailto:dbrclysterfield@gmail.com)

## 2020 Strength in Weakness Conference

Saturday 15 February 2020, 9:00am – 6:30pm, 400 City Road, Southbank (Planetshakers Centre)  
A day of prayer and renewal for all Christians to come together and be strengthened and encouraged in their faith. Encouraged by Pope Francis' message that we are all called to be saints, the underlying theme of the conference is to rely solely on God's grace and strength – especially in times when your faith could be questioned and challenged. Guest speakers will include Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, Archbishop Christopher Prowse, Fr Augustine Vallooran V.C, Lenyce Willason, Fr Ken Barker MGL & Lalith Perera. We invite everyone to this free event. If you are interested in participating, please register online. For more information & free registration visit [www.strengtheninweakness.com.au](http://www.strengtheninweakness.com.au)



## Plenary Council 2020

Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

## Call for Delegates

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has requested that each Diocese nominate four people (who may be laypersons, members of religious orders or Clergy), who are willing to be called as delegates for the Plenary Council Sessions in October 2020 and June and July of 2021. Each delegate will participate in the process of discernment and contribute to a variety of forums before, during and after the Plenary Council Sessions.

**To apply, [complete the online form](#) by Friday 24 January 2020.**