



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



Number 26

12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

25th June, 2017

**Parish Priest
Fr. Joseph Xin Lu**

Parish Secretary
Mrs. Adriana De Leo

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Mr. Brian Twining

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Michael Sellar

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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

REFLECTION



Easter peaks at Pentecost, the Church's birth feast; then Trinity Sunday celebrates our basic act of faith; next, Corpus Christi emphasizes our Eucharistic Gift & Command. Our Gathering Meal of Thanksgiving, Sacrifice & Communion. The Mass, constantly reminding & reinforcing that we are his People, Lovers & Witnesses - everyday, everywhere - our source of strength, mission, unity. Then, comes the following Friday - 2 days ago - in sneaks the Feast of the Sacred Heart! What is this about?

Many Catholic homes & individuals still carry a picture, statue or medal, often dubious as art - of the Sacred Heart. 50 years ago, every home & schoolroom & many a necklace carried the image: many a tentative boy or girlfriend who was not Catholic was terrified at the Catholic front door by a metre high statue of the Sacred Heart - often with a red candle - hinting at hidden expectations. Fortunately, many survived. What does this feast & iconic representation - Jesus with pierced & often burning heart - mean in our time & world? A wounded Jesus afire with love.

Perhaps, in our time of transplants & pacemakers; emphasis on the real, romantic & authentic; the "really human"; it can make a bit more sense. Especially in our world of bitterness across divides of faith, race & status; competitive enmity in business, schooling & sport; challenge to performance & perfection in family & work in ways that dismiss struggle & frailty as weakness & deny goodness, strength & hope as real. Jesus' Sacred Heart can remind us that we are loved; are lovers; are called to receive love & to give love. God, who is Love, reminds us of this in Jesus, whose heart was pierced because of faithfulness to Love of God & neighbour & Service to one another.

Decades ago, a 10 year old boy spoke of their family picture as "Jesus with the See-Through Chest". I thought - "How lovely, deep & true!" You can see right through Jesus - to a love totally given to each of us, in every day in every way; there can be no way we are not loved or can escape that love. Grab this love, delight in it, give it freely - just as the Father does in Jesus. Every day.

Michael McLindon - RCIA Co-Coordinator

Weekday Mass Times

----- NO WEEKDAY MASS -----

Rosary Group 9.45 - 10.15am,
Wednesday & Thursday

Readings for Next Week - 1/2nd July

2 Kg 4:8-11, 14-16; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11;
Mt 10:37-42

Prayers For The Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill -

**Bernadette Vear, Adel Goss, Linda Young,
Lynette Carrucan, Angela Selva, Ester
Montejo, Trevor Nanscawen, Christine
Lollbeck, Randal Barker, Rachael Grift.**

✠ Remembrance Diary ✠

We remember those who have died especially **Lina
Duckworth and Douglas Margenberg** and those
whose anniversary occurs about this time:

**Peter Plaues, Ann Cairns, Marjore Iris Forrest,
Michael Proc, Ken Hibbert, Scott McHenry,
Margaret McNamara, David Wharton, Teresa
Cheney, Cecilia Zdrasil, Tony Warren, James
Trappel, Eric Jauthius, Alma Richards, James
Harnetty, Ronald Sutton, Thomas Commene,
Leonie Moran, (baby) Jessica Beswick, Paul
Warren, Fred Caruana, Dorothy Fuller, Gerard
Hendrik Gielens.**

ROSTERS

Counters

26th June Eileen Goltz & Jan Phippard
3rd July Joan & Maurie Prendergast

Flowers

24th June Anne Goodall
1st July Visa Maka

Cleaners

26th June Eleanor Thompson & Francis Braganza
3rd July Rosemary Cullinan & Christine Di
Palma

(Please collect church key from parish office)

Eucharist Coordinators for July

6.00 pm Philomena Turner
9.00 am Tim Newcomb
11.00am Viv Margaletic

Readers & Commentators 1/2nd July

6pm Judith Griffith & Gina Hume
9am Lisa Read & Lilijana Stride
11am Maureen Cooke & Jun Romero

PARISH CALENDAR

JUNE 2017

24/25th **12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Fr Brendan Connell

28th **Wed Communion Service - 9.15am**
28th Parish Dinner Rehearsals - Church
8pm

29th **No Morning Mass -9.15am**

30th Welcome Back Fr Joseph
Middle Level Mass - 9.15am Church
End of Term 2

JULY

1/2nd **13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Baptisms

5th Social Justice Meeting - SVDP Bldg
7 pm

6th Parish Pastoral Council Meeting -
7.30pm Parish House

8/9th **14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
12th Parish Dinner Rehearsals - 8pm
Church Foyer

15/16th **15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
17th Term 3 Commences
18th Greeting & Welcome Meeting
19th Parish Dinner Rehearsals - Church
8 pm

22/23rd **16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Propagation of the Faith Appeal

WELCOME

We warmly welcome
Fr Brendan Connell this weekend.

Thank you to Parishioners

Victor & Sylvia Bartoli wish to
thank all parishioners for your
prayers and support during the ill
health of Lina Duckworth (Victor's
Sister). Sadly Lina has now passed
away.



2017 PARISH DINNER Saturday 29 July

.....TICKETS ON SALE SOON.....

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.



CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

The Eastern Suburbs Pilipino Community is inviting you to join us in celebrating the Feast of Our Mother of Perpetual Help on Sunday, 25th June, 2017 at Our Lady's Church, corner Bedford Road and Wilana Street, Ringwood. Activities are as follows : 3.00 - 4.00pm - Novena and Rosary, 4.00 - 5.00pm - Holy Mass; 5.00pm - refreshments and fellowship at Our Lady's Hall
Contact : Pol Arboleda - 0425 704 035 Jun Martin - 0400 801 280

Greeting and Welcome Group

Did you know that we have an active Greeting and Welcome group that visit parishioners to simply say "Hello"? We visit in pairs, usually spending about an hour or two a month visiting parishioners that are listed on our Parish database.

In the past month we have visited 18 households. Since this Program commenced 10yrs ago, over 1300 households have been visited. We have approximately 2600 households on our Parish Database.

If you would like to join our active and welcoming team please contact Jane on [0416 279 811](tel:0416279811).

NAIDOC MASS - 9th July 2017

Please join us, All Welcome at 11am
St Francis Church, 326 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne.
50th Anniversary of the Referendum.
All welcome followed by light refreshments with the ACMV
TEAM
RSVP for catering purposes on: (03) 9926 575
Email: sherry.balcombe@cam.org.au

Vic NAIDOC
2-9 JULY 2017



June 25, 2017-12th Sunday of Ordinary Times

"Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father."
MATTHEW 10:32



Do you share your Catholic faith with others? Do you defend your Catholic faith or do you remain silent when the situation arises? Do you pray in public before meals? Pray for the strength and courage to be a joyful witness of our Catholic faith when the opportunity presents itself.

RCIA 2017-18 DRAWS CLOSER!

Over the next two months we will be advertising for any enquirers who may wish to find out more about the Catholic Church & in September we will host a number of Enquiry Nights for any who may come forward; if you know of family or friends who might like to come to these nights, let them know & keep your eyes out for the invitation; there is no obligation, just warm welcome, company & sharing our Jesus & Church story.

BUT, as well - & maybe at this point - MORE IMPORTANTLY, we are looking to expand our RCIA Team_ SO, we are asking you to give some thought & prayer to joining the Parish RCIA Team yourself in this most invaluable, enjoyable & rewarding work of ministry – & to act on it. It can be demanding of time but it is very worthwhile – as evidenced by the RCIA Team members who have each given up to 16 years of service – but don't ask our average age! &, of course, our numbers have been steadily depleted by the attrition of older age & ill health et cetera in recent times; over 4 years we have lost three Team Members & recruited one who volunteered out of the blue; in that time we have helped prepare & welcome 15 members into the Church.

YET the spirit of each of our predecessors is still present & vital in the hope & practice of today's RCIA Team! We would certainly like to welcome & do need companion members to help carry on the task & even share your own re-freshment in ideas, energy & perspective in our ministry : & NB_youthfulness is not an obstacle! Your own faith experience & practice is your first qualification & we offer ongoing formation to your understanding & commitment. You are our hope for a continuing dynamic Team for the Future.

KINDLY give serious thought & prayer to joining us for RCIA 2017-18 – you won't regret it. Contact me or any of the Team members or Father Joseph anytime if you would like to chat or do a bit of exploration; if needs be, leave a voice mail message & I'll get back to you.

EVERY blessing & best wish, Michael McLindon, RCIA Coordinator (0401 331 131).

The miracle of Medjugorje

Article from the column “Buongiorno” by Italian journalist Mattia Feltri

The miracle of Medjugorje

MATTIA FELTRI

When on June 24, 1981, Our Lady appeared to six kids between the ages of ten and sixteen, Medjugorje was a small and poor town of Yugoslavia. Many lived in homes without heating and running water, not everyone had electricity. Since then, according to a study of the University of Herzegovina, the turnover increased vertiginously to nearly 12 billion euros, especially after the war had ended. In Medjugorje live 5 thousand people, 2 thousand of which are employed in tourism as the small town holds over 20 thousand beds. The little village is now a “new town”, full of salmon-color hotels carrying celestial names, dozens and dozens of sacred objects shops, pizzerias and fake Fendi and Prada handbags outlets.

Pope Francis has just made it clear; the 1981 appearances are credible, while the following ones are more similar to a mailbox. The shrine is among the most visited in the world: about two million faithful per year, a fertile ground for continuous conversions. Whether there have been apparitions or not is now secondary: Medjugorje is a place of undeniable mystical strength. Yet there are also some who leave town nauseated from the mercimonium. In just a few streets the contrast is however amazing, stuck between spiritually high questions and secular gain issues. A contrast that happens, with different intensity, in all places of worship, where the faithful want to take home a souvenir, a rosary or a statue, according to the possibilities of their pockets.

Just a stone's throw from the Vatican is a Wojtyla statue for sale at 8,000 euros. Merchants in the Temple, a story as old as the world.