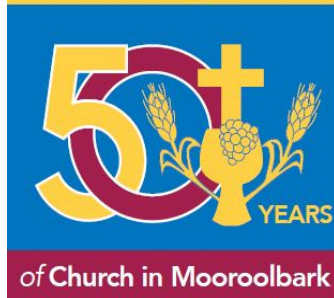


St Peter Julian Eymard Parish



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

PASSION SUNDAY

5th April 2020 Issue No 11



This year, we reflect on Matthew's passion story through the lens of a global community threatened by a virus. Jesus' entry into Jerusalem begins on a huge wave of optimism, joy and hope. People line the streets; they wave palms, they put their cloaks and garments on the ground and they shout out his name. This was an ancient Roman tradition used to welcome soldiers and armies home after their success in battle. The crowd welcomes Jesus in a similar way as they shout out, *Hosanna, Hosanna*.

How quickly the crowd changed and turned on Jesus. The same people who were happy to welcome him with shouts of joy, will soon begin to shout 'Crucify him, Crucify him.' Jesus is even betrayed and denied by his closest friends. The rest of them run and desert him. He is left alone! In isolation and feeling abandoned.

If we are not careful we can lose sight of what is important to us. As well as celebrating this great week with dignity and reverence, we also need to ask ourselves what it is all about and what it means to each of us in today's world with today's challenges? How can we reach out to others and make sure our fears and stockpiling is not affecting others.

This week we are offered hope. We have the potential to bring hope to all at this time, especially to those who are putting their lives on the line for others.

Greg Thomas
Principal SPJE School

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

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).**

Fr Joseph is requesting that parishioners can arrange their own direct debit as this would allow you to adjust your weekly amount to meet your own financial commitments and needs.

This will also stop the cross contamination of notes and coins to be counted.

OR

You can set up Credit Card payments which can be arranged by calling or email 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.



REMINDER

DAY LIGHT SAVING
ENDS THIS WEEKEND.



Weekday Mass Times

All weekday Masses have been suspended until further notice.

Readings for Next Week – 12th April

Is 61:1-3, 6, 8-9; Apoc 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21.



We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;

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

✠ Remembrance Diary ✠

We remember those who have died, especially **Jan Smith** and all anniversaries that occur about this time.

4/4 to 10/4

Val Stafford, Peter Allen, Gerry Rowan, Andrew Ehrenkreutz, Anne Grange, Patrick Fitzgerald, Walter Lehner, Mary Cummins, Gerard Peping, Richard Yee, Robert Carbould, Frank Haley, Mary & William Steane, Wallace Roberts.

PARISH UPDATE - 5.4.2020

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

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

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

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

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.

St Edith Stein:

"We are very calm and cheerful. Of course, so far there has been no Mass and Communion; maybe that will come later. Now we have a chance to experience a little how to live purely from within."

(Written from Westerbork transit camp
August 1942)



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**
GO FURTHER TOGETHER

Project Compassion
Sixth Sunday of Lent - 5th April 2020



Dominic, 47, is a father of six from Papua New Guinea. In 2016, he became involved with Caritas Australia's partner, Centre of Hope who runs a safe house and family anonymous programs and turned a difficult life and an unhappy relationship around.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to help support the Safe House project and help bring greater harmony to families in Papua New Guinea.

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.

Homily

WHAT IS YOUR WORTH ?

Today the priest will bless the palms that people bring to the church to commemorate Jesus' triumphant entry to Jerusalem.

In Matthews account, Jesus instructed the disciples to get hold of a donkey and they brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on" (Matthew 21:7).

A very large crowd then spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them along His path. The crowds that went ahead of Him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

I would like to share with you this story about the donkey Jesus sat on. It was talking to a fellow donkey after Jesus' entry to Jerusalem.

People are strange. Just days before, they were all going crazy over me, shouting praises and hosannas. But now, no one cares about me. I feel like I'm nothing.

The fellow donkey responded, "That's just the way it is. Without Jesus, we are nothing".
Without Jesus, we are nothing. Let that sink in.

During the first Sunday of Lent, Jesus was thrice tempted by the devil: "If You are the Son of God . . ." It was a triple temptation to performance, possession, and popularity. Don't we face the same temptation today? We base our self-worth according to our performance, possession, and popularity.

But performance, possession, and popularity are finite resources. Sooner or later, they fade and we find ourselves left with nothing—like the donkey in our story.

Jesus is our infinite resource. With Jesus "on our back," we are someone! We are of worth, of infinite worth! Let that sink in.

*Fr. Joel Jason
Sabbath 2020*

