



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



Number 40

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st October, 2017

**Parish Priest
Fr. Joseph Xin Lu**

Parish Secretary
Mrs. Adriana De Leo

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Kilsyth, 3137
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School Principal - Mr. Marcus Gill
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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

Jesus tells a little story about two brothers. One said 'Yes', but never did anything. The other said 'No', but then had a change of heart and did what was required. Jesus loved the brother who came around. He was very hard on the one who said 'Yes' but did not 'walk the talk'.

In many ways, it is easy to say 'Yes' and not really mean it. Some people do it all the time in their lives. They say 'Yes' when they have no intention at all of following through on their commitment. It's easy to say 'Yes' and not mean it when it comes to faith as well. It's pretty easy to turn up at Church on a Sunday and be seen to be doing the 'right' thing. But if our faith doesn't change the way we live, then maybe we're really saying 'No' to God.

The brief parable of two sons invites us all to some deep soul searching to make sure that our actions match our words.

According to Matthew's view, the final judgment will not be asking about what we know, or the status we hold, but will raise the following questions:

Did you visit the sick? Did you clothe the naked? Did you feed the hungry? Did you welcome the stranger? If our faith does not lead us to action then we find ourselves in the position of the second son, who sounds good but his words are hollow.



Marg Vallenge
Parish Pastoral Council

Weekday Mass Times

NO WEEKDAY MASS

Readings for Next Week - 7/8th October

Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

Prayers For The Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill -
Des Delahunt, Dorothy Smith, Linda Young, Lynette Carrucan, Ester Montejo, Christine Lollbeck, Randal Barker, Rachael Griff, Frank Westaway, Helen Allen, Flora Cristofaro, Frank Covino, Herbert Dagohey (Hilde Ang's brother), Mary Stewart, Rosa Maria Santos.

✠ Remembrance Diary ✠

We remember those who have died especially
Marj Jauchius (Jan Delzoppo's mother).
and those whose anniversary occurs about this time:

Agnes Gray, Graeme Argus, Margaret Bradburn, Patricia Sheehan, Paula Greblo, Albert Kleverkamp, Brett Whitehouse, Mary Redfern, Paul Slattery, Freda Alford, John Bruce, Paula Franz, Agnes Mattingley, Fons Hermans, Frank Quilty, Jacob Lu Pi Jiang, Marta Mateuszczuk, Peter Stephens, Betty Collins, George Stanley, Nell Smith, Peter Houben, Dorothy Downie, Leslie Jerome, Margaret Brown, Peter De Hoon, Thomas Cleary, Tony Ward, William Coulter, Toby Miles.

ROSTERS

Counters

2nd October Paul & Marianne Redfern, Norm Willingham
9th October Eileen Goltz, Jan Phippard

Flowers

7th October Visa Maka
14th October Cora Tungol

Cleaners

2nd October Wojtek Nowicki & Eleanor Thompson
9th October Graeme & Bern Vear, Gerard Wright

(Please collect church key from parish office)

Eucharist Coordinators for October

6.00 pm Patricia Harman
9.00 am Eileen Goltz
11.00am Volunteer required

Readers & Commentators 7/8th October

6pm Michael McLindon, Volunteer required
9am Leon McKiernan, Lilette De La Harpe
11am Auna Wernert, Charlotte Wightman

PARISH CALENDAR

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

- 30/1st Oct 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Fr Joseph on Leave
- 30/1st Oct Fr Brendan Connell - Visiting Priest
- 1st Oct **Daylight Saving Commences**
- 4th Oct Social Justice Meeting - SVDP Bldg 7pm
- 5th Baptism Preparation Meeting - Church Foyer - 7.30pm (Iris Gale)
- 7/8th 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- 7/8th Oct Fr Michael Morgan - Visiting Priest
- 7th SVDP Meeting - Church Foyer - 9.30am
- 10th RCIA Discernment Night - Parish House 7pm
- 21/22 Oct World Mission Sunday
- 1st Nov Social Justice Meeting - SVDP Bldg 7pm
- 1st Nov All Saints Day
- 2nd Nov All Souls Day
- 7th Nov Public Holiday - Cup Day
- 9th Nov PPC Meeting 7.30pm
- 14th Nov Faith Development Team Meeting

NOTICE OF MASS

No weekday Masses or Communion Service will be held during Fr Joseph's leave (28th September - 13th October)

Weekend of 30th Sept/1st October will be celebrated by *Fr Brendan Connell*.

Weekend of 7/8th October will be celebrated by *Fr. Michael Morgan*

St Peter Julian Eymard Parish

VISION STATEMENT

We, the parishioners of Mooroolbark, Kilsyth & Montrose are a welcoming Eucharistic and Spirit-filled community, who are on a journey searching to be church in the world.

We are committed to each other and to creating a parish that is both life-giving and challenging. Through our baptism we respond to the call to take the message of Jesus to all people.

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.

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC MAGAZINE OCTOBER 2017 ISSUE

October Edition of Melbourne Catholic is now available.

Interesting reading on:-
Conversations with Mary

Is there a future for public interest journalism
We Christians need to learn how to laugh
Who hears when animals cry?

Copies available in the church foyer.
\$2 per copy.

LIFE, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY SUNDAY 8th October 2017

**Enhancing the aroma and flavour of your
family life.**

Family Food Faith

Every year, the Archdiocese of Melbourne celebrates Life, Marriage & Family Sunday in October

This year, resources developed focus on the importance and benefits of family meals – looking at the spiritual significance as well as the physical, social and emotional benefits of eating together

Along with a booklet, a series of four videos have been produced featuring chef and priest Fr Leo Patalinghug, whose world-wide movement Grace Before Meals aims to bring families back to the dinner table and be nourished body, mind and soul.

Booklets will be available in the church foyer.

ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Saturday 28 October, 2pm St Brigid's, 378 Nicholson Street, North Fitzroy

Catholic Concern for Animals, Australia invites you to the 2017 Blessing of the Animals, with celebrant Bishop Hilton Deakin. The ceremony takes place on St Brigid's front lawn. Come with your pet animal (under due control) or without. If there is rain, the service will go ahead under cover. There's plenty of parking. Refreshments will follow. Cost: Free
Details: johndrennan1934@yahoo.com

MONTHLY COIN COLLECTION JODIE O'SHEA ORPHANAGE BALI

Thank you to those who gave so generously last weekend appeal.

Amount raised
\$ 364.25



**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

ST.VINCENT DE PAUL REQUEST

The St Vincent De Paul Society urgently needs volunteers to assist in the Call Centre, situated at 45 Prospect Road Box Hill. This is a short walk from the Box Hill railway station.

No special attributes are required as training is provided. If you can spare an hour or two one or two days a week, it would be greatly appreciated. Your assistance will greatly help our members to bring much needed relief to those in need in this area. Many more people are now finding difficulty in paying the everyday bills for electricity, gas and all the other demands.

Please ring 9895 5982 to get further information. Every hour you can spare, will ease the suffering of those in need in this area.

Very many thanks.

Bill McConville

President Yarra Valley Region.

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 63 households. Since this Program commenced 10yrs ago, over 1500 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.**

Australian Catholic gets daily slot on world's biggest Christian network

Bruce Downes is the first lay Catholic to be given regular programme on the Trinity Broadcasting Network



For the first time, a lay Catholic has been given a daily show on the world's biggest Christian television channel.

Bruce Downes, a 57-year-old Australian with a background in youth ministry, this month started a six day a week programme on the United States' Trinity Broadcasting Network, home to the slick and highly polished televangelists who broadcast their message to millions of viewers.

But Downes, who by his own admission is not a natural television star, is determined to use his platform to connect with Catholics who have stopped practising their faith with a Gospel message that is rooted in theology and Church tradition.

His show, "The Catholic Guy," shows how faith can be applied to everyday life with talks covering topics such as developing a prayer life, handling stress, marriage guidance and devotion to Mary. He has the blessing of his bishop for his work and a team which include priest-advisers.

"We are trying to reach that Catholic who is sitting in the pew and is disengaged," he says. "In Australia participation rates have declined from 26 per cent to 10 per cent [in recent decades]. We want very much to tell the Catholic story, because our story has been lost."

The Church, he stresses, need to help people everyday problems such as managing finances, keeping marriages together, bringing up children and dealing with work pressures.

"We Catholics are fantastic with mystery, sacrament, prayer and depth," Downes says during an interview on Skype. "But if you look at our evangelical brothers they talk about life application. What you hear on Sunday you can use on Monday."

Downes's journey to appearing on the biggest Christian television channel is unusual given he never imagined himself going into television. As a teenager he came under the the influence of an inspirational Carmelite priest who helped spark a lifelong passion to share his faith.

Although he was encouraged to become a priest, Downes says he never felt called to be ordained so after working in business and with various church groups he became the Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry in the Archdiocese of Perth. He was soon struck by the number of Catholics who lapsed from their faith so set up an initiative to work with them, leaving his job in the archdiocese and relying purely on donations for his ministry.

It was then a during summer visit to Rome in 2006, when he discerned a call to do something different. Downes had been in St Peter's Square listening to Pope Benedict XVI before he went to the Vatican museums and while in the cafe started to pray.

"After praying in the cafe I walked into the blessed sacrament chapel in St Peter's basilica and once again asked: 'God, what do you want me to do'," he says. "Then, later that day at about six o'clock this thought occurred to me. 'I want you to make a Catholic television programme.' It was the weirdest thought. Have a look at me, do you think I should be on television? I thought only good looking people should be on television!"

Soon after this experience Rome, he was offered the opportunity to start a Catholic programme on the Australian Christian Channel. Although initially unsure, he received encouragement from then Archbishop of Perth, Barry Hickey, he agreed. Using a pair of lights and a small camera his show was launched and quickly became the second most popular on the channel, behind the one produced by the prominent evangelical group Hillsong.

His success in Australia got him exposed to the religious television world in the United States where he met a lawyer, Tom Winters, who represented a number of televangelists. Winters had noticed a number of his friends were non-practising Catholics and liked Downes' work, so introduced him to people at the Trinity Broadcasting Network.

"I'm interested in reaching the guys I went to school with and their wives who don't go to Church," he says. "There's a lot of people who are disconnected. While a lot are going to other churches, the vast majority are not."

Downes aim is to present Christianity, the Catholic story and the "sacramental Church" in a way that appeals to people.

"We can't change the Gospel but we are obliged to ask how we present it, with language words and imagery, that the modern person can hear. That fascinates me," he says.

Downes believes that being on a Christian - rather than Catholic - television network helps him reach a bigger audience. His show on the Trinity network, he explains, was promoted to a six day a week slot due to its popularity. As we speak his programme is being broadcast and he stops talking to shows me his phone full of messages from viewers asking for prayer requests. He is also plans to increase his digital presence and ensure his shows can be watched by whoever has a wifi connection.

While the Trinity Broadcasting Network may provide a big audience, the world of televangelism has a bad reputation with some preachers criticised for living lavish lifestyles with exorbitant salaries and private jets. Downes stresses, however, that the network now takes a strong stance against the "prosperity gospel", the controversial notion that believing in God will bring financial blessings. In previous years the channel had been associated with this theology.

Downes stresses his preaching is authentically Christian and Catholic and when it comes to remuneration, Downes says the board of a company in the United States which he established sets his salary.

What is striking about Downes is that he is an Australian Catholic coming to the fore at a time when the Church in his country is reeling from the clerical sexual abuse. As a layman, he is offering a different public face to Catholicism.

"An archbishop said to me recently that this is a time when people like you can stand up," Downes says.

He stresses that his work is not about replacing what priests do, but supporting it by engaging people in questions of faith at a simple level. And the fact his ministry is in front of television cameras has been very unexpected.

"All this has taken me by surprise," Downes says at the end of our discussion. "It's not something that I lined up for myself to do."