



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



**Number 41**

**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8th October, 2017**

**Parish Priest  
Fr. Joseph Xin Lu**

**Parish Secretary**  
Mrs. Adriana De Leo

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Mr. Brian Twining

**Pastoral Associate**  
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**Parish Hall (Not available during 2017)**  
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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**

There is no pain more intense or distressing than that of being rejected.

Like a sword of sorrow it pierces our heart and leaves us deeply wounded.

Rejection is something we all encounter on our journey through life, and Jesus was no exception.

The Son of God came to us, showing his love in every possible way, but people rejected him.

And God laments through Isaiah: "What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done?" Each of us is a tenant cultivating a small portion of God's vineyard and, when harvest time arrives, we are expected to produce the fruits of compassionate caring and generous sharing as shown in the Gospel.

The parable challenges us to keep working in God's service and not to become complacent.

A time will come when we will be answerable for the way in which we have carried out the task God has entrusted us with. Christ wants us to respond to his appeal to bear good fruit and become an immense, beautiful harvest.

*God's Word 2017  
Daily Reflections*

## Weekday Mass Times

NO WEEKDAY MASS

## Readings for Next Week - 14/15th October

Is 25:6-10; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14

## 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 **Terry Cronin** and those whose anniversary occurs about this time:

**Carmel McCourt, Hiran Lucian Johnpillai, Jack Gates, Michael Gorman, Reginald Leslie, Vera Boness, Domenico Del Giudice, Theo Driessen, Giuseppe la Morticella, Alice Malone, Alice Trayers, Bill Smith, Frank Mateuszcyk, Brenda Ellen Hamilton, Joseph Martin, Margaret Galway, Vonie Beary, Adela Rhetman, Elise Cottin, Helen Saint, Jack Smith, Joe Villarin, Julia Gawronska, Glen Chapman, Ilze Plaues, Joan Clancy, Vina Trudgen, Yin On Ho, Albert Barr, Edna Agnes Petterson, Krystal Malvaso, Paul Krupjak.**

## ROSTERS

### Counters

9th October Eileen Goltz , Jan Phippard  
16th October Joan & Maurie Prendergast

### Flowers

14th October Cora Tungol  
21st October Bernadette Bates

### Cleaners

9th October Graeme & Bern Vear, Gerard Wright  
16th October Jessica & Gloria Romero, Catherine Tai

*(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 14/15 October

6pm Michael Fenton, Craig Hume  
9am Lilijana Stride, Lisa Read  
11am Elizabeth Acabado, Margaret Corker

## PARISH CALENDAR

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

**7/8th Oct 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Fr Michael Morgan - Visiting Priest  
7th SVDP Meeting  
- Church Foyer 9.30am Saturday  
10th RCIA Discernment Night  
- Parish House 7pm  
**14/15th Oct 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**21/22th Oct 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**World Mission Sunday**  
**28/29th Oct 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
1st Nov Social Justice Meeting  
- SVDP Building 7pm  
1st Nov **All Saints Day**  
2nd Nov All Souls Day  
4/5th Nov **31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
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 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.*

**LIFE, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY SUNDAY  
8th October 2017**

**Family Food Faith  
Enhancing the aroma and flavour of  
your family life.**

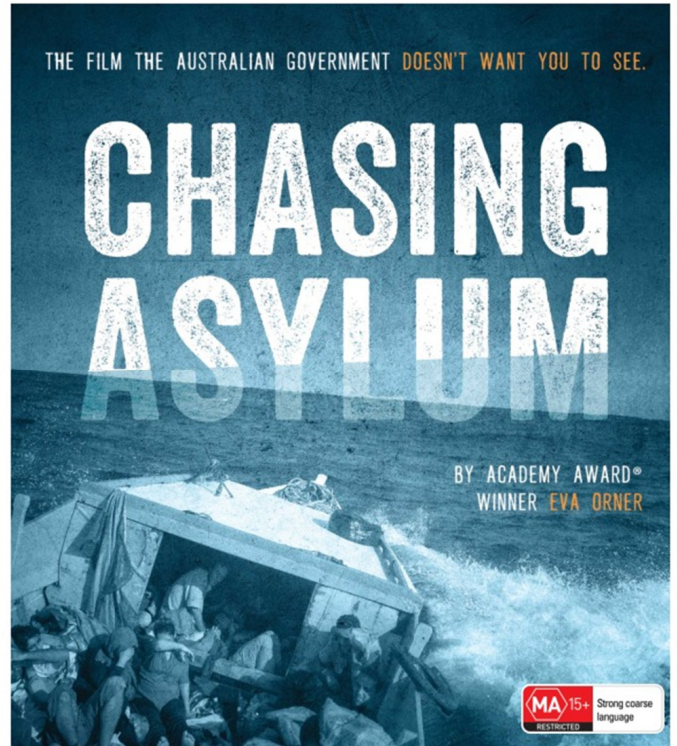
New video and print resources highlighting the place of family meals as a rich source of social, spiritual and physical nourishment have been produced by the Life, Marriage & Family Office.

Printed copies of the booklet are available in parishes from Sunday 8th October. The accompanying videos can be viewed online at:

[www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily](http://www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily)

We encourage you to read, watch and share these free resources with anyone you think will find them helpful.

Booklets are available in the church foyer.



**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.**

**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.

Refreshments will follow. Cost: Free

**Details:** johndrennan1934@yahoo.com

**CHASING ASYLUM**

The Movie the Australian Government doesn't want you to see.

Come along to a **FREE** screening of this award winning documentary.

The film features:

- Accounts of workers from both Nauru and Manus Island Detention Centres.
- Conditions the detainees are enduring.

Be informed about what is really happening at our offshore detention centres.

**WHEN:**

Friday, October 27th at 7.30 p.m.

**WHERE:**

St Peter Julian's Church

240 Hull Road MOOROOLBARK

**ADMISSION:** Free Supper provided

Please register on list in foyer

## Blueprint for Hope

Archbishop of Westminster, Vincent Nichols, has written practical guide on staying hopeful in face of world's problems.

The book, which is drawn together from his recent speeches and homilies, argues that the ultimate hope is found in the mystery of God, and explains why the three theological virtues "faith, hope and charity" go together.

The following is an interview with Archbishop Nichols about his book.

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**People often talk about the importance of being optimistic or staying positive, but say less about hope. What do you think the difference is?**

A crucial difference is about how we see the future. With optimism, sometimes we say we have to sustain our optimism, even in the face of unattractive odds. In contrast, hope is open-eyed. It sees beyond the obstacles to something which may be difficult, but sees what is achievable and rational. When people talk about optimism they often mean: "I can face whatever comes because I'm secure, I've got a home, a mortgage, my insurance policies and a strong family." They see an uncertain future, but a secure present.

But for the Christian virtue of hope, we may have an uncertain present but we look towards a certain future. And that certainty comes from faith. Why is this important? At the moment, there's a bit of a dearth of hope and we are not so good at understanding the foundations of hope.

I read a recent newspaper article on new research showing a high proportion of young people don't have faith. The article said this was going to be difficult for church leaders. But I would respond by saying that if this is true it is going to be a challenge for all of us. What is going to be the unfolding dynamic of young people's lives? The loss of hope, and in its religious roots, weakens identity.

If it were true, it would mean young people are losing the tools with which to construct a vision of hope. That's not good news to anybody and this should make us all stop and think. Behind that there is a quest going on. There are vacuums, and there is a growing gap between what people think and what political leadership says we should want. That's the space where populism grows. As someone said to me before the United States' presidential election that the vote would reveal a vast majority people don't accept the consensus of an East Coast elite.

**There's a lot of uncertainty in today's world and we see that fear rather than hope is taking a grip among many. How should politicians do more?**

This book is to do with the small print, and is about building from the bottom. Clearly there are contexts that can either help or hinder. At the time I wrote the book there was a strong lead from government on prison reform. Now that has waned a bit as the government is concentrating on negotiations to leave the EU but the vision we need is still there. And the Catholic Church is well placed with its numerous prison chaplains.

I think there is anxiety, uncertainty. The temptation is there not to get out of bed, but pull up the duvet: hope, on the other hand, impels us to act. Put simply, it is hope that gets out of bed in the morning.

**Talking of prisoners and prison reform do you think that while western society is seen as very permissive, it also condemnatory when it comes to giving people second chances?**

That's true and there are many different ways where the Church can help. One of the things we are edging towards is a social enterprise programme and centre that will help prisoners get work. There are employers out there who will employ prisoners when they get out. This is very important as it gives people a chance to rebuild their lives and reintegrate into society.

**One of the book's chapters looks on religious extremism. How should that be resisted?**

Part of what I write about is finding the definition of extremism. It is an easy shortcut to label as extreme those people with whom you disagree. Then there are manipulative bodies such as Islamic State who can infiltrate the world of young people and radicalise them. This is done through many ways and increasingly this can be done through the internet. While for most people in the room of a certain age a mobile is an extension of the phone, for someone under the age of 24 it is an essential part of their personality and an essential part of the way they interact.

And if you've got access into their personality, you can refashion that personality, and they can be recruited in a matter of weeks.

Youngsters who do not have a firm values or framework are vulnerable. and we need to educate them so they have a coherent vision as to who they are and how they might live.

Obviously the digital world has huge advantages, and there is clearly no going back, but it can be misused. This is an area that requires more attention and understanding so our human dignity is maintained and developed in this digital world.

**In the book you write that "we are at a crucial moment" as the "fairly long winter" of opposition to things of faith is beginning to thaw. What makes you say this?**

I don't think our public culture is changing that much but the aggression against religious belief has slackened a bit. I do think that on the wider aspects of the way we live, there are more questions; more awareness of what is unsatisfactory and that an increasing secularism does not mean good news.

If you look at the sources of social capital, religious faith is a huge inspiration. In this archdiocese [of Westminster] there are 840 outreach programmes and it has been calculated that people gave four million hours of their time for voluntary work last year. Of course there are many non religious people who do good and we should find common cause, but faith, hope and charity go together.

**Some look at Britain after the Brexit vote and think it is turning in itself. What is your impression?**

We are still very uncertain. But my impression would be that there is an emerging popular view which says we are not turning in on ourselves but looking for more opportunities. So it is Britain in the world. But this is still very uncertain and from the media it is difficult to know what progress is being made. I don't, however, sense this being about Britain becoming an isolated unit, but finding a different place in the world and in relation to Europe.