



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

14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A
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5th July, 2020



“Come to me all you
who are heavy burdened
and I will give you rest...”

Rest is essential to our well being.

In our environment it is also essential. We all
know the importance of giving the land a time of
fallowness between crops to allow it to rejuvenate.

The pandemic with its deep pain and sorrow
through death, illness and unemployment, has also
provided a time of rest.

Around the world, it has been noted in places
where smog hid the blue sky due to industry. With
the cessation of industry for a while people have
been able to admire a blue sky and breathe fresh
air.

Jesus invites us to spend time with him, to lay
down our burdens and hand them over to our God.
Then in your time of prayer, quietly, and silently
take time to rest with Jesus.

Just be present.

Allow Jesus to be present to you and you to Jesus.
Just as Psalm 23 reminds us, “... *near restful
waters, God leads me, to revive my spirit.*”

Sometimes our prayer time can be filled with so
many words or us talking all the time.
In this time of rest, take the time and listen to what
Jesus wants to say to us and notice how it feels to
be present to Jesus in this prayerful time of rest.

Michelle McCourt - Parishioner

PARISH UPDATE

Update from Fr Joseph

Mass Services to Resume

Fr Joseph is celebrating weekend Masses at 6.00pm, 9.00am & 11.00am Starting on the 4th & 5th of July. An additional Sunday Mass at 5pm on the 12th July will be celebrated but only if sufficient numbers sign up.

Following government guidelines, we can only accommodate 20 parishioners, plus a reader and altar server at each Mass.

Adriana is working through the list of those who have booked in to attend Mass. For the Masses to go ahead we will need one parishioner to greet others, mark off those attending from the list provided, **and ensure they sanitise their hands before entering the church.**

We will also need two volunteers from each Mass to assist with sanitising the church after the Mass.

Please adhere to **ENTRY & EXIT** doors.

If you received an email on Tuesday prior to the weekend Mass we ask you to confirm if attending the Mass.

If you are unable to attend Mass, we ask that you notify us **a.s.a.p.** so we can allocate your spot to another parishioner.

Parishioners are asked to place their thanksgiving envelopes/offering during time of communion into the basket located in front of the Altar.

Parishioners are reminded that keeping social distance in the church is essential, especially at Eucharist

Readings for Next Week – 12th July 2020

Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23



We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;

Trish Fenton, Annette Andrewartha, Julia & Mabel Dana, Matthew Arrowsmith, Rose Robert, Lorraine Downie, Trish Leahy, Jean Blencowe, Nancy Greco, Otilie Porter.

✠ Remembrance Diary ✠

We remember those who have died especially
Denis Horan
and all those whose anniversaries occur
about this time
4/6 to 10/7

James Gatens, Kath Ellis, Benny Nyhuis, Bill Devery, John Kleverkamp, Daniel Murphy, John Brian Frazer, Jack Gildea, Fr Ray Whitehouse, Fr Matthew White, Mary Ward, Elizabeth Hall, Maria Van Den Bergh, Elisabeth Bakker, Margaret McVeigh, Francesca Molluso, Ross Freiberg, Elizabeth Tate, Kathleen O'Connell, Luigi Slaviero, Eril Prendergast, Joseph O'Hara, Fillipo Giuffrida, Margaret Kirley, Andy Brown, Nancy Findlay, Robert Stewart, Johon Dollery, Phillip D'Orival, Walter Hardacre, Fr Joseph Cairns, Maria Del Guidice, Robert Delzoppo, Glenda Chavez, Drago Safar.

THANKSGIVING PROGRAM

Parish Still needs your help !

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 of our parish.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

The new Financial Year envelopes will be available from the parish starting **Tuesday 7th July**.

<p><small>ST. PETER JULIAN STANBRO & ST. BICHARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH BROOKHOLM, KELLYE, MORTSHOE</small></p> <p>THANKSGIVING OFFERING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * To pay Parish operating costs and debts. * To subsidize Catholic education in the Parish. * To support growth of Parish services. * For Charitable Works. <p>\$ <input type="text"/></p>	<p><small>ST. PETER JULIAN STANBRO & ST. BICHARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH BROOKHOLM, KELLYE, MORTSHOE</small></p> <p>PREBYTERY OFFERING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * To support the Priests of this parish and meet normal household expenses. * To support sick and retired priests. <p><i>This amount not included in your pledge.</i></p> <p>\$ <input type="text"/></p>
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Parishioners who wish to receive their envelopes are asked to email the parish office, **mooroolbark@cam.org.au** or phone the office on 9723 4275, to arrange to collect or have them delivered.

Parishioners on Thanksgiving Envelopes, **who are attending masses this weekend**, are asked to pick up their boxed envelopes from the church foyer.

- **SANITIZE YOUR HANDS BEFORE LOOKING FOR YOUR BOX**
- **IF YOU ARE ON THANKSGIVING USING ENVELOPES YOUR BOX SHOULD BE HERE**
- **PLEASE TAKE YOURS EVEN IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY USING EFT OR CREDIT CARD**
- **ONLY TAKE YOURS – NO ONE ELSE'S**

No other envelopes will be available this weekend.

More envelopes will be available at next week's masses.

Envelopes are also available from the office starting **Tuesday 7th July**

Regards
Brian Twining
Parish Assistant

HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY Bill McConville

Warmest Congratulations on your **90th Birthday**.

Fr Joseph and the Parish community wish you all the best for this special celebration.



NEWSLETTER

If you know of someone who is not receiving a newsletter please email the parish office and we will include them on our weekly email list.

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE LINK LIVE STREAM MASS

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

11am MASS ON SUNDAY



CHILD SAFETY OFFICERS

We are delighted to advise Fr Joseph has appointed Michael Mc Lindon and Meg Wright as our parish Child Safety Officers.

THE COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2020

3 x ALL NEW SUZUKI BALENO TO BE WON!!!



1st 2nd 3rd
4th to 14th Prizes – Coles / Myer Gift Cards

The Raffle Draw Date is now September.

HOWEVER
I am trying to tie up everything
So I can return the stubs to the organisers.

If you need to return your book [sold or unsold] please place them in the letter slot at the Parish House front door in an envelope marked Raffle, by the end of July or contact me. Thank you to everyone who has returned tickets.

Marg Vallence 0403 568 302
rafflespje@gmail.com

Fr Joseph's Homily

Fourteenth Sunday, Year A, 2020

Once upon a time there was a widow who had lost her only son. She was inconsolable. She went to a wise man to seek help.

The wise man said to her, "Go from family to family, and if you find a family that has not experienced some great sorrow, get a seed of any kind from that family and bring that seed back to me."

The woman spent weeks going from family to family. In each family she visited she was told of a great sorrow that had visited, or was still visiting, the family.

Finally, the widow returned empty-handed to the wise man, but she was no longer greatly burdened by her loss, for she had discovered that she was not alone.

Some sorrow is part of the lot of every family.

The proverb maker said it very well, "*The rain does not fall only on one roof.*"

In today's Gospel (Matt 11:25-30). Jesus says to us, "*Come to me, all you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will refresh you.*"

Jesus understands.

He had also received more than his share of rejection, disappointment, and even betrayal.

During this time of pandemic, as all of us are facing this challenging time, let us draw strength from Jesus as he had also gone through tough times.



Announcement

MEDIA RELEASE



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

New Bishop for Sale Diocese

On the Feast Day of St Cyril of Alexandria, The Holy Father has announced **Monsignor Gregory Charles Bennet**, former Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, as the tenth Bishop of the Diocese of Sale in eastern Victoria.

In accepting this appointment, Bishop-Elect Bennet said, "I am humbled by Pope Francis' nomination of me to be the next Bishop of Sale. It is an enormous responsibility and privilege to be asked to undertake this appointment."

Well known and loved in the Melbourne Archdiocese, the Bishop-elect noted that whilst welcoming this new appointment, there will be sadness in leaving the Archdiocese of Melbourne, "I have served in the Archdiocese for 28 years and my heart is grateful for the many people who have formed, nurtured, cared, and supported me throughout my formation and my ministry."

The second of four children to Len (RIP) and Maureen Bennet. Bishop-elect Bennet was educated in Victoria and completed his secondary education through Braemar College, Woodend.

Ordained in 1992 by Archbishop Little, he served as Assistant Priest in the parishes of Grovedale-Torquay, Greensborough and as Administrator of Seymour Parish before undertaking and completing a Master's of Science in pastoral counselling at Loyola College Baltimore MD, USA, and a Licentiate in Sacred Theology at the Angelicum in Rome.

Upon his return from further studies, Bishop-Elect Bennet was appointed as Director, Ministry to Priests and as Director of Ongoing Formation for Clergy in the Archdiocese of Melbourne, followed by later appointments as the inaugural Director of the Archbishop's of Evangelisation, and Parish Priest of St Bede's, North Balwyn.

In 2012 Archbishop Hart appointed the Bishop-elect as Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia and, in that same year, he was appointed a Prelate of Honour by Pope Benedict XVI. He has served as a Diocesan Consultor and on numerous committees of the Archdiocese including: the Archbishop's Personnel Board, Curia, the Diocesan Finance Council, Catholic Capital Grants Ltd and on advisory bodies associated with Catholic Education Melbourne. In March 2020, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli appointed him as Parish Priest of St Joseph's, West Brunswick.

"Mgr Greg has given a generous and deep commitment to the people of God in Melbourne over these 28 years," said Archbishop Comensoli.

"I am delighted at his appointment, but there is sadness to lose such a wonderful servant of God from our own Archdiocese. The people of Sale are blessed to have him as their new shepherd and I know they will welcome him warmly.

"He has also been a personal friend over many years and I wish to acknowledge his wonderful support to me in my own ministry.

"On behalf of the people of Melbourne, we offer our prayers for Mgr Greg and for the people of Sale."

Details regarding the episcopal ordination are still to be determined.

For further information please contact:

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