



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



Number 30

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

23rd July, 2017

**Parish Priest
Fr. Joseph Xin Lu**

Parish Secretary
Mrs. Adriana De Leo

Parish Assistant
Mr. Brian Twining

Pastoral Associate
Michael Sellar

RCIA Coordinator
Michael Mc Lindon

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Parish Hall (Not available during 2017)
Hall Manager - T.B.A.

SPJE Parish School

Reay Road, Mooroolbark 3138
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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
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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 & 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

Matthew 13:24-43

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers three parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. He also explains why he speaks to the crowds in parables and interprets the parable of the sower for the disciples.

All three parables use commonplace experiences to describe aspects of the Kingdom of Heaven. The first parable alerts us to the two-fold reality of the Kingdom of Heaven. The beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven can be found in this world. The fruition of the Kingdom of Heaven, however, will not be realized until the final judgment. In the meantime, as Jesus' explanation to the disciples cautions, any effort to judge the progress of the Kingdom of Heaven is premature. Only God, in the final judgment, will distinguish the fruit of the Kingdom of Heaven and offer its reward.

The second and third parables call to our attention the abundance that will result from the small beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven. Just as a mustard seed—the smallest of all seeds—will become a large bush, so too God will bring his Kingdom to full bloom. As a small amount of yeast will leaven the entire batch of bread, so too God will bring about the expansion of his Kingdom. In each case the image is of the superabundance that God brings out of even the smallest of signs of the Kingdom.

Contained within these parables are words of caution as well as words of consolation. In the parable of the sower we are warned against judging others. To judge and uproot the "weeds" prematurely will harm the wheat; final judgment rests with God.

In these parables, Jesus is teaching us that little things can make a big difference. In fact the Kingdom of Heaven, the great news that Jesus came to announce, begins with the smallest of actions. That means that every good thing that we do, however small, can have tremendous effect when we do it because we love Jesus.

Marcus Gill

Principal St Richard's Catholic Primary School

<http://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/16th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-a-sunday-connection>

Weekday Mass Times

Weekday Mass
Tue - Fri - 9.15am

Readings for Next Week - 20/30th July

I Kg 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52

Prayers For The Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill -
Adel Goss, Linda Young, Lynette Carrucan, Angela Selva, Ester Montejo, Trevor Nanscawen, Christine Lollbeck, Randal Barker, Rachael Grift, Frank Westaway, Helen Allen, Mary Rout, Flora Cristofaro.

✠ Remembrance Diary ✠

We remember those who have died especially **Sr. Aileen Vear (Graeme Vear's sister)** and those whose anniversary occurs about this time:
Arthur Corker, Gerard Kleverkamp, Waldemar Zangmeister, Ronald Almond, Lil Briggs, Gary Goodwin, Ampora Mangahas, Thomas Commene, Avon Fatur, Sr. Pat Murphy, Kevin Dillon, Harold Fox, Terry Collins, Theresia Humphries, Jim Collins, Mark Ralston, Ann Bernadine Cox, Leonard Ryan, Georgina Greblco, Dean Andrewartha, Christine Morrison, Amy Poternoster, Baby Patrick James Bourke-Finn, Carmel Ryan, Ron Rigby, Ann Howatt, Gerald Laner, John Nugent, John Larsen, Eleazar de Souza

ROSTERS

Counters

24th July Paul & Marianne Redfern, Norm Willingham
31st July Eileen Goltz & Jan Phippard

Flowers

22nd July Patricia Harman
29th July Routley Family

Cleaners

24th July Anna & Kevin Dwyer, Margaret Kim
31st July Laurel Simpson & Brian Pereira

(Please collect church key from parish office)

Eucharist Coordinators for August

6.00 pm Bernadette Brown
9.00 am Karen Broughton
11.00am **Volunteer Required**

Readers & Commentators 29/30th July

6pm Michael McLindon & Michael Sellar
9am Leon Mckiernan & Lilette de la Harpe
11am Maureen Cooke & Jun Romero

PARISH CALENDAR

**Rosary Group 9.45 - 10.15am,
Wednesday & Thursday**

JULY

**22/23rd 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Special Collection - Propagation of the Faith Appeal - all Masses**
24th Baptism Meeting - Newcomb Family
25th Parish Finance Meeting - 7.30pm
Parish House
26th Parish Dinner Rehearsals - 8pm
Church Foyer
29/30th 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Parish Dinner Practice- 12 noon
Church
Parish Dinner - Kilsyth Memorial Hall @ 7 pm

AUGUST

1st Faith Development Team Meeting - 10am Parish House
2nd Feast of St Peter Julian Eymard
Mass - 12 noon
Social Justice Meeting - SVDP Bldg- 7 pm
3rd Monsignor Confirmation Children - Church - 2pm
4th Fri **No Mass at 9.15 am**
Confirmation Spirit Day - Church

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

It is important to please discard all old envelopes from previous years as new numbers have been allocated.

Thank You

KEEP THE DATE FREE

Parish 50th Anniversary
celebrations
Sun. 22nd April 2018.



FRANKLY MAGAZINE

Please pick up your copy of this publication.
\$4 per copy.

PARISH DINNER - Tickets for Sale!

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, song, dancing and much laughter!

Theme: Christmas in July **When:** Saturday 29th July

Where: Kilsyth Memorial Hall

What: Spit Roast Dinner with entertainment provided by the Parish Revue Group & friends

Time: Arrive 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start **BYO:** Drinks & Glasses

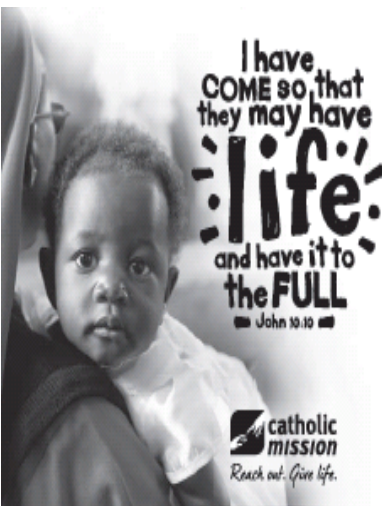
Cost: \$30 per Adult (over 12) - \$15 per Child (under 12) - \$90 per family (2 Adults + 3 Children)

Ticket Options - there are 3 ways to buy tickets:

1. Call Tracey Langridge (9726 0053 or 0409 423 059); OR
2. See ticket sellers after each Mass; OR
3. Go to the Parish House to buy tickets using credit card.

ATTENTION ALL KIDS - if you like getting dressed up in a Christmassy costume and bring Mum and/or Dad to the Parish

Dinner, we have a PRIZE for the BEST DRESSED child on the night!! We look forward to seeing you ALL there!!



This weekend our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission - Propagation of the Faith Appeal.

In Bujuni, a remote parish deep in the heart of Uganda, bringing life into the world is often fraught with danger. Many women take great risks to get to the nearest affordable maternity ward at St Luke Bujuni Health Centre. Despite the tireless work of Sister Mary Goretti and her small staff, the health centre does not have the capacity to deal with the influx of high-risk pregnancies amongst the many expectant mothers. Sadly, the potential consequences can be tragic. With your support through Catholic Mission, Sister Goretti is hoping to expand St Luke's and provide essential services for women and children. Please give generously to support women and children's health through Jesus' life-giving mission today. **Freecall: 1800 257 296**
catholicmission.org.au/uganda

Donation envelopes are available in the church pews

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 60 households. Since this Program commenced 10yrs ago, over 1400 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).

St Vincent De Paul Society - RAINBOW MEATS LOYALTY CARD

St Vincent de Paul Mooroolbark Conference would like to remind our friends who shop at Chirnside Park that Rainbow Meats has a rewards plan that can benefit our Conference.

If you would be kind enough to ask the friendly staff to award the points to the "Vinnies" rewards card, we can obtain the occasional gift voucher and so supplement our stocks of food we distribute to those in need.

This has been a great help in the past and we thank you for that and hope to have your future support. If you have any queries re the above, do not hesitate to contact me, on 9726 8124. Jan Phippard, President SVDP.



EUTHANASIA & ASSISTED SUICIDE LEGISLATION

Pastoral letter to the Catholics of Victoria

The Victorian Government is seeking to introduce euthanasia and assisted suicide later this year. The proposed changes will impact everyone, not just the terminally ill. Because of their concern about this grave matter, the Bishops of Victoria have released a pastoral letter with copies available in parishes. As a result of this release, Father Joseph, Bernadette Brown and Marg Vallance represented the Parish at a meeting of the Archdiocese on 24 May 2017. The meeting discussed the objections to the legislation with a range of speakers from the clergy, medical treaters/specialists/Carers and other professionals. The discussion certainly raised a number of spiritual and ethical concerns and agreed that a campaign was necessary to ensure that all objections/arguments have been noted and encourage further debate on this very personal/emotional issue. We have put together a petition that is in the church foyer and please it is your choice if you wish to sign. Perhaps you would like to read the pastoral letter before making your decision, this is entirely up to you.

Copies of the Pastoral Letter are available alongside the newsletter for you to take home

You can also find out more information from the Life, Marriage & Family Office on 9287 5587 / lmf@cam.org.au or visit: www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily

July 23, 2017 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom." - MATTHEW 13:24, 37-38

As children of God, we are all "good seeds," blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God's plan when we share our talents and our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our stewardship we sow "good seeds" on earth to ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

THANKSGIVING

If you are new to the parish and wish to contribute to the Church or to the parish priest via the Parish Thanksgiving Programme please approach Fr Joseph to collect a Registration Card.

Once the card is completed, please place in the wooden box provided.

Your personal information provided is for the use of parish purposes.



POSITIONS VACANT - Archdiocese of Melbourne

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

[Director of Music- Mentone](#)

[Parish Secretary, Mt Waverley](#)

[Parish Secretary, Sacred Heart Parish, Preston](#)

[Administration Assistant, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Thornbury](#)

[Director-Pastoral Research Office, Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, Canberra](#)

[Youth Ministry Coordinator –Youth Ministry Partnership Program](#)

[Senior Relationship Manager-CDF, East Melbourne](#)

[Assistant Accountant, Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart, Deepdene](#)

[Parish Secretary, St Louis de Montfort Parish, Aspendale](#)

[Parish Secretary, St Dominic's Parish, Melton](#)

[Care Coordinator, Carelink, East Melbourne \(Re-Advertised\)](#)

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

<http://www.cam.org.au/jobs.aspx>

Have you Changed ?

Phone Number

Email Address

Residential Address

Mail Address

Please notify the Parish Office on 9723 4275 or email mooroolbark@cam.org.au