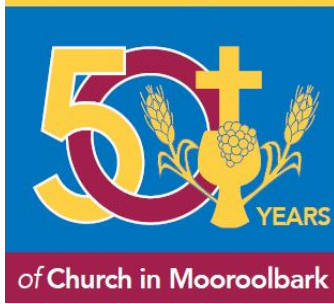


St Peter Julian Eymard Parish



# St Peter Julian Eymard Catholic Church Mooroolbark Parish

*We are a Welcoming Eucharistic and Spirit Filled  
Parish Community.*



**Parish Priest**  
Fr. Joseph Xin Lu

**Parish Secretary**  
Mrs. Adriana De Leo

**Parish Assistant**  
Mr. Brian Twining

**Pastoral Associate Emeritus**  
Michael Sellar

**RCIA Coordinator**  
Michael Mc Lindon

**Parish Office**

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**Parish Hall - contact Parish Office**

**SPJE Parish School**

Reay Road, Mooroolbark 3138

Telephone 9725 0595 Fax 9723 9255

**School Principal – Mrs. Maria Bast**

<http://www.spjemooroolbark.catholic.edu.au>

**SPJE - Outside School Hours Care**

Tel: 8215 9206

**St. Richard's Parish School**

672 Mt. Dandenong Rd.

Kilsyth, 3137

Telephone 9728 4378 Fax 9728 6272

**School Principal - Mr. Marcus Gill**

<http://www.srkilsyth.catholic.edu.au>

**Normal Mass Times at SPJE**

Weekday Masses - Tuesday - Friday: 9.15 am

**Rosary prayed on**

**Wednesday and Thursday after 9.15 am Mass**

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 9th December, 2018 - Issue No: 45

### Christ is coming

Advent is a season observed in the Christian world "as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for both the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas and the return of Jesus at the Second Coming." The term is a version of the Latin word meaning "coming".

It is a very important time as the season celebrates the birth of Christ and the anticipation of His Second coming. And at the core of this teaching is the virtue of patience. In our everyday interaction with the outside world and even in the confines of our homes, we encounter challenges that test our patience. As ordinary humans we often pull our hairs in frustration, curse high heavens when a situation we do not expect arises. But as the saying goes: good things come to those who wait. And this is so true.

When I first arrived in Australia, I was eager to learn everything, anxious even. Many times, I got frustrated and regretted my decision of coming here.

It is not easy to relocate and leave one's comfort zone of 40 odd years. The change can be daunting. However, one thing that kept me going was my faith. From that faith, I drew the strength that everything will be better tomorrow.

Christ lives in each and everyone of us. His physical Second coming in the near distant future is exactly that: in the near distant horizon. However, he lives in our hearts and guides us every step of the way if we listen.

Make this season of advent truly special by celebrating Christ that lives within us.

*Ana Felicia M. Alcala-Parishioner*

### Weekday Mass Times

Tue to Thur - 9.15am  
No 9.15 Mass on Friday (funeral)

### Readings for Next Week - 15/16th Dec

Zeph 3:14-18; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

## PARISH CALENDAR

### DECEMBER

10th Dec Mon Baptism Meeting - 7.30pm  
Newcomb Family

8/9th Dec **2nd Sunday of Advent**

13th Dec Thur St Richards School Graduation  
Mass

14th Dec Fri Requiem Mass for Angie  
Zangmeister. 11am. All  
Welcome

15/16th Dec **3rd Sunday of Advent**  
Monthly Church Collection

### Week

**18th-21st Dec No 9.15am Morning  
Mass**

18th Dec Tue **NO 9.15am Mass**  
10 am End of Year Mass -  
SPJE School Oval

19th Dec Wed **NO 9.15am Mass**  
9.15am End of Year Mass -  
St Richard's School  
SPJE Graduation Mass -  
7pm Church

20th Thur Last Day for School Staff

20 & 21st  
Thur & Fri. NO 9.15am Mass

### Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill,  
especially,

**Linda Young, Lynette Carrucan, Brian Alan,  
Peter Margerison, Jessie Eliz Elliott, Jim  
Corrigan, Claire Lindsey, Paul Brinschwitz,  
Evette Proctor, Kay Williams, Pat Snowball,  
Jim Cornford, Bob Roberts, Richard Corrigan,**

### † Remembrance Diary †

We remember those who have died especially  
**Angie Zangmeister** and all those whose  
anniversaries occur about this time:

**8/12 to 14/12**

**Betty Stats, Joseph Golja, Avelino Ventura Jnr,  
Tony Bucciarelli, Sheiliah Eddy, Edilberto  
Pangilinan, Beverley Marilyn Canete, Susan  
Chadwick, Lorraine Lunghusen, Margaret  
Galea, Frank D'Orival, Thelma Dight, Rudi  
Franz, Vladimir Klepac, Alfred Anderson,  
George Bell, George Hewerdine, Francis Wan**

## ROSTERS

### Counters

10th Dec Joan & Maurie Prendergast  
17th Dec Des Delahunt, Pam Dryden & Christine  
Sellar

### Flowers

Dec Advent (No Flowers)

### Cleaners

10th Dec Laurel Simpson & Brian Pereira  
17th Dec Wojtek Nowicki, Eleanor Thompson

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

### Ministers of Eucharist Coordinators for December

6.00 pm Bernadette Brown  
9.00 am Pam Delahunt  
11.00am Mike McCann

### Readers and Commentators - 15/16th December

6.00 pm Denis Horan & Gloria Romero  
9.00 am Lilijana Stride & Lisa Read  
11.00 am Marie Mutton & **Volunteer Required.**

### Social Justice Action Group Advent Appeal

Once again, the Social Justice Group is holding the annual Advent Appeal and invite parishioners to donate to a very worthy cause. This year, the proceeds will go to VincentCare, Ozanam House Redevelopment Project. The new facility, in North Melbourne, is tackling homelessness in an innovative way, it incorporates resources other than housing and feeding the homeless. It responds to the physical, safety, health & wellbeing needs of our most vulnerable community members via multimodal services, therapies, and vocational programmes, which address the root causes of homelessness.

As we all go about getting our gifts and food organised for our family Christmas, this is a great opportunity to shift the focus to the spirit of giving that this holy feast is meant to engender in us.

Envelopes will be left in the church pews over the four weeks of Advent, how you donate is up to you. You may like to make one donation, or make it a weekly contribution, as a means of focusing on the real meaning of Christmas over the four weeks of preparation. Either way, we trust that the generous

**ST VINCENT de Paul  
Christmas Tree Appeal**



**This weekend, 8th & 9th  
December, is the return date  
for gifts for the Christmas Tree.**

**If you would still like to give a toy or other  
donation, we can accept them up until next  
weekend, 15/16 December.**

There is no need to wrap the gifts as they are put in with the hampers we supply at Christmas. . You have been most generous in previous years and this has enabled us to give the children of the families to whom we deliver hampers Christmas gifts as well.

We usually deliver 90 hampers and supply gifts to over 120 children.

We thank you for your generosity in helping us make Christmas brighter for the people we help on a regular basis throughout the year. This will help the needy in our Parish to have a better celebration.



**ST VINCENT  
de PAUL**

Columban Calendars  
and SVDP Christmas  
Cards are now on sale.



Calendars - \$9.00  
Christmas Cards (pack 8) - \$5.00



**CHRISTMAS ROSTER**

The Christmas roster is available in the Church foyer.

Please note that Midnight Mass is a traditional Mass and assistance is required to allow the Parish to continue to offer this service. Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and people to assist Father Joseph are essential to ensure that a Midnight Mass is available at SPJE.

Please approach or contact Bernadette Brown at Church  
or on mobile : 0447743138.

**PARISH PASTORAL  
COUNCIL UPDATE**

I would like to say a big thank you to Christine Sellar and also Lisa Read for their great contributions to the PPC and Parish as they have decided to resign from PPC!

You will be miss by all of us. I am happy to announce that Sharon Daly has agreed to join PPC and Sharon is a professional nurse and SPJE school mother as well.

*Fr. Joseph*

**MELBOURNE CATHOLIC MAGAZINE  
December 2018 ISSUE  
[Gifts]**

December Edition of Melbourne Catholic is now available.

**Articles of interest include :**

The earth is a gift  
The gifts of the Holy Spirit  
The gift of Christmas

**\$2 per copy.**

Parishioners are asked with the lead up to Christmas to be aware of any suspicious behaviour from unknown persons.  
Please report any concerns to Fr Joseph or parish staff. *Thank you.*

— REFLECTION QUESTION —

Have you ever tried to reflect on the state of society today, looking to find the roots of its institutions ?

*Holy Spirit, help me to see and know the truths about my faith. Help me to recognize that the world owes much to the Christians of the past who worked so hard to build society as we know it today. Amen.*

**POSITIONS VACANT—Archdiocese of Melbourne**

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of:

[Pastoral Associate, St Peter's Parish, Toorak & Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Armadale](#)

[Pastoral Associate, Holy Spirit Parish, Ringwood North](#)

[Director of Parish Faith and Mission, Nazareth Parish, Grovedale](#)

[Group Leader, St Kevin's Parish, Templestowe](#)

[Service Delivery Analyst, East Melbourne](#)

[Senior Technical Specialist, East Melbourne](#)

[Tertiary Chaplain, RMIT University](#)

[Tertiary Chaplain, Deakin University](#)

[Tertiary Chaplain, Latrobe University](#)

[Pastoral Associate, St Dominic's Parish, Camberwell East](#)

[Parish Secretary, St Joseph's Parish, Elsternwick & Holy Cross Parish, Caulfield South](#)

[Parish Secretary, St Leonard's Parish, Glen Waverley](#)

[Parish Secretary / Bookkeeper, St Joseph's Parish, Northcote](#)

[Pastoral Associate, St Jude's Parish, Scoresby](#)

Further details can be found on either the Archdiocese website at:

**PLENARY COUNCIL 2020**

***LISTEN TO WHAT THE SPIRIT IS SAYING***

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future.

To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question **“What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?”**

**PLENARY COUNCIL 2020**

To find out more about the Plenary Council 2020.

***Plenary Council Prayer***

*Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.  
Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.*

*O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia  
and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.*

*Give us the grace to see your face in one another  
and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.*

*Give us the courage to tell our stories  
and to speak boldly of your truth.*

*Give us ears to listen humbly to each other  
and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.*

*Lead your Church into a hope-filled future,  
that we may live the joy of the Gospel.*

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
bread for the journey from age to age.*

*Amen.*

***Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.  
St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.***

