



Mooroolbark Catholic Parish

St Peter Julian Eymard
Church

St Richard's
Church



How Do We Discover the Presence of God in Every Day?

Number 44

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

4th December, 2011

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Mass Times @ SPJE

Tues, Wed, & Fri: 9.15 am

Saturday No morning Mass 6.00pm (vigil)

Sunday: 10.30am

Mass Times @ St. Richard's

Thurs: 9.15am (Rosary after 9.15am mass)

Sunday: 9.00 am

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.15 p.m.

or by arrangement with Priest.

Sacraments (Baptism, weddings, catechetics)

Ring Parish Office 9723 4275

Christian Meditation: Every Tuesday at 7.30pm in the
Convent Meeting Room.

"Choose To Prepare"

Dear Parishioners, we live in a noisy world. News reporters seem to be shouting at us all the time. We are bombarded with news, information, skills, gadgets, and technologies. We are full not only of noise, but also activities, advice sessions, programs, seminars, inputs.

We need to go to the desert (quiet places or the bush) sometimes, to feed on simply "locusts and wild honey" - listening to the sounds of the rain, the wind, the insects, and our own heartbeat - and to be "clothed in camel's hair" - wear our conscience, our intuitions, and our inhibitions. We have to shut out the noise and raise the volume of nature and our soul. There we will find repentance and consolation, meet God and his grace, and touch our hearts and our innermost longings.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a Big Thank You to all of the parishioners, parents, teachers and friends of our parish who have made another great success of our Christmas Fair last Saturday in spite of bad weather conditions. You have inspired me and many others for what you have done for our parish! Congratulations to all of you! Our parish is undergoing great changes and transitions in the leadership as we will have new Principal and Deputy Principal of SPJE, New Pastoral Associate we welcome **Deirdre Fennessy**, and Maureen - Principal of St. Richard's School and I are also fairly new. I believe and hope that these new developments and changes will bring a new thrust for the renewal of our beloved parish and create a new vision and new energy for the continuous progress and growth of this great parish. All these could become a reality only with your generous support. Once again I would like to thank all of you in particular the President of Fair Committee Mac Hoogenboom and all the members of Fair Committee!

God bless you all!
Fr. Joseph Lu Xin
Parish Priest

Weekday masses

Tues, Wed, Thur & Fri 9.15am

Readings for next week

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

Prayers For The Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill, especially **Nell Collins, Rosina Gajewski, Liza Chan, Diane Cox, Verna Harnetty, Maryann Tilley, Angelo La Morticella, Rachel Binning, James Harbour, Hazel Kempton & John Russo.**

Remembrance Diary

We remember those who have died recently especially **Father Kevin McKelson SAC.** and all those whose anniversary occur about this time:

Antonia Kleverkamp, Ramfee Tungol, Gertrude Darcy, Jack Robins, Johanna Vanduppen, Herman Van Rooden, Kevin Johnson, Sr Francis Therese Marshall, George Watson, Nicholas Timms, Jack Gavin, Betty Stats, Joseph Golja.

ROSTERS

Counters

5th December Pam Dryden & Jim Cairns
12th December Paul Redfern, George Szymanski, Rupert Hubbard

Flowers

26th December NO FLOWERS DURING ADVENT

Cleaners (SPJE)

5th December Joyce Tatnell & Wojek Nowicki
12th December Di Nardo & Dwyer Family

Cleaners (St Rich)

5th December Helen Van Gorp & Lilette
12th December Rose Lawrence & Rachel Nicholson

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

Ministers of Eucharist Co-ordinators for December

6.00 pm George Nantes
9.00 am Brenda & Jim Corrigan
10.30am **Volunteer Required**

Readers & Commentators 10th & 11th December

Sat. 6.00 pm Frank Westaway & Denis Horan
Sun. 9.00 am Lorraine Ewing & Lilette delaharpe
Sun. 10.30 am **Volunteer required & Michael Watt**

LAST WEEK'S THANKSGIVING

Weekly pledge amount: \$3952
Actual Received: \$3088
Average Weekly Giving for the last 6 months \$3455

ROSARY (After Wed Morning Mass)

Rosary will be held on Wed. 30th November at the home of Louise & John Brier, 8 Coombah Crt, Mooroolbark. at 10am. This is our final Rosary for 2011. Rosary will resume in February 2012.

All welcome

PARISH CALENDAR UPCOMING EVENTS

- 3/4** **Second Sunday of Advent**
Tue 6th Parish Thanksgiving Mass & Supper 7.00pm SPJE Church.
Wed 7th Mass of Anointing 9.15 SPJE
SPJE Christmas Eve Family Mass
Planning 2 pm Parish House
Fair Committee Meeting - 7.30pm
(Parish Meeting Room)
- 10/11** **Third Sunday of Advent**
Tue 13th Advent Penitential Service
Thur 15th End of Year Mass for St Richard's School 9.15 am.
- 17/18** **Fourth Sunday of Advent**
Tue 20th End of Year Mass for SPJE School 2.00pm School Oval.
- 24th Dec** **Christmas Masses**
SPJE Oval 6.00pm
St Richard's Oval 6.00pm
SPJE 8.30pm
SPJE Midnight
- 25th Dec** **St Richard's 9.00am**
SPJE 10.30am

Thanksgiving Mass & Supper

Everybody Welcome

Tue. 6th December 2011 @ 7.00pm

(Followed by supper in the Presbytery backyard)

Veronica's Farewell

Please save this date Sunday 29th
January 2012.

BAPTISM CHILDREN

We welcome to our Parish through Baptism:

Abby Gray, Khloe Prior, Emily Napolitano, Hayley Lowe, Nicholas Parkyn.

As they receive the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament celebrated this weekend, may the Spirit of Jesus guide them throughout their lives.



invites us to reflect on our lives and God's forgiving love. Our parish has a history of gathering together during Advent as a community to celebrate our God who calls us to restore broken relationships with ourselves and each other.

2011 ADVENT PARISH PROJECT

"Brigidine Asylum Seeker Resettlement Program"

Thank You for including this important work of the Church in your Advent giving. If you have not already done so ...

You will find that donation envelopes are placed in the church throughout the Advent Season. You might wish to make one donation or give each week to this project. Please remember to place your contribution in the envelopes provided and place them on the collection plate.

Thank you.

WEEK 2 COME AND JOIN US

But what can I do?

This SUNDAY 4TH DECEMBER after the 9.00 & 10.30 Masses to WRITE A MESSAGE OF HOPE to detainees telling them you welcome them to this country and that we are working to change our Government's policies.

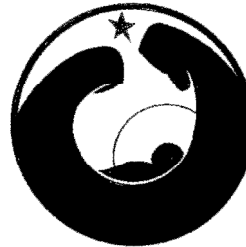
Bring along a Christmas card and any small gift to send.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE



Come along on Tuesday evening the 13th December at 7.30pm at SPJE church for a very special liturgy that

CHRISTMAS MASS on the OVAL 6.00pm 24thDec



Calling all children whose families are coming to this Mass. Girls and boys we would love you to come dressed as angels, shepherds & royal people. If you would like to do a reading or take up the collection, distribute song books etc can you contact Veronica McLindon at the Parish House 9723 4275. Looking forward to seeing you at this celebration of this beautiful feast.

CHRISTMAS CD

Joe Fernandez our Parish Accountant has supplied the parish with a lovely Christmas



CD. If you wish to purchase a CD the cost is \$10.

All sales of CD's will now be sent to the Phillipino Family.

JOY CLUB NEWS

Tues. 6th Dec.

Christmas Break-up Lunch and Kris Kringle

We've made a booking at Club Kilsyth in Canterbury Road, for 12 noon.

Not a set menu, order to suit yourself.

Each person should bring a wrapped gift (or items) to the value of \$10. This is to be a special Kris Kringle and we want it to be fun, so

USE YOUR IMAGINATION! To book, please ring Loretta 9726 0452 or Maddie 9728 5628

Maddies Open Garden ... Last Sunday raised \$625-00 for Mary McKillop East Timor Mission. This agency provides social justice advocacy, educational opportunities and life skills for the advancement of East Timorese people. Thanks to our Social Justice Team and all who supported this event.

SVDP New Facility

You may have noticed the new portable classroom in the Convent area. This is the new St. Vincent de Paul facility that will be used as a meeting room and storage facility for our food hampers. It was a necessary move due to ever increasing regulations. To those who have made extra donations towards furniture, power, heating, etc., we sincerely thank you for your kindness. We hope to be operating out of the facility in time for our Christmas Hampers.

Christmas

Don't forget we have Columban Calendars and Christmas Cards available in the church foyer after each Mass. Our Christmas tree with gift tags will be erected soon so please remember the needy at this time of year. There are tags for children's presents or for money for food for the hampers. Thank you again for your help.

Full "Wrap Up" and detailed reports with next week's "Bulletin"

Mac Hoogenboom, President.

FAIR COMMITTEE MEETING

Wrap up Fair meeting to be held on Wed. 7th December @ 7.30pm (Parish Meeting Room).

CHRISTMAS FAIR - RAFFLE WINNERS..

Congratulations to the following winners...

1st Prize	Laura Fitzgerald	spje school
2nd Prize	Kinsman Family	
3rd Prize	Rosemary Cullinan	
4th Prize	Bill McConville	

Aprons & Craft Raffle

Michelle Mills	-	Cushion
Kelly Dixon	-	Cot Quilt
Suzie	-	Crochet Rug
Starnawski	-	Sleeping Bags.

FRIDAY NIGHT MUSIC IN THE WYREENA CONSERVATORY CAFE

December 16 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

"ENTITY"

Location: Wyreana Community Arts Centre, 13-23 Hull Road Croydon - **Bookings 9294 5590**
Please see church notice board for more information.

SPJE CHRISTMAS EVE PLANNING



Would you like to come along and help plan for the Christmas Eve Family Mass at SPJE. Place & Time: 2.00pm on Wed 6th December.

Please come to the Parish House.

2011 CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thank you to the parishioners of SPJE and St. Richard's Parish.

Notwithstanding the dismal weather, Community Spirit was very evident last Saturday at this year's Christmas Fair.

A big thank you to all who attended and supported the "Fair". We still made a profit although not as good as last year.

A big thank you to the "Stall Holders" and their "Helpers" - A big thank you to the helpers on the Friday "Set Up" and the Saturday "Pack Up" in the pouring rain.

A very big thank you to the tireless committee members who have toiled all year.

INVITATION TO "La Storia Di Natale" (The Story of Christmas)

St Peter Julian School Italian & Performing Arts Department together with Mr James Daly, Principal & Staff have much pleasure in inviting our parish community to this performance.

Wednesday 14th December - 10am and 1pm in the Parish Hall.

Morning & Afternoon tea will be served after each performance.

Pre-school children are welcome to accompany their adults at the 10am performance.

1.00pm performance is directed to elderly people and we ask that young children are not brought to this session.

We look forward to seeing parents, grandparents, relatives, friends and members of the Parish Community to this event.

YOUNG PEOPLE

TAIZE ADVENT PRAYERS 2011

Following the Taiz'e Brothers' visit to Victoria in September 2011, we have decided to organise a Taiz'e service every three months in the Melbourne CBD so we can continue to pray together!

First prayer service will be 7pm on Fri. 9th December at St Francis Catholic Church - 326 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne - near Melbourne Central Station.

If you would like to be involved with music or help set-up on the night, please email: heidi.bryce@gmail.com

This event is especially for 18-35's.

RSVP for this event on Facebook