



St Peter Julian Eymard Catholic Church Mooroolbark Parish

We are a Welcoming, Eucharistic and Spirit Filled Community

SPJE IS A CHILD SAFE ENVIRONMENT

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE WURUNDJERI PEOPLE, THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THIS LAND

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4th February 2024 Issue No: 2

PARISH CALENDAR FEBRUARY

- 3/4th 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Baptism - 9am
 7th Wed Musicians Practice Church - 7.30pm
 8th Thur Baptism Preparation Meeting 7pm church Margaret & Lili
 8th Thur Liturgy Planning Meeting - 7pm Parish House
 9th Fri Beginning of School Year Mass - St Richards - 9.15am
- 10/11th 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 SPJE Hall Hire - 7.30pm
 Shearers Tally - Line Dancing
 11th St Richards Staff Commitment Mass/Prep Angel Mass - 9am
 SPJE Commitment Mass & Prep Welcome Mass & Baptism @ 11am
 14th Wed **ASH WEDNESDAY MASS 9.30am & 7.30pm**
 SPJE Ash Wednesday Mass - 9.30am (Parish - whole school)
 16th Fri Beginning of School Year Mass SPJE - 12 noon
- 17/18th 1st Sunday of Lent**
- 24/25th 2nd Sunday of Lent**
 21st Wed Musicians Practice - church 7.30pm
 Sat. Wedding - 11.30am SPJE Church
 Sun. Baptism - 9am
 Private Baptism - 12.30pm
 27th Wed Eucharist Family Night - 7.00pm

REFLECTION



Mark 1:29-39 narrates a series of events in the life of Jesus, including His healing of Simon's mother-in-law and His preaching and healing throughout Galilee. This passage holds some meaningful insights for us.

Jesus' immediate response on hearing of Simon's ill mother-in-law was to go to her, take her hand and heal her. This shows us Jesus as a healer and also as a source of comfort in times of illness.

After being healed, Simon's mother-in-law immediately begins to serve Jesus and others. This reflects our Catholic value of service. It teaches us that when we experience God's grace, our response should include a desire to care for others.

Jesus responded to the needs of the people who sought Him for healing. The responsiveness of Jesus to human suffering, emphasises the call to imitate His compassion in reaching out to those in need.

After a busy day of healing and teaching, Jesus retreats to a quiet place for prayer. A reminder to us that even in the business of our lives, the importance of taking some time out each day for prayer.

In summary, Mark 1:29-39 shows us Jesus as a compassionate healer. It reminds us of the importance of service and gratitude, the balance between action and prayer, the proclamation of God's kingdom, and the responsiveness to human needs in imitating Jesus.

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Normal Mass Times at SPJE

Weekday Masses
Tues & Wed : 9.30 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

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday & Wednesdays
9.30 am

This Week's Readings - 4th Feb 2024

Job 7:1-4, 6-7: Ps 146:1-6:
1 Cor 9:16-19, Mk 1:29-39

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill,
especially
Ignatius Suan Lian Thang, Reji, Annette,
Maria Cordedda, Ashley Taylor, Brenda &
John Delosa, Sofia Aranco.

✠ Remembrance Diary ✠

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

3/2 to 9/2

Joseh O'Hara, Edward Chookoon, Frederick Quinless,
Rosa Turk, Mary Ward, Norma Foley(Barden), Gerard
Sheehan, Mary Willingham, Noel McWilliams, Joe
Khodr, Alan Tatnell, Rudolf Quinless, Nancy
Cornwell, James Cornford, Josepha Doekes, Phillip
Perna, Bernard Stats, Craig Anning, Alan Pritchard,
James Steadman, Noelle Kelly, Pat Williams,
Wilhelmina Graafmans, Antoinette Haughton, Peter
Ayton.



We welcome to our Parish through
Baptism

Holly Margaret Morrison

As they receive the Holy Spirit through the
Sacrament celebrated this weekend, may their
faith guide them throughout their lives.

ROSTERS

Counters - Month of February

Christine Sellar & Karen Broughton

Flowers - Month of February

Philomena Turner

Church Cleaners - Month of February

Jun Romero Family

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

Readers & Commentators - 3/4th February

6.00pm Volunteer req & Michael McLindon
9.00am Lilette de la Harpe & Lilijana Stride
11.00am Jun Romero & Volunteer req.

Readers & Commentators - 10/11th February

6.00pm Craig Hume & Mitchell Mazarella
9.00am Vanessa Walker & Tim Newcomb
11.00am Auna Wernert & Volunteer Req.

Musicians - 3/4th February

6.00pm Paul & Co
9.00am No Music
11.00am No Music

Musicians - 10/11th February

6.00pm Paul & Co
9.00am Fillipino Group
11.00am Shelly & Co



LADIES FEBRUARY LUNCHEON

Tuesday 6th February
CROWN HOTEL
273 Main Street, Lilydale
(plenty of parking at the rear)

Meet at 12 midday for lunch at 12.30pm
Contact Philomena Turner on 0417 208 077 or
Nancy Gough 0411 137 251

Volunteer required - Church Flowers

We would like to ask for a volunteer to join our church flower roster. We are inviting anyone who loves working with flowers to join our flower roster. You would be rostered on a monthly basis. Please see Fr Joseph or contact Adriana in the parish office for more information.

Parish Child Safeguarding Team

If you have any child safety concerns please contact the following team members

Brian Twining
brian.twining@cam.org.au

Meg Wright
mwright@spjemoroolbark.catholic.edu.au

Michael Mc Lindon
mclinoffice@gmail.com
Or request a call back on the Parish Office
phone 9723 4275



BUSH DANCE SATURDAY



10th February 2024

St Peter Julian Parish Hall

240 Hull Rd, Mooroolbark

8:00pm to 11:30pm

Doors Open 7:30pm
Carpark Open 7:15pm

FEATURING

"SHEARER'S TALLY"

A GREAT NIGHT WHERE YOU LEARN 10 DANCES!

BRING NIBBLES & COLD DRINKS

TEA & COFFEE PROVIDED

ONLY \$20 per head, cash at door.

For Bookings phone Maria on 9727 2423

Email: mb29@hotmail.com

(Also find us on Facebook – "Shearers Tally" and check out our latest photos)

Hope to see you there!!!

Pope at Audience: Reconcile, let go of anger before the sun sets

At the weekly General Audience, Pope Francis reflects on the sin of wrath and invites us to guard against channelling our anger unjustly, insisting that we follow the Lord's example of forgiveness.

By Deborah Castellano Lubov

Wrath and anger have a tendency to grow out of control, and thus we are called to actively seek peace and reconciliation.

Pope Francis gave this reminder during his Wednesday General Audience held in the Vatican's Paul VI Hall.

Continuing his catechesis series on virtues and vices, the Pope focused this week on the sin of wrath, calling it a particularly "dark vice."

Wrath, the Pope said, is perhaps the easiest to detect from a physical point of view. "The person dominated by wrath can hardly conceal this impetus; you recognise it by the movements of their body, their aggressiveness, their laboured breathing, their grim and frowning gaze."

Often targets first offender rather than the guilty

In its most acute manifestation, the Pope noted, anger is a vice "that leaves no respite."

"If it arises from an injustice suffered or deemed to be so," the Pope observed, "it is often not unleashed against the guilty party, but against the first offender."

"There are people," he acknowledged, "who hold back their anger at work, proving to be calm and compassionate, but once at home they become unbearable for their spouses and children."

Wrath, he acknowledged, can pervade our being, robbing us of sleep and causing us to rerun it in our minds.

Moreover, he said, it destroys relationships. Lingering resentment and detestation slowly but surely degenerate relationships, he said.

Reconcile before the sun sets

The Apostle Paul, aware of how anger can grow out of control, the Pope said, urged Christians "to address the problem at once and seek to reconcile."

"It is important that everything be dissolved immediately, before the sun sets," the Holy Father insisted.

"If some misunderstanding may arise during the day and two people may no longer understand each other, suddenly perceiving themselves to be far apart," the Pope said, address it and reconcile, so "the night will not be handed over to the devil."

Otherwise, he observed, wrath will "keep us awake in the dark, brooding over our reasons and unaccountable mistakes that are never ours and always the other's."



Pope Francis at General Audience

Forgive us our trespasses

The Pope recalled the 'Our Father' prayer's call to forgiveness.

If forgiveness isn't practiced, he said, people break away from one another.

The Pope said that while wrath is a terrible vice and often at the origin of wars and violence, "not everything that is born of wrath is wrong." The ancients, he recalled, were well aware that there is an irascible part in us that cannot and must not be denied.

"We are not," the Holy Father pointed out, "responsible for anger, in its arising, but always in its development."

Vent anger properly

Sometimes, Pope Francis said, it is good to vent anger in the right way.

"If a person never gets angry, if they are not indignant at an injustice, if they do not feel something quivering in their gut at the oppression of a weak person," the Pope said, "it would mean that this person is not human, and much less a Christian."

Pope Francis acknowledged the existence of "holy indignation."

"Jesus knew it several times in His life," he recalled, marveling that the Lord "never responded to evil with evil."

"In His soul, He felt this feeling and, in the case of the merchants in the Temple, performed a strong and prophetic action, dictated not by anger but by zeal for the house of the Lord."

Pope Francis concluded by urging the faithful to seek the help of the Holy Spirit in properly managing their passions, in order to turn them into a tool for good.

