



**St Peter Julian Eymard
Catholic Church
Mooroolbark Parish
Including Kilsyth & Montrose**



Number 12

3rd Sunday of Lent

19th March, 2017

Parish Priest
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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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

If assistance is required, please contact
1800 305 330, Mon – Fri 10 am -3 pm

The message of Lent

Lent is one of the vital seasons of the Christian faith. During this period, we witness the Passion of Christ, His life and His death, culminating in Easter, His Resurrection. My personal favourite reading during this important season is Chapter Three of Ecclesiastes, to wit; There is a season for everything, a time for every occupation under heaven:



A time for giving birth, a time for dying; a time for planting, a time for uprooting what has been planted.

A time for killing, a time for healing; a time for knocking down, a time for building.

A time for tears, a time for laughter; a time for mourning, a time for dancing.

A time for throwing stones away, a time for gathering them; a time for embracing, a time to refrain from embracing.

A time for searching, a time for losing; a time for keeping, a time for discarding.

A time for tearing, a time for sewing; a time for keeping silent, a time for speaking.

A time for loving, a time for hating; a time for war, a time for peace.

These healing verses are the core of our Christian faith. The death of Christ on the cross is significant as it the promise of eternal life. During the darkest moments of despair, I also turn to these verses as it echoes the promise: this too shall pass.

Other than the actual and physical date of Lent, we experience grief and loss throughout our lives. But the promise of an oasis at the end of each suffering makes each experience significant.

Hope keeps us going, hope lifts us from despair and these verses more than any provides the upliftment most of us need. Finally, we also need acceptance: to change the things we can and leave others that we can't. One can not win it all and sometimes winning is not even the answer, it is in letting go.

Ana Felicia M. Alcalá (Parishioner)

Weekday Mass Times

Tue, Wed, at 9.15 am

Mass at St Richard Hall - Thur 23rd - 9.15am
No Morning Mass - Fri. 24th March

Readings for Next Week - 25/26th March

1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

Prayers For The Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill.

Alice Quinless, Louis Donker, Ian Blencowe, John Hogan, Bernadette Vear, John Doensen, Linda Young, Adel Goss, Kathy Bright, Lynette Carrucan, Angela Selva, Randal Barker, Tracey Cullen & Ester Montejo.

✠ Remembrance Diary ✠

We remember those who have died especially **Andrew Bast** and all those whose anniversary occurs about this time:

Molly Butcher, Emily Keeley, Gregory Commane, Peter Bright, Felicidad Allego Villarino, Catherine Doensen, Geertruida Hanegraaf, Mary Hanks, Nellie Hubbard, John Pierce, John Berens, Peter Kavanagh, Hazel Janz, Gerry Brinkhuis, Geoffrey Hobday, Leo O'Leary, Josephine Dennany, Amanda Clancy, James Cairns, Hilda Joyce, William Collins, Fr. Wally Silvester, Nicole Rose.

ROSTERS

Counters

21st Mar Tue Lilette de la Harpe & Bill Delaney
27th March Bob & Wies Dight

Flowers

4th March LENT (No Flowers)

Cleaners

20th March Fr Joseph & Francis Braganza
27th March Laurel Simpson & Brian Pereira
(Please collect church key from parish office)

Eucharist Co-Ordinators for March

6.00 pm Bernadette Brown
9.00 am Karen Broughton
11.00am Viv Margaletic

Readers & Commentators 25/26th March

6pm Special Roster
9am Rosemary Cullinan & Karen Broughton
11am Special Roster

PARISH CALENDAR

MARCH 2017

11/12th 2nd Sunday of Lent
18/19th 3rd Sunday of Lent
Baptism - 11am
21st Greeting & Welcome - 7.30pm
22nd Formation Meeting & Dinner - PPC, SAC & SAB - 6pm
23rd Thur NO MORNING MASS AT 9.15am
Mass will held at St Richards School Hall at 9.15am All Welcome
24th Fri No Mass Church - 9.15am (see **notice on Page 3.**)
25/26th 4th Sunday of Lent
Private Baptism - 3pm
Senior Level Mass - 6pm
Senior Level Mass - 11am
29th Wed SPJE School 25 Years Anniversary
Mass - 9.30am School Oval
NO MORNING MASS AT 9.15am
In the church.
30th SPJE Parish 49th Anniversary
1/2nd April 5th Sunday of Lent
Baptisms - 6pm
Baptisms - 9am & 11am
2nd St Richards Feast Day
5th Social Justice Meeting - SVDP Bldg 7.00pm

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

25th

St Peter Julian Eymard Community School

*We warmly extend an invitation to our
25th Anniversary Mass and celebrations
If you are in touch with any former students
or staff who may be interested in
attending this celebration, please pass this
information on to them.*

Wednesday March 29, 2017

SPJE School Oval

Mass Time 9:30 – 10:30am

CONCERT - SPJE CHURCH

Friday 24th March

Next Friday SPJE school will be having a concert/celebration program in the church. The first concert will commence at 9:15 am and the second concert will be at 12:00 pm. Both concerts will go for approximately 70 minutes.

The Concert/Celebration will be a highly interactive Celebration with a strong Religious Education focus, incorporating Song, Movement, Meditative Prayer and Story. This joyful celebration of our Catholic Faith is suitable for the whole School Community and is a unique opportunity to experience new music and ideas that support children's catechesis and evangelisation.

(All parishioners are invited to attend)

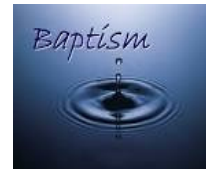
BAPTISM

19th March

We welcome the following children to our Parish through Baptism.

Charlie & Grace Gillam

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



ST. RICHARD'S FEAST DAY MASS

We would like to be able to share the very exciting blessing of our school crosses on our Feast Day, Thursday, March 23 at 9.15am at St. Richard's School Hall.

A warm invitation is extended to all parishioners

You are also invited to join us for the Twilight Stations of the Cross, 6.00pm, Tuesday 28th March.

2017 PARISH DINNER

Saturday 29 July - SAVE THE DATE!

Once again, we are celebrating our vibrant Church and School communities with a Parish Dinner. Keep your calendars free for this night of community celebration, frivolity, good food, great company, music, singing and much laughter!

When - Saturday 29th July

Where - Kilsyth Memorial Hall

Entertainment - provided by the Parish Revue Group, fairdinkum entertainment

Want to be part of the Parish Dinner entertainment?

Calling all those interested in being part of the Cast & Crew of the Parish Dinner entertainment - come join us! If you are interested, please call Ann O'Connor on 0417 598 308 or email ann.L.oconnor@bigpond.com.

SPJE's 50th Anniversary 30th March 2018

Father Joseph and the Parish Pastoral Council would like to invite parishioners past and present to celebrate this wonderful occasion.

However, to really present a 50 year history of this wonderful parish, we are asking parishioners to join a small working group to help plan and deliver to our parish community an event that embraces the growth in our parish, culturally, socially and spiritually as we continue our faith journey.

Parish Pastoral Council members will be available after each Mass to take on board your thoughts, ideas, suggestions - whatever you believe captures our history and can and should be shared by the wider community.

Alternatively you may ring the Parish Office on 9723 4275 or email to mooroolbark@cam.org.au



Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation offers Uncle Richard and other former Stolen Generations survivors the chance to heal after a childhood of suffering, and manage the intergenerational effects of their pain.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help members of the Stolen Generations support each other on the journey to wellbeing.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC MAGAZINE MARCH 2017 ISSUE

March Edition of Melbourne Catholic is now available.

Interesting reading on:-

- Compassion leads to powerful action
 - Restoring unity in truth
 - Making sense of life
 - Book reviews, plus more....
- Copies available in the church foyer.

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



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE NOTICES

Please see the Notice Board for the Parish Update issued by the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne.

This gives information, contact details and a short description of upcoming events across the Archdiocese.

If you wish to access this online it can be reached through The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne website and then "Parish Update" A wide range of events are covered in this newsletter.

CARELINK

Brochures are provided in the church foyer for those who wish to access the ongoing care and support for survivors of sexual and other forms of abuse and their families perpetrated by clergy and other individuals appointed or employed by the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

Carelink's primary role is to assist clients in receiving the treatment and care needed for their recovery and wellbeing.

Carelink's Positive Practice Framework is underpinned by the commitment to a compassionate, responsive and effective care service provision that is recovery focused. The care service standards are based on protecting and promoting client safety, participation, choice and wellbeing.

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