



# 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

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Advent.



Watching and waiting to see God revealed in our everyday life, are familiar words we hear in Advent. Like the shepherds and the magi, we desire to be open to noticing the unexpected ways our God comes to us each day.

Daniel O'Leary an Irish priest, a well known author of 12 books who died in January 2019, reminds us that everything we search for is already within us – the joy, the freedom, the peace, the courage, the divine energy. It is a way of knowing that the touch of God, the healing Spirit, is hidden in all that happens to us – even in the most painful experiences. When we see the presence of God in our most ordinary, daily routines, and in the darkness we often experience, then our lives are transformed.

Daniel invites us to think about 'the dearest freshness deep down things' (God's Grandeur -Gerard Manley Hopkins): about acquainting ourselves more with our precious 'hidden self' and to find there everything we have longed for all our lives.

We need to be reminded about God's unchanging embrace at every twist and turn of our days, reassuring us that we are not alone, that there is nothing we cannot achieve with God's arms around us.

In spending quiet time to open ourselves in this way, we can be set free to give our energies to others.

We wait for Christ and find that Christ is already within each of us.

<http://djoleary.com/> 10/8/2018

*Michelle Mc Court - Parishioner*

## PARISH UPDATE

### UPDATE RE MASS

To all parishioners,

The parish leadership team would like to emphasize the rules (not our rules) around our Church reopening based on the directions from the Chief Medical Officer, Victorian Government and the Archbishop.

The Church has the capacity to allow 70 attendees at each Mass. A QR code is available for those who wish to use it, however registrations are still a requirement.

- 1. Masks are mandatory** inside the Church at all times unless you have a medical exemption (please provide proof).
- 2. Mass bookings are essential**, however for those people who have attended a regular Mass over the last 4 weeks, you do not need to keep registering unless you cannot attend or wish to change your preferred Mass.
- 3.** You must contact the person coordinating your preferred Mass, 6.00pm Bernadette Brown on 0447473138, 9.00am Marg Vallenge 0403568302, 11.00am Adriana De Leo 9723 4275, to make these changes. This will allow others to attend given the limited capacity of our Church.
- 4.** Mass attendance lists are prepared each **Friday**, the person on the list is the person that needs to attend Mass and not substituted with another person {s}.
- 5.** Father Joseph is too busy with Confirmations and Christmas preparations to be involved in booking Masses, please do not ring, text or email him for Mass bookings or changes, please follow the advice above about the contacts for each Mass (item 3).
- 6.** Everyone attending Mass must sanitize their hands on entering the Church and ensure they are seated in the pews where marked X, couples and family groups (who share a household) can sit together ensuring 1.5 meters distance from others sharing a row.

**7. The main entrance door to the Church will be locked at 6.00pm, 9.00am and 11.00am, so please ensure you arrive at least five minutes before Mass time.**

**8. All people must exit the Church through the side doors.**

We ask that you strictly adhere to this advice to ensure that we can safely remain open as well as supporting the health and wellbeing of all parishioners.

**WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER** as long as we all do the right thing.

#### **BAPTISMS :**

The parish is conducting Baptisms as follows:

1. Baptisms are required to meet the Covid Safe requirements for religious activities.
  2. Attendance restrictions may apply.
- Please contact the Parish Office by email

[mooroolbark@cam.org.au](mailto:mooroolbark@cam.org.au)

#### **Readings for Next Week – 13th December 2020**

Is 61:1-2, 10-11; 1 Thess 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



**We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;**

*Trish Fenton, Julia & Mabel Dana,  
Rose Robert, Lorraine Downie, Trish Leahy,  
Jean Blencowe & Danielle Devlin*

#### **✠ Remembrance Diary ✠**

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

**5/12 to 11/12**

**Jack Robins, Johanna Vanduppen, Maria Kermac, Herman Van Rooden, Kevin Johnson, Sr Francis Marshall, George Watson, Nicholas Timms, Jack Gavin, Helen Wilkinson (first death anniversary), Betty Stats, Joseph Golja, Avelino Ventura Jnr, Tony Bucciarelli, Shelia Ann Eddy, Edilberto Pangilinan, Beverley Marilyn Canete, Gerald Seymour (first death anniversary), Susan Chadwick, Lorraine**

## BAPTISM

We welcome



*William Reilly*

to our Parish through Baptism.

As he receives the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament celebrated this weekend, may his faith guide him throughout his life.

Funeral Prayer service

SPJE Church

for

**Annette Andrewartha**

11am, Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> of December.

## THE ADVENT THEMES

**The four traditional advent themes for the four advent Sundays are:**

The Candle of **Hope**. **Hope** is like a light shining in a dark place. ...

The old testament prophets - **The Candle of Peace**. ...

John the Baptist - **The Candle of Love**. ...

Mary the mother of Jesus - **The Candle of Joy**.

Advent wreaths are circular, representing God's infinite **love**, and are usually made of evergreen leaves, which "represent the hope of **eternal life** brought by **Jesus Christ**". Within the Advent wreath are candles that generally represent the four weeks of the Advent season as well as "the **light of God** coming into the world through the **birth of Jesus Christ**" although each of the candles can be attributed its own significance as well in one version of such interpretation, the candles specifically **symbolize** the Christian concepts of hope (week one), peace (week two), joy (week three) and love (week four). Many Advent wreaths also have a white candle in the centre to symbolize the arrival of **Christmastide**, sometimes known as the "Christ candle." It is lit on **Christmas Eve** or **Christmas Day**

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – PEACE

The Hebrew word for peace, šālôm, translated in the Septuagint most often by the Greek word, eirēnē, has a wide semantic range including the notions of totality or completeness, success, fulfillment, wholeness, harmony, security and well being.

Jesus said : “**Peace** I leave with you; my **peace** I give to you. Not as the world gives **do** I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”





## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

### SPJE Church Christmas Mass Times



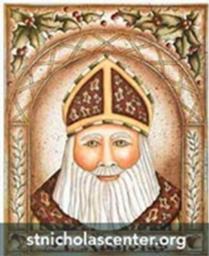
Thurs. 24th December      6 pm Mass (School Oval)  
   9 pm Mass ( Church)  
   11 pm Mass (Church)

Friday. 25th December    9am Mass (Church)  
   10.30am Mass (Church)



## CONFIRMATION

The Parish wish to congratulate and give our very best wishes to all those receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation over the next few weeks. May this Sacrament strengthen you in the years ahead.



## ST.NICHOLAS FEASTDAY – 6<sup>th</sup> DEC

Saint Nicholas is one of the most popular [saints](#) commemorated in the Eastern and Western churches, and he is now traditionally associated with the festival of [Christmas](#). Nothing certain is known of his life, but he was probably [bishop](#) of [Myra](#) in the 4th century. He is also known as Nicholas of Myra or Nicholas of [Bari](#).

Saint Nicholas was known for his generosity and kindness, which gave rise to legends of [miracles](#) he performed for the poor and unhappy. As a result of this reputation, devotion to Nicholas extended to all parts of Europe. He became the [patron saint](#) of multiple countries, of charitable fraternities and guilds, and of children, sailors, unmarried girls, merchants, and pawnbrokers.

Through the centuries many stories and legends have been told of St. Nicholas' life and deeds. These accounts help us understand his extraordinary character and why he is so beloved and revered as protector and helper of those in need.

Dutch families took the tradition of celebrating the feast day of Saint Nicholas with them to New Amsterdam in the [American colonies](#), beginning as early as the 17th century. They referred to him as Sinterklaas. That name became [Santa Claus](#) to the early United States' English-speaking majority. The legend of a kindly old man was united with old Nordic folktales of a magician who punished naughty children and rewarded good children with presents to form the pop-cultural figure of Santa Claus.

## FR. JOSEPH'S HOMILY

**2nd Sunday of Advent, Year B, 2020**

A Malayan proverb compares proud and humble people to rice stalks in a rice field. It says, "The more grains a rice stalk has, the lower it bends down to the ground. The fewer grains it has, the higher it lifts itself into the air."

Truly humble people realise that their talents and achievements come from God. They bow down like stalks heavy with rice.

Today's gospel (Mark 1:1-8) tells us that "All the Judean countryside and the people of Jerusalem went out to see John the Baptist in great numbers." And how did this man speak before hundreds of listeners? He said, "One more powerful than I is to come after me. I am not worthy to stoop and untie his sandal straps."

This is the man of whom Jesus was later to say, "No one may be found greater than John among those born of women." (Luke 7:28)

This is the man who said, "I am not worthy to stoop and untie his sandal straps." There are some people nowadays seem to think that they are invincible and smart. As they grow older, little by little, they begin to experience disappointment, weakness, failure and defeat.

If they choose to learn from their experiences, little by little, they begin to realize that they need help. The help of God. Little by little, they begin to admit to themselves that they cannot do it alone.

James N. Bernie once said that, "Life is one long lesson in humility." Have we already learned this lesson in humility?



**CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE LINK**

**LIVE STREAM MASS**

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

**11am MASS ON SUNDAY**

The 11 o' clock mass from the cathedral may be seen on channel c31 (press 44)



## ST. VINCENT de PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL



Thank you to all who donated generously to the SVDP Christmas appeal last weekend. For those that missed out the envelopes will be available this weekend in the church.

Or you may wish to donate via direct deposit - details below

### St Vincent de Paul Conference Mooroolbark

**BSB: 063 003**

**A/c No: 10081787**

We will also be supplying Christmas Hampers and toys to many families so that they can enjoy Christmas.

Our Christmas Tree with the usual tags will be at all the Masses from the 14th November and we will be very grateful if you can help as you have over many years. There are also tags for donations for those who prefer not to buy gifts.

There is no need to wrap the gifts as we have to open them before we give them out.

All parcels should be returned by the **14th December**.

Thank you all for your ongoing support of the Mooroolbark Conference of St. Vincent de Paul, your generosity helps us to continue our very important work of helping those in need.

*Jan Phippard*  
*President, SVDP Mooroolbark*

## SVDP Christmas Cards and Columban Calendars

We will again be selling St Vincent de Paul Christmas cards and Columban Calendars at all Masses from the 14th November.

**Christmas cards are \$5.00 for a pack of 5.**

**Columban Calendars \$9.00**



2021 Columban Art Calendar