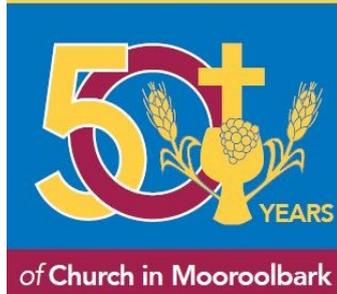


St Peter Julian Eymard Parish



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*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 LENT

8th March 2020 Issue No 7

A Reflection from Matthew 17. 1-9

Poor old Peter – we can probably relate readily to Peter because so often, in trying to get it right, he manages to get it oh so wrong. In this account, with the disciples terrified, he suggests setting up three tents so they can remain on the mountain with Jesus and the prophet visitors and contemplate the face of God. In Hebrew tradition & story, mountaintops were important as places of encounter with God; Moses & Elijah had experienced the power & presence of God on mountain tops, so Jesus does now and Peter is not slow to want to share in the experience.

In this, Peter marvellously again misinterprets the true call of the disciple for his and our learning: Jesus discipleship is not about gazing heavenwards, sweet though it might be — the disciple is to listen and to act; “This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him”. The mystery of this response & charge will become awe-fully clear when later realized in the full context of Jesus’ death and resurrection – when “the Son of Man is risen from the dead”.

A further stage in the learning and service of the same three disciples will be when they spend precious time with Jesus at his agony in the Garden of Gethsemane - mostly asleep & unaware! – and then to witness his arrest, trial and execution. In these times and ways, they will eventually come to know by experience & loving faith that there can be no sidestepping of the Cross – “Take up your cross each day and follow me”. This invitation is to all who are followers of Jesus - we too must lose ourselves for the sake of others. To listen & reflect & to do in the way of the Gospel, the Good News of Jesus.

- # What glimpses of God do I have in my daily life? Do I ready myself for them by prayer, scripture reading, examination of my faith-self and dedicated times of reflection? What do I or can I do about it?
- # Can I recall an experience which caused me to see another person in an entirely different light? What did it change in me? Did the change last and did I grow in it?
- # “This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.” What do these words mean for me now? How relevant do I make them in my daily faith practice; life, work and loving??

Michael McLindon



PARISH CALENDAR

MARCH 2020

- 7/8th Mar Second Sunday of Lent**
Baptisms 11am
- 9th Mon LABOUR DAY (Public Holiday)
- 11th Wed **Anointing Mass 9.15am**
First Eucharist Family Night - 7pm Church
- 12th Thur **No 9.15am Mass**
- 13th Fri **No 9.15 Mass - Funeral 10am**
- 14/15th Mar Third Sunday of Lent**
- 17th Tue ST PATRICK'S DAY
- 21/22nd Mar Fourth Sunday of Lent**
WEDDING - Sat 2pm Church
Year 4 Commitment Mass - 6pm
Year 4 Commitment Mass - 11am
- 25th Wed **The Annunciation of the Lord**
School Term 1 Ends
No 9.15am Mass in the Church
9.15am Mass will be at St Richards School on their Feast Day
- 28/29th Mar Fifth Sunday of Lent**
WEDDING - Sat 4pm Church

ROSTERS

Counters

- 10th March Tue Joan & Maurie Prendergast
16th Mar Des Delahunt, Pam Dryden & Christine Sellar

Flowers

Lent - NO FLOWERS

Cleaners

- 9th March Wojtek Nowicki, Eleanor Thompson
16th Mar Graeme Vear & Gerard Wright

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

Ministers of Eucharist Coordinators for March

- 6.00 pm Bernadette Brown
9.00 am Karen Broughton
11.00am Daylin Rowland

Readers and Commentators - 14/15th March

- 6.00 pm Michael McLindon & George Nantes
9.00 am Karen Broughton & Lilette de la Harpe
11.00am Joseph Mung & Auna Wernert

Musicians - 14/15th March

- 6.00 pm STRUM
9.00 am Filipino Group
11.00 am ZOMI Group

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday 9.15am
Anointing Mass - Wed 9.15am
No 9.15am Mass on Thursday
No 9.15am Mass on Friday

Readings for Next Week – 14/15th Mar

Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42



We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;

Pat McCann, Trish Fenton, Freddy Chavez, Judith Griffith, 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 **Angela Slaviero**, and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.
7/3 to 13/3

Ronald Whelan, Antonia & Petro Maniscalchi, John Leslie McKay, Mary Hanlon, Anton Soffici, Jack Lawrence, Margaret McMahon, Cora Sweerts, James Parslow, Agneta Pepping, Werner Rynski, Elaine Taylor, Norma Boyd, Leo Liedtke, Ann D'Orival, Ereda Beekman, Mary Phillips, John Sheridan, Osvaldo Iacobucci, Christina Mosca.

Parish Registration Card

Parishioners who have not registered with the parish or are new to the parish or have changed address are asked to pick up and complete a Parish registration card .

Registration Cards are available next to the newsletters.

Once completed please hand to Fr Joseph or place in the box provided next to the newsletters.

Bushfire Recovery Appeal Last weekend



Thank you to all who donated generously to this appeal. Amount raised \$418.

BAPTISM

We welcome

Joseph Anastasi & Kalea Malala

to our Parish through Baptism.
As they receive the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament celebrated this weekend, may their faith guide them throughout their life.



Combined Parishes Car Raffle

Parishioners please collect your named Raffle tickets from the tub in the church foyer.

Apologies to all those parishioners who were wanting to purchase raffle tickets last weekend. We ran out, but hopefully we will have more to sell this weekend and the coming weeks.

By way of explanation: Last year we had a great many books unsold and lost [mainly by the schools] so I restricted the number of books the parish purchased this year.

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.

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
Second Sunday of Lent - 8th March 2020



Twenty-seven-year-old Phany was a struggling farmer and was forced to leave her daughter to take up construction work in the city. Her life has been transformed since joining a Caritas supported program, learning crop growing skills and better water management, to combat drought.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 and help mothers like Phany continue to uplift their communities, and provide food for their families.

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.

Pope Francis' Intention for March

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Pope Francis' prayer for the Church in China is timely. It comes in a year when the attention of Australians and of people in other nations has been focused on China. China's strong assertion of its role in its region and the rest of the world has led to reaction among its economic and political competitors. It has also focused attention on the denial in China of what we would see as basic human rights. This inevitably trickles down into popular prejudice against China and xenophobic public comment. We risk thinking of Chinese people as a bloc, not as persons, to blame them for coronavirus rather than to go out to them in compassion for suffering from it.

For these reasons it a good time to reflect on our Chinese Catholic brothers and sisters and to pray for the Church in China. Pope Francis reminds us that it is a community of different people who try to live by the Gospel and need God's grace and the prayer of other Christians to do so. They display all the variety in ways of seeing and living their faith that we find in our own Church.

The challenge facing the Church in China is that Christianity has always been seen as foreign. It has come to China with foreigners and has been identified with them, even though Catholics themselves see themselves as happily both Chinese and Catholic. Christianity first came to China with Persian traders. Stone monuments from the ninth century testify to its presence. Christianity flourished under the Mongolian rule in the fourteenth century, with many Bishops throughout China. Later Chinese Emperors declared it incompatible with Chinese customs and banned it.

Subsequent Chinese contacts with foreigners were mainly with traders admitted under strict conditions. Chinese rulers were torn between fear of European threats to the Kingdom and desire to benefit from its technology and learning. Matteo Ricci made his way into the court through his astronomical and other learning, hoping to find a way of commending Christian faith to educated Chinese through the gifts of their own culture. But the connections he described between Chinese culture and Christian faith were judged by Roman authorities to compromise faith. Seen as agents of foreign powers, Catholic missionaries were soon banned from China.

It is not surprising then that under Communist rulers who wanted to free China from foreign domination powers, Catholics were seen as agents of a foreign power ruled by the Pope. They have been alternately persecuted and tolerated under heavy scrutiny and political control.

They have also understandably been divided in their opinions about how far they should cooperate with the Government. Pope Francis is anxious that these differences of opinion should not divide them as Catholics and as congregations. He prays, and asks us to pray, that they should be proud members of Christ's universal church and of their nation, following Jesus' generous way of life and rising with him to full life.

Andrew Hamilton Melbourne Catholic