St Peter Julian Eymard Catholic Church Mooroolbark Parish

Including Kilsyth & Montrose

Number 45 **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT** **11th December, 2016**

Parish Priest
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Mrs. Adriana De Leo

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Normal Mass Times at SPJE
Weekday Masses - Tuesday - Friday: 9.15 am
Rosary prayed on
Wednesday & Thursday after 9.15am Mass

Saturday: No morning Mass
Saturday: 6.00p.m. (vigil)
Sunday: 9.00a.m.
Sunday: 11.00a.m.
Reconciliation: Saturday 5.15 p.m.
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

COURAGE! Do not be afraid.
Look, your God is coming. ISAIAH 35:4

We are sent to proclaim to all those we meet - through our actions and words - that God is not distant from our poverty and pain, but rather that God is born into the stable of our poverty.

In homily given at Midnight Mass in 2007, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI reminded us, that, "The message of Christmas makes us recognise the darkness of a closed world … yet It also tells us that God does not allow himself to be shut out". God finds a space, even if it means entering through the stable of our hearts.

Though, as the Pope Emeritus goes on to say, For God to enter in through such a stable, we must ask ourselves some very important Advent questions like, "Do we have time and space for God? … Can God enter into our lives? … Does God find room in us or have we occupied all the available space in our thoughts, our actions, our lives for ourselves?"

As we know, these are questions we can only answer for ourselves, though let us pray that amidst all of the busyness and frenetic pace of this time of year we will do all we can during these final weeks of Advent to not only "rejoice" but to pen our hearts to Jesus - the One who was born in the poverty of a stable; the One who, in the words of the prophet Isaiah, calls us to remind others "to have courage and not be afraid"

Come Lord Jesus, Come Babe of Bethlehem and be born once more in our hearts. Amen.
Fr. David Catterall pp.

Weekday Mass Times

Mass times as normal at 9.15 am
Tue, Wed, Fri
(NO 9.15am Mass on Thurs. 15th Dec)
10am Mass on School Oval

Readings for Next Week - 17/18th Dec

Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Prayers For The Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill, especially: **John Turner, John Hogan, Frank Westaway, Ron Irwin, Flora Cristafaro, Ian Blencowe, Jan Watson, Bernadette Vear, Linda Young, Louis Donker, Erin Bent.**

Remembrance Diary

We remember those who have died especially **Russell Cox** and all those whose anniversary occurs about this time:
Alma Delzoppo, Pasqua Napolitano, Tony Bucciarelli, Sheliah Ann Eddy, Edilberto Pangilinan, Beverley Marilyn Canete, Susan Chadwick, Lorraine Lunghusen, Margaret Galea, Frank D'Orival, Thelma Dight, Rudi Franz, Vladimir Klepac, Alfred Andersen, George Bell, George Hewerdine, Tanya Suhr, David Tatnell, Anne Harding, Colin Reilly, Mary Wallace, Joy Blake.

ROSTERS

Counters

12th Dec	Joan & Maurie Prendergast
19th Dec	Des Delahunt, Pam Dryden & Christine Sellar

Flowers

ADVENT (No Flowers Required)

Cleaners

12th Dec	Laurel Simpson & Brian Pereira
19th Dec	Wojtek Nowicki

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

Ministers of Eucharist Coordinators for December

6.00 pm	Michael Sellar
9.00 am	**Volunteer Required**
11.00am	Mike McCann

Readers & Commentators - 17/18th December

6.00 pm	Judith Griffith & Michael Fenton
9.00 am	Lilette de la Harpe & Liliana Stride
11.00 am	Rosemary Cullinan & Marie Mutton

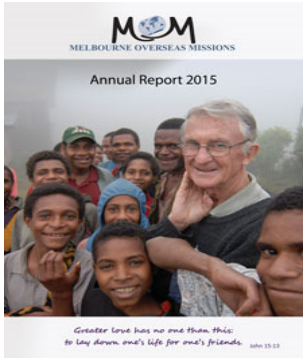
PARISH CALENDAR

DECEMBER

10/11th	**Third Sunday of Advent** Special Collection - Melbourne Overseas Mission Appeal
13th	Penitential Service - Church - 7.30pm
14th	Graduation Mass - SPJE - 7pm
15th	NO 9.15AM MASS - SPJE - End of Year Mass - 10am School Oval
15th	St.Richard's Graduation Mass - 7pm- St.Richard's Hall
16th	Parish Office will be closed from 12pm.
17/18th	**Fourth Sunday of Advent**
20th	No Morning Mass at 9.15am

Christian Meditation Meetings
Mondays at 7.30 pm
SVDP Building - All Welcome

MELBOURNE OVERSEAS MISSION SPECIAL COLLECTION this weekend 10/11th December



Since its foundation in 1969, Melbourne parishioners have supported Melbourne's own mission fund to help developing nations. This has marked our Archdiocese for its exceptional generosity. Currently, the major beneficiaries are people in Papua New Guinea, Vietnam, Gambia, Ghana, Pakistan, Botswana, Nigeria, Peru and Jerusalem.
Archbishop Denis Hart commends the fund to your continuing support.
Donations of $2 and over are tax deductible.

Envelopes will be available in the church pews.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE
Tuesday, 13th December

Advent Penitential Service will be held in the church - 7.30pm
All welcome.

Christmas Helpers Needed!

Do you want to play a more active role in our Christmas Liturgies this year?
Please check out the notice in the Church foyer for opportunities to be involved either as readers, commentators, Eucharistic Ministers, taking up the Offertory etc. It is an opportunity to be more fully involved in this joyous celebration.

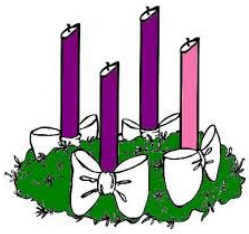
If you are planning to come to the Mass on the Oval on Christmas Eve and have children or grandchildren, please encourage them to come dressed up as Wise Men, Angels, Shepherds or Sheep.

St Vincent De Paul Society Mooroolbark Conference

Once again we have our **CHRISTMAS TREE** erected in the Church foyer. There are many tags hanging from the branches and we would ask parishioners to take one and return it within the next few weeks with a toy or cash donation – whichever is on the tag.
We would stress that all toys or money received will go toward making Christmas a little better for those who will be struggling to cope this year. It seems to get more each year!
This community has always responded magnificently to our appeals and we pray that this year will be no exception Thank you all for your wonderful support. Our joy and satisfaction comes when we deliver our hampers and toys. The smiles of relief and gratitude are our reward. God Bless You.

Advent Wreath

The Advent Wreath was introduced in the nineteenth century by a Lutheran Pastor (following an ancient German custom) and has been adopted widely by Christians. Here are some thoughts on the symbolism of the wreath.
The four candles represent the 4,000 years (the Biblical equivalent of all the time before Christ) prior to Christ's coming and, of course, the four weeks of Advent.
The unlighted candles represent the dark ages before Christ's coming.
The lighted candles represent Christ, the Light of the World. Each week we light one more candle and that represents the idea that the coming of Christ is closer.
The circular form of the wreath symbolises that God has no beginning or end.
The green of the boughs indicates hope -- just as the green of spring indicates new life.
The word Advent means the coming or promise.



Michael Sellar - Pastoral Associate.

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC MAGAZINE

December 2016 Edition of Melbourne Catholic is now available.

Interesting reading on:-
- Voices from the universal Church.
- Beatitudes for modern Christians
- Talking it up
- A magical night in Melbourne

Copies available in the church foyer.

Fr Joseph has reduced the cost to $2 per copy.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT FOR ORGAN AND TRUMPET

Tuesday 13 December, 6.30pm–7.30pm
St Patrick's Cathedral, Cathedral Place, East Melbourne
This one-off Christmas concert will feature music from the 17th century to the present day, played by the extraordinarily gifted pair of Geoffrey Payne (principal trumpet with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra) and Melbourne's Anthony Halliday (described in Leipzig as 'one of the great international organists'). Handel, Bach and Haydn are represented, along with other great composers, including Anthony Halliday himself, who will play his *Christmas Rhapsody*.
Cost: $20. Children under 15 free. Tickets at the door.
Details: 9926 5753 or paul.taylor@cam.org.au

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

We wish to thank Catholic Church Insurance for their donation of the Christmas hamper.
The hamper is valued at: $150.
Tickets available for purchase from the church foyer $1 each

NEW ISSUE OF FRANKLY MAGAZINE - $4.00 copy.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

The Joy of Love - Pope Talk
Inspired Art- Street Art Feature
Seeking Happiness - Parenting
Beer Wine & Spirits - Catholic Culture
The Happiest People I Know - Money
Go'in Natural - Eco -Fertility
Under the Spotlight - Celebrity
Selfie Culture- Inspiration
Our Many Marriages - Relationships
Wedding Traditions - Photo Essay

The Parish ANNUAL ADVENT APPEAL 2016
Mercy Works Domestic Violence Project, Papua New Guinea

Each year St Peter Julian Eymard Parish Social Justice Action Group launches its ANNUAL ADVENT APPEAL which provides us with continuing education in Catholic Social Teaching and is a means of practising compassionate justice in a special way as a Parish.

This year, the appeal is supporting a MercyWorks Project in Papua New Guinea addressing the endemic and escalating problem of domestic violence in the impoverished country's urban and regional areas. MercyWorks is an outreach of the Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea and their project operates at three levels: -

Provision of refuges and assurance of personal safety, recovery and support
Assisting people to understand the causes of their anger and learning to manage it through group teaching, modelling and counselling.
Education for ongoing personal, couple, family and community change and training workers to provide the ongoing education and support.

Advent appeal envelopes will be available from the basket at the door of the Church near the Newsletters and your contribution can be placed in the ordinary collection over the next three weekends.