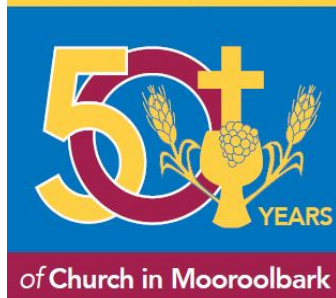


St Peter Julian Eymard Parish



## 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

**Parish Priest**  
Fr. Joseph Xin Lu

**Parish Secretary**  
Mrs. Adriana De Leo

**Parish Assistant**  
Mr. Brian Twining

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234 Hull Road (PO Box 2)  
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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**  
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Tel: 8215 9206

**St. Richard's Parish School**  
672 Mt. Dandenong Rd.  
Kilsyth, 3137  
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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

### 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A

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### The privilege of partaking in the Breaking of Bread

In this week's Gospel we are reminded of the story of Jesus meeting up with two of his disciples on the road to Emmaus and how his journey with them is similar to the structure of the mass that we celebrate.

The story begins with the two men setting off on a journey of their own making. At the beginning of Mass, we too commence our journey by confessing that we have gone off course.

Whilst on the road to Emmaus, the disciples have lots of questions about what Jesus' life and death means and the traveller helps the men understand what had happened by showing them God's plan revealed in the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Liturgy of the Word, we too hear Scriptures expounded, revealing more fully the true identity of Jesus of Nazareth.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, the traveller makes as if he is going on with his journey; but the disciples press him to stay with them. The traveller then takes bread, blesses it, and gives it to them to eat. In that moment of bread-sharing, the two men recognised their travelling companion as the Risen Lord. Eat the bread consecrated at Mass, and we receive into our very being the Divine Companion for our journey **through life.**

In this time of social isolation where we do not have the opportunity to share in this breaking of the bread, let us pause for a moment to thank God for the privilege that we have had to do so at every Mass. And let us not take this for granted when the opportunity for us next arises.

With acknowledgement to Fr Michael Tate  
**Rudy Vail - Deputy Principal/Religious Education leader**  
**St. Richards Primary School**

## PARISH CALENDAR

**ALL WEEKEND & WEEKDAY  
MASSES HAVE BEEN  
SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER  
NOTICE**



## Readings for Next Week – 3rd May

Acts 2:14, 36-41; 1 Pet 2:20-25;  
Jn 10:1-10



We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;

**Trish Fenton, Annette Andrewartha, Julia &  
Mabel Dana, Matthew Arrowsmith, Rose  
Robert , Brian Allan , Lorraine Downie,  
Dorothy Smith & Trish Leahy.**

## To all Fellow Parishioners



We are finding our way through a scary,  
lonely and confronting time during this  
Covid 19 virus.

We are cut off from our family and loved  
ones and depression can be a real problem.

For many older people the loss of  
independence is confronting.

Father Joseph and the Parish Pastoral  
Council want everyone to know that they  
are in their thoughts and prayers.

We are aware that sometimes people just  
need to talk to someone or get some  
practical help if required

We can be contacted through email:

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

or by ringing the Parish on 9723 4275.

**Please leave your name and contact  
number and someone will get back to  
you.**



## † Remembrance Diary †

We remember those who have died, especially  
**Freddy Chavez, Carol Braganza & the 4 police  
officers killed on Eastlink**  
and all anniversaries that occur about this time.

**25/4 to 3/5**

**Charles Lockwood, Bill Scudds, Levina Van Meurs,  
Richard Klepac, Molly Thompson, Leonardo Sini,  
Margherita Cordedda, Lorenzo Carbon, Theresa  
Devery, Theresa Carroll, Mary Graves, Guadoso  
Diamant, Eugene, Browers, Phyllis Broadley, Joe  
Rodgers, Althea de la Harpe, Chris Shalders, Bill  
Egan, Josephine Mullavey, Leslie Delzoppo, Sheila  
McCallum, Michael Kierce, Piet Commandeur,  
Anne Fitzgerald, Brian Egan, Prisca Williams,  
Antoinette Azzopardi, Robert McCooley.**

## 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.

## PARISH UPDATE - 26.4.2020

No Masses until further notice.

Funerals allowed with max of 10 people  
Weddings max of 5 people, including the  
Priest, wedding couple and witnesses.

All Baptisms have been postponed until  
further notice.

Father Joseph will provide a homily,  
The weekly reflection will be included 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)**

Please refer to The Catholic Archdiocese or  
Parish Website for updates.

### ANZAC DAY

On ANZAC Day, we especially remember the  
courageous actions undertaken by the Australian and  
New Zealand Army Corps during the First World War.  
On this national day of commemoration, we pray for  
the airmen, sailors and soldiers who died in battle,  
sacrificing their lives while on duty. We commemorate  
their bravery and pray for the families who lost loved  
ones. As we strive for peace in  
our country and world, help us  
to become instruments of your  
peace. We ask this prayer  
through Christ our Lord.

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>**

**All New 2020 Suzuki Baleno Series II GL  
valued @ \$20,682 each Drive Away**  
**4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> Prizes - Coles / Myer Gift Card valued @  
\$1000 ea.**

**6<sup>th</sup> Prize to 14<sup>th</sup> Prize – Coles / Myer Gift Card  
valued @ \$500 ea.**

**The Raffle Draw Date has been deferred  
I will advise of the new date in due course  
In the meantime could you return your tickets,  
sold or unsold to the Parish House letter slot to  
the left of the Parish House front door.**

**Church goers who asked for tickets in the  
church foyer, you need to return yours too.  
A big thank you to all those parishioners who  
have sold tickets.**

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

### CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE LINK LIVE STREAM MASS

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

**11am MASS ON SUNDAY**

**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**  
GO FURTHER TOGETHER

**Thank you  
26th April 2020**

**Caritas  
AUSTRALIA**

Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2020. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au) to make your donation online.

Through your generosity you will be empowering the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and share their strengths with their communities to lift themselves out of poverty.

**[www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) #projectcompassion 1800 024 413**

**Parishioners please continue to return donation boxes to the parish house from now until  
30th April, Between the times of 2pm - 7pm.**

**Please ring the door bell and Fr Joseph will collect them from you.  
We thank you for your kind donations.**

## MESSAGE FROM FATHER JOSEPH

Dear Parishioners,

Warm greetings from Mooroolbark Parish House. Once again I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for your support to the parish pastorally and financially during this challenging time for all of us. We are constantly reminded of the presence of God in this time. As we are struggling to deal with the current situation in our nation and the world, God is struggling with us. God journeys with us especially during this time. Let us remember and pray for those people affected by this Pandemic especially many of them who have lost their jobs and many people who are poor and elderly who are the most vulnerable in our society. Let us also remember in prayer those people who have died and people who are infected with the Coronavirus and their families, during this time of sorrow and distress. On my part, I am extremely grateful to many parishioners for your kindness and concerns about me. Many of you have been inspirational for me by your kindness and goodness and your love for our parish and my heart has been so touched by many of you and once again, you have demonstrated your commitment to the parish. I am so proud of you for your spirit of community. In the past weeks, I have been doing funeral mass and service, visiting the sick parishioners and giving them communion and at times doing anointing for them when it is requested. I also go out at times to drop off the parish newsletter to a few parishioners who do not have the access of computers. Of course, everyday I have set time to pray for you all.

Thank you for being inspirations for me and you are the channels of grace of God to me and our parish.

Loving regards with prayers,

Fr Joseph Xin Lu

