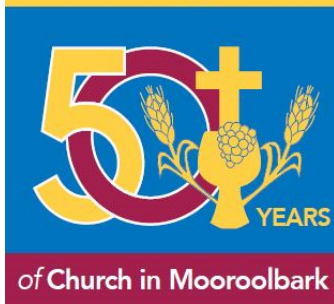


St Peter Julian Eymard Parish



St Peter Julian Eymard Catholic Church Mooroolbark Parish

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



Parish Priest
Fr. Joseph Xin Lu

Parish Secretary
Mrs. Adriana De Leo

Parish Assistant
Mr. Brian Twining

Pastoral Associate Emeritus
Michael Sellar

RCIA Coordinator
Michael Mc Lindon

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Parish Hall - contact Parish Office

SPJE Parish School

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Telephone 9725 0595 Fax 9723 9255
School Principal – Mrs. Maria Bast
<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

Rosary prayed on

Wednesday and Thursday after 9.15am Mass

Saturday: No morning Mass

Saturday: 6.00p.m. (vigil)

Sunday: 9.00a.m.

Sunday: 11.00a.m.

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.15 p.m.

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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 26th August 2018 - Issue No: 30

REFLECTION

For our Gospel today we hear the conclusion of the “Bread of Life discourse” in the sixth chapter of John’s Gospel. In the preceding verses, which we have heard proclaimed in our liturgy over the past few weeks, we have heard Jesus explain that he is the Bread of Life, given so that those who believe may have eternal life.

Today’s Gospel first records the response of those in the crowd who are described as Jesus’ disciples. Just as the larger crowd had struggled with Jesus’ teaching, these disciples also cannot accept Jesus’ words. Jesus is said to know about their murmuring. He responds by acknowledging their unbelief and by reiterating that only those chosen by the Father will follow Jesus to the end. John’s Gospel reports that many of those who had been Jesus’ disciples ceased to follow him at this point. The number of people following Jesus dwindled from a crowd of more than 5,000 to only 12 people. And it is to these Twelve that Jesus now turns his attention.

This conclusion of the Bread of Life discourse focuses on personal faith in the life of Christian discipleship.

As we grow in our faith, we will make our own choices about living our faith. But we can’t do this without God’s help and the help of the community of faith, the Church.

We pray that God will help us be like Simon Peter and the disciples who chose to follow Jesus.

Marcus Gill
Principal St Richards School

Weekday Mass Times

Tue to Friday Mass at 9.15 am

Readings for Next Week - 1/2nd Sept

Duet 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27;
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

PARISH CALENDAR

AUGUST

25/26th Aug 21st Sunday in Ord Time
25th Aug Sat Private Baptism—4pm
28th Aug Greeting & Welcome—7.30pm

SEPTEMBER

1/2nd Sept 22nd Sunday in Ord Time
Priest Retirement Fund Appeal
8/9th Sept 23rd Sunday in Ord Time
Baptisms
13th Sept Thur Baptism meeting Church
Foyer 7.30pm
15/16th Sept 24th Sunday in Ord Time
Monthly Church collection
21st Sept End of Term 3
22/23 rd Sept 25th Sunday in Ord Time
25th Sept Tues Greeting and Welcome 7.30pm
27th Sept Thur RCIA enquiry night No.1
7.30pm Parish House
29/30th Sept 26th Sunday in Ord Time
11am Mass Baptism

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill,
especially

**Kay Williams, Pat Snowball, Jim Corrigan,
Claire Lindsey (daughter to Jim & Brenda
Corrigan) Jessie Elliott, Linda Young, Lynette
Currucan,**

**Frank Covino, Dorothy Smith, Brian Alan,
Patrick Daly, Peter Margerison, Helen Reading,
Marisa Fantin, Paul Brinschwitz, Evette
Proctor**

† Remembrance Diary †

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

25/8 to 31/8

**Josephine Barbaro-Sant, Annie Eileen Hart, Lidia
Correia, Nic Ellis, Eileen Watson, John Andrew
Grant, Rosalina Ignacio, Maree Cambridge,
Wilhelmina Commandeur, Szymanski & Moran
Families, Mafalda Villella, Patricia Margaret Devoy,
Tony Colella, Bernard McLindon, Margaret Bramble,
Peter Adams, Dorothy Anderson, Basil Bingham,
Edward Malone, Kevin Fenton, Nick Brown, Edward
McMahon, Vernon Smith, Francesco Zinghini,
Gabrielle Mills, Christine Bolton, Anthony Barbaro-**

ROSTERS

Counters

27th Aug Joan & Maurie Prendergast
3rd Sept Des Delahunt, Pam Dryden & Christine
Sellar

Flowers

2nd Sept Routley Family
8th Sept Philomena Turner (Baptisms)

Cleaners

27th Aug Wojtek Nowicki & Eleanor Thompson
3rd Sept Graeme Vear & Gerard Wright

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

Ministers of Eucharist Coordinators for September

6.00 pm Philomena Turner
9.00 am Karen Broughton
11.00am Viv Margaletic

Readers and Commentators - 1/2nd September

6.00 pm Pat Harman & Iris Gale
9.00 am Lisa Read & Tim Newcomb
11.00 am Auna Wernert & Charlotte Wightman

JULIAN'S JOURNAL—50th Edition

The last edition of Julian's Journal is now available
in the church foyer.

We wish to thank Ann O'Connor and all previous
editors for all their hard work over the many
editions.

A big thank you to all the contributors over the years.
They have contributed to many hours of happy
reading.

WEEKLY THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

A gentle reminder to those who contribute via
envelopes.

The money counters would greatly appreciate if
parishioners can write amounts on both sides of
Thanksgiving Envelopes.

Many thanks Parish Office.

August 26th, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." JOSHUA 24:15

When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a partner in the work of the Lord. A partner is a person who invests time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports the parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, we must actually do something and not merely talk about it!

**Special Monthly Church Collection
2018-19**

Good evening/morning everyone, can I please take up a few minutes of your time to talk about our Parish running expenses and financial situation.

Over the last few years our income has been decreasing to such a level that we are not able to financially maintain the parish running costs. In other words, our expenditure is more than our income.

In the past we have tried Thanksgiving Campaigns that really do not increase overall income and as people withdraw or experience a change in their own financial circumstances, this type of campaign has been unsuccessful and unreliable.

The Parish Pastoral Council and Financial Committee have decided to introduce a special monthly collection over the next 12 months commencing on 18th/19th August 2018. If this is successful and meets the running costs for our parish, we will continue with this collection.

This collection is for those parishioners to contribute, who, for whatever reason, have not committed to the Thanksgiving envelopes. The sale of St Richard's Church site in Kilsyth has certainly put the parish finances in a reasonable position moving forward; however, we are using some of this money to support the weekly running expenses.

If this continues, it will compromise our financial stability and our Church may not survive the next 50 years in Mooroolbark.

Thank you for your time in listening to this advice.

Yours in Christ

**POPE FRANCIS SPEAKING ON ABUSE
WITHIN THE CHURCH.**

"If one member suffers, all suffer together with it" (1 Cor 12:26)

Please see the Church noticeboard for an important letter from our Archbishop regarding Pope Francis speaking of sexual abuse in the Church.

Pope Francis speaks of the "culture of death" that is clerical sexual abuse and the ecclesial cover up that often has accompanied it, inflicting deep wounds of disgust bewilderment, shame and disheartenment.

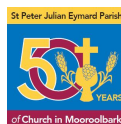
We encourage you to read the whole of Pope Francis' letter on :

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2018-08/pope-francis-letter-people-of-god-sexual-abuse.html>

**St. Peter Julian Eymard Parish
Pastoral Council Members**

Fr. Joseph Lu Xin - Parish Priest
Maria Bast - School Principal (SPJE)
Marcus Gill - School Principal (St Rich)
Brian Twining - Parish Staff
Adriana De Leo - Parish Staff
Bernadette Brown - Council President
Margaret Vallence
Tim Newcomb
Christine Sellar
Lisa Read
Karen Broughton

*Archdiocese of Melbourne
Media and Communications*



**50 years in Mooroolbark
Vibrancy, Diversity and Unity**

Mooroolbark's St Peter Julian Eymard Parish
Celebrated 50 Years.

Please view link below for video and photos

<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/News/50-years-in-mooroolbark-vibrancy-diversity-and-unity>

**“Archbishops Catholic Man Breakfast Series
13th September 2018**

featuring our new Archbishop, Peter A Comensoli. Come along and be encouraged, inspired and challenged by him as he undertakes his leadership role in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. The title of his address is “Being a man; a man of God!” The venue is the CQ Club 113 – 123 Queen St Melbourne. Cost \$45. Time 0700 – 0900 sharp. Enquiries Michael Bohan 0439 172 465. The *Catholic Man Breakfast Series* is an opportunity for men to gather and be encouraged and inspired in their faith.”

***Creative Enrichment Day: Discovering Prayer
through the Labyrinth***

Saturday 15 September 2018, 10am-4pm

A labyrinth has only one path inwards, and then, by reversing, the same path leads you back out again. *It becomes a spiritual journey on many levels, leading the person inward to their own centre, and then back out into the world.* In this day, you will be introduced to labyrinths through history, actually walking a Chartres-style labyrinth, as well as learning how to create your own temporary labyrinths.

Cost \$60 (Morning Tea provided; BYO lunch)

Booking & Payment by: 8 September 2018

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**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**

NEW PARISH WEBSITE

The parish has moved to a new website hosted by the Archdiocese. This service is free for parishes on POL (Parish Online) The new website is available now, but is not complete

The office hopes to have it completed by the end of August To access the website please use the following link: <http://www.pol.org.au/mooroolbark/>



If you have any queries please call the parish office on 9723 4275.

BAPTISM

We welcome the following child to our Parish through Baptism :

Aria Pezzano

As she receives the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament celebrated this weekend, may her faith guide her throughout her life.



**FATHERS' DAY
COLLECTION**

Next Sunday is our special collection for the Priests' Retirement Fund.

**PRIESTS RETIREMENT
FOUNDATION**

Caring for those who cared

ST PETER JULIAN EYMARD PARISH
"Striving to be a Welcoming Community"



Hello dear Fellow Parishioners...

We are all well used to the initials RCIA and even the meaning, " Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults" and are well able to tell others what it is all about - "Helping people who want to join the Catholic Church".

Once upon a time, it seemed quite simple: someone might be going to marry a Catholic or their friend was a Catholic or they'd grown interested because of what Catholics said & did. In those "good old days" the "enquirer" rang Father & then usually met with the priest as an individual or couple for up to 3 months or enrolled in a Catholic Enquiry class for some months. Once the book or course was completed, a private baptism was arranged & later on the new Catholic would be confirmed at the Cathedral. Then came Vatican Council II and its discussions & directions set out to restore the ancient practice that recognised faith was nurtured within the community; the person of Jesus, known through Scripture & in the Church's Life & Liturgy, was at the heart of that faith-gift; and that growth in faith was a Journey or Process to be appreciated and learnt in prayerful personal and communal experience: "Faith is caught not so much as taught"; while faith is gift it can only be experienced & grow in the Community of the Faithful.

So, it became the task and treasure of the Community to share its faith through Scripture and Sunday Liturgy, exploring the Tradition and Teachings of the Church to help grow the Enquirer's sense of faith & understanding. Nor was this to stay a private affair but celebrated at Sunday Masses, beginning with a Rite of Acceptance in the months before Advent and climaxing at the great feast of Easter. Over the past 20 years over a 100 people have joined our Parish Community through this yearly Catechumenal Journey with volunteer fellow parishioners their companions and guides as part of the Parish RCIA Team.

This group of 6 to 10 fellow parishioners, gather in the Parish House weekly over six or months to companion, guide, encourage and helps those who express a thought or wish to join the Church; it is a special call to help such Enquirers to discern, explore & develop their inner call. And it is truly a lovely & personally enriching & rewarding work - that's why members stay for so long. But age & health take their toll & our present numbers do need replenishing - *SO we would like to invite YOU to consider joining the RCIA Team for this 2018 -19 Catechumenal Journey.* Your own faith & love of Church is your key gift; guidance, support & training are offered as you reach out & share your faith experience.

Dear fellow parishioners - "If today you hear God's voice open up your hearts": you will find the journey worthwhile and rewarding in itself; as said above, that's why Team members give such long & glad service. If you feel any stirrings or have any even tentative interest or questions, kindly ring the RCIA Coordinator, Michael McLindon on 0401331131 - after September 1 (or leave a message now) - or call the Parish House on 9723 4275; such a call can answer and readily sort out hesitations or queries! Also, free to chat to Father Joseph or one of the Team.

**Jan Smith, Lynne Blackshaw, Craig Hume, Gerard Wheeler & Michael McLindon,
RCIA Team_2018-19**

Five years too many

Asylum Seeker Resource Centre

Five years too many

There are 1600 people, including 123 children in critical condition as 19 July marks five years of Australia's offshore processing policy.

Thursday, 19 July marks five years since former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd declared 'no asylum seeker that arrives in Australia by boat will be resettled in Australia,' and with that one statement, mandatory offshore processing began.

The Turnbull government has escalated the punitive stance and harsh rhetoric on people seeking asylum via its Operation Sovereign Borders policy every year since.

In five years 3,127 people have been sent to offshore processing, while the government's only solution to resettlement, the U.S. deal has resettled just 183 people, including 15 children.

While the Turnbull government continues to say that it does not detain children, has a non-discriminatory asylum policy and takes its international obligations seriously, there are around 1,600 people, including 123 children currently being denied freedom, adequate medical care for urgent and treatable medical conditions, and any information on when they will leave indefinite detention or where they will go.

Twelve men have died in offshore processing, the last few deaths barely making a blip in the Australian media and political landscape.

The ASRC's detention advocacy team are dealing with an increasing number of mental health emergencies daily, as men, women and children remain in critical condition and at great risk of losing their lives.

Families continue to be separated and no real solution to resettle them is on Australia's political agenda.

Aziz Abdul Adam, a refugee detained on Manus said: "We are human beings, just like you, just like me. Let's deal with the refugee crisis with humanity, with support and with compassion to try to help people who are trying to get to safety.

"What we have been made to endure and lose all these years is incomprehensible. This harm continues to be inflicted and we do not know when it will end and how much more we will suffer.

"More people could even be killed on Manus. So far seven men have lost their lives."

The ASRC continues to call on the government to [#EvacuateNow](#) everyone held in offshore processing on Manus and Nauru to Australia for urgent medical treatment and to await their asylum outcome in safety.

Please add your voice to the condemnation of this inhuman policy. Email your politicians now.