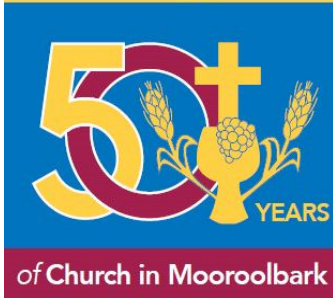


St Peter Julian Eymard Parish



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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 29th March 2020 Issue No 10

Reflection 5th Sunday of Lent

Two sayings are,
"You're not dead till you're dead," and,
"Think outside the box; you'll have eternity to be inside
the box."

Today's readings focus on graves, the depths and death, but they really are about life. We all know people who are old before their time, people whose get-up-and-go got up and went, and people who act like the living dead. Many reasons exist for dispiritedness. And then we know people who are full of energy, who have a passion and zest for life, and who in the winter years of life remain ever green, ever hopeful, always enchanted with the gift of the moment. They have never lost the wonder and playfulness of the inner child who beckons them onward to new adventures and new relationships.

They remain attuned to that inner life-giving spirit that is forever renewing all creation even in the midst of mass extinctions, pain and suffering associated with global climate crisis, and crucially the effects of the current corona virus pandemic. The spirits of our ancestors — human and non-human — remain alive in union with that sacred spirit breathed into all creation. This sacred spirit wants nothing more than to breathe new life into that which is seemingly dying or has already died, if only people are willing to allow the stones of their entombed lives to be rolled away.

Marg Vallence
Parish Pastoral Council

Mass Readings for Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year A


1st Reading --- Ezekiel 37:12-14
Responsorial Psalm --- Psalms 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
2nd reading --- Romans 8:8-11
Verse Before the Gospel --- John 11:25A, 26
Gospel --- John 11:1-45

PARISH CALENDAR

**ALL MASSES HAVE BEEN
SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER
NOTICE**

**CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE LINK
LIVE STREAM MASS**

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

11am MASS ON SUNDAY

PARISH UPDATE 29-3-2020

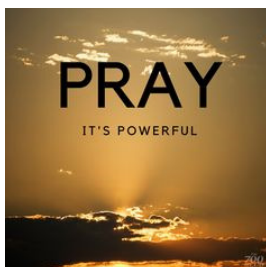
No Masses until further notice.
Funerals allowed with max of 10 people
Weddings max of 5 people, including the
Priest, wedding couple and witness.
All Baptisms have been postponed until
Further notice.

Father Joseph will provide his Homily and
weekly reflection 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

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



Weekday Mass Times

**All weekday Masses have been
suspended until further notice.**

Readings for Next Week – 5th April

Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 - 27:66



We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;

**Trish Fenton, Freddy Chavez, Annette
Andrewartha, Julia & Mabel Dana, Jan Smith,
James Heaton, Wilfred Howarth, Matthew
Arrowsmith, Rose Robert, Brian Allan,
Lorraine Downie, Carol Braganza.**

✠ Remembrance Diary ✠

We remember those who have died,
especially **Pat McCann**,
and all anniversaries occur about this time.

28/3 to 3/4

Jim McLaughlin, Rocco Zinghini, Joan Kelly,
Jessica Tilbury, Patricia Stone, William Peters
Maryanne D'Rozario, Gabriel Turk, Marge
Treloar, Joseph Deszcz, Sr. Dietlinde, Vincent
Graves, Roger Kelaart, Mark Prest, Michele
Anastasi, Freida Macro, Rohan & Amanda Byrnes,
Pope John Paul 11, Vernon Staples, Oliver Tyler-
Kennedy, Chris Bourke, Donald Johnson, Betty
Asbury, Peter Clancy, Agnes Hutchinson Kerr,
Lucie Oswald, Helen Mann, Andreas Maria Bast.

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).**

You can continue to support the Parish financially
by direct debit/credit card payments and this can
be arranged by contacting the Parish Office by
email or telephone (or leave a message with your
details)

A Prayer to St Joseph

You were receptive to God working in your life.
Help us by your prayers at this time of trial.
You kept Jesus and Mary under your watchful care:
may your prayers assist our local Church to respond to those in need.
You taught the Christ Child your trade and prayers:
help us to follow his example of love.
You were part of God's plan for all humanity: assist us to be vigilant and responsible this day.
You spent your life in service: may we be mindful of others, particularly the elderly and vulnerable, caring for them in these difficult days.
You trusted in the clear primacy of God over all history and every situation: help us to grow in faith and pray to the Father, Thy will be done.

Amen

Combined Parishes Car Raffle

Parishioners, would you kindly return your raffle tickets and money to the Parish House. Envelopes can be put into the letter opening to the left of the Parish House front door.

A big thank you to all those who have returned their books and money.

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

Marg Vallence / Coordinator
SPJE Parish Mooroolbark
Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle 2020.

LADIES LUNCH GROUP CANCELLATION TO ALL OUR LADIES WHO ENJOY OUR MONTHLY LUNCHEON GATHERINGS

In keeping with Government Guidelines we will be cancelling all our regular lunches until we are informed that it will be safe for us to get together again .

In the meantime our blessings and best wishes to all

Nancy Gough 0411 137 251

Philomena Turner 0417 208 077

What is Lent - The Meaning of Time Set Aside

Just as we set aside time to spiritually prepare for Christmas Day, it makes sense to set aside time to prepare for the two most important days of the Christian year. Lent is a time that offers us an opportunity to come to terms with the human condition we may spend the rest of the year running from and it brings our need for a Savior to the forefront. Like [Advent](#), Lent is a time to open the doors of our hearts a little wider and understand our Lord a little deeper, so that when Good Friday and eventually Easter comes, it is not just another day at church but an opportunity to receive the overflowing of graces God has to offer.



Project Compassion
Fourth Sunday of Lent - 22nd March 2020



Thirty-two-year-old Sakun lives in a village in central east India. She developed polio as a child and has difficulty walking. After joining a Caritas Australia-funded program, Sakun has learned new skills and gained important mobility. She is more resilient, more confident and more independent.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to help uplift vulnerable communities and support the rights of indigenous peoples around the world.

Let's Go Further, Together. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Fr Joseph Homily

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Investing Time

Jesus was a very close friend of Lazarus whom Jesus raised from the dead (today's gospel, John 11:1-45). By "very close friend, we mean that Jesus could share his innermost thoughts with Lazarus, and Lazarus could also share his innermost thoughts with Jesus.

The sisters, Martha and Mary, knew this.

That's why they could say to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick. John says in his gospel, "Jesus loved Martha, her sister and Lazarus very much, When Jesus was told to come and see where Lazarus was buried, John says to us in the gospel, "Jesus began to weep, which caused the Jews to remark, "See how much he loved him.

Before we can reach a point where we can mutually share our inner thoughts with another, we must spend much time with that other person.

Jesus must have spent much time with Lazarus before Jesus and Lazarus could feel comfortable and fully open with each other. Some people do not put a high value on such friendships, which take much time to cultivate. These people are more "work-oriented" rather than 'people-oriented.

Fr. Carlos Valles, SJ, in his book, entitled "Living Together," quotes Kakasaheb Kaleikar, author of a hundred books in close to a hundred years.

"I measure the worth of my life not by the number of books I have written, the talks I have given or the prizes I have won, but by the number of truly good friends I have made. It takes time before we are ready to open up.

It takes time before a true friend is ready to open up to us. Are we willing to invest much time in people?

Or would we prefer to spend our time writing books, giving talks, or winning prizes? Jesus preferred people to prizes.

Source: WITH EYES FIXED ON JESUS