



St Peter Julian Eymard Catholic Church Mooroolbark Parish

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Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8th February 2026 Issue No: 2

PARISH CALENDAR

February 2026

7/8th Feb 8th Sun	5th Sunday in Ord Time Baptism—9am Private Baptism - 12:30pm
14/15th Feb 14th Sat 15th Sun 17th Tue 18th Wed	6th Sunday in Ord Time Private Baptism—9:30am Baptisms— 11am Church—Musicians—7pm ASH WEDNESDAY Beginning of Lent Mass—9:30am & 7:30 pm
21/22nd Feb	1st Sunday of Lent Baptisms—6pm SPJE & St Richards Staff Commitment Mass & Angel Mass Baptism—11am
28th/1st Mar Sat. 5th Thur	2nd Sunday of Lent Church Monthly Collection Private Baptism—11:30am Faith Development Meeting St Richards—10am
7/8th March Sun. 10th Mon	3rd Sunday of Lent Baptism—9am Private Baptism—12:30pm Labour Day (public Holiday)

‘You are the light of the world.’

Matthew 5:14

Have you watched the TV shows about building or renovating houses? Often priority is given to letting in as much light as possible to illuminate dark spaces. Sometimes it is almost as if the beauty of the outside comes inside. The result not only creates a beautiful space within, but the house looks appealing to the passer by too. It’s all about sharing the light.

Today Isaiah is responding to the people’s complaint that God did not seem to be noticing their fasting and penance. Isiah tells them that fasting is not only related to God but to their neighbour. The fasting that God wants to see is about good works—sharing with the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the poor. Then their light will shine and not only God, but others, will notice.

Jesus tells his followers that they are the light of the world. They have something worth showing and sharing. High praise indeed! Could Jesus praise me in this way too? Today I will reflect on how I allow God’s light into the spaces of my life and how I show that light to others so they may see the face of God in our world today.

God’s Word 2026

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Mooroolbark Parish**

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Normal Mass Times at SPJE

Weekday Masses
Tues & Wed : 9.30 am
Rosary after Tuesday morning Mass
Saturday: No morning Mass
Saturday: 6.00 pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 9.00 am
Sunday: 11.00 am

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.15 pm
by arrangement with Priest.

Sacraments (Baptism, Weddings)
Ring Parish Office 9723 4275

**St Peter Julian Church
QR CODE**

For church donations &
Church Thanksgiving
Payments.



WEEKDAY MASS & ROSARY

Morning Mass 9:30am Tue & Wed
Rosary Tue after 9:30am morning Mass

This Week's Readings - 8th February 2026

Is 58:7-10: Ps 111:4-9:
1 Cor 2:1-5: Mt 5:13-16:

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill,
especially

**Cathy Thomas, Joan Prendergast, Carmel
Waters, Estelita Reyes, Peter Harman.**

✠ Remembrance Diary ✠

We remember those who have recently died
especially **Mike Smith** and all those whose
anniversaries occur about this time.

7/2 to 13/2

Pacita Ernacio (first death anniversary),
Rudolf Quinless, Nancy Cornwell, James
Cornford, Josepha Doekes, Phillip Perna, Bernard
Stats, Craig Anning, Alan Pritchard, James
Steadman, Noelle Kelly, Pat Williams, Wilhelmina
Graafmans, Antoinette Houghton, Peter Ayton,
Caroline Bien, Bill Heaney, Ellen Decker, Bonnie
McKinely, Eileen McIntyre, Bradley Waters,
Fernando Del Vecchio, Noreen Studd, John
Willcocks, Margarita Dunnington, Josephine
Makin, Don Raffaello Rossi & family, Jim
Fitzgerald.



We welcome to our Parish through
Baptism

Beau, Ari & Mila Paoletti, Guinevere Melis.

Who will receive the Holy Spirit through the
Sacrament celebrated this weekend, we support &
guide them throughout their life.

ROSTERS

Counters—Month of February

Christine Sellar & Karen Broughton

Flowers— 7/8th February

Philomena Turner

Flowers— 14/15th & 21/22nd February

Marie Reilly

Church Cleaning—Month of February

Francis Braganza & Laurel Simpson

*(Please collect church key from parish office
Wed, Thur & Friday, 9.30am - 3.30pm)*

Readers & Commentators 7/8th February

6.00pm Dymrna Beard & Angela Stainwall
9.00am Muzzena D'Almeida & Tim Newcomb
11.00am Jun & Caroline Romero

Readers & Commentators 14/15th February

6.00pm Bernadette Brown & Mitchell Mazarella
9.00am Vanessa Walker & Ethan & Nathaniel
11.00am Auna Wernert & Volunteer req.

Musicians 7/8th February

6.00pm Shelly & Co
9.00am Filipino Group
11.00am Zomi Group

Musicians 14/15th February

6.00pm Paul & Co
9.00am Shelly & Co
11.00am Zomi Group

Parish Child Safeguarding Team

If you have any child safety concerns please
contact the following team members

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albert.pangestu@gmail.com

Or call the Parish Office
phone 9723 4275



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Project Compassion Donation Envelopes:

How do I use them?

This Lent, like we did in 2025, there is a single Project Compassion donation envelope – rather than the six weekly envelopes used in previous years. This change was made to reduce waste and support our shared commitment to caring for our common home.

You can still give weekly by taking several envelopes at once or simply make your offering when you're ready. Thank you for *Uniting Against Poverty* with us this Lent.

Envelopes will be available next weekend



Celebrate Mooroolbark Festival Sunday 15th March 2026 10am until 4pm

Hookey Park, Charles Street, Mooroolbark.
There will also be things happening inside the Terrace Shopping Centre too! So, make sure to have a walk through there. The Go Karts will be back in the front Car park of the Terrace on Brice Avenue again.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL



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

Preaching with our lives

Matthew 5:13-16

According to a book called *The Life of Francis of Assisi*, Francis invited a young monk to join him on a trip to town to preach. Honoured to be given the invitation, the monk readily accepted. All day long he and Francis walked through the streets, byways, and alleys, and even into the suburbs.

They rubbed shoulders with hundreds of people. At day's end, the two headed back home. Not even once had Francis addressed a crowd, nor had he talked to anyone about the gospel. Greatly disappointed, his young companion said, "I thought we were going into town to preach."

Francis responded, "My son, we have preached. We were preaching while we were walking. We were seen by many, and our behaviour was closely watched. It is of no use to walk anywhere to preach unless we preach everywhere as we walk!"

Most of us will never stand in a pulpit to preach a homily, but we do preach by the witness of our lives. This is not explicit preaching, but rather the example of lives of integrity which are often more eloquent than lengthy biblical reflections.

The prophet Isaiah tells us of the need to share bread with the hungry, to shelter the homeless, to clothe the naked, and never to turn our backs on our own. This is what makes our light shine before others. The psalm spells out how our lives can make a difference when they are characterised by generosity, mercy, trust, and a steadfast heart committed to reaching out to the poor. This is the challenge given us by Pope Leo XIV in his recent Apostolic Letter, *Dilexi te* (I have Loved You), where he insists that we must be concerned about the lives of the most marginalised in our society.

In a world of inequality, we are often separated from those who are on the margins who struggle to pay rent, to cope with the rising cost of living, and to manage on the minimum wage. We do not necessarily inhabit their world. But we need to be mindful that the blessings we have received in terms of employment, family stability, education, economic security and lifestyle, should not isolate us from, or blind us, to the needy in our world.

Salt was traditionally a food preservative and a condiment to enrich food, so we are called to enrich the lives of those less fortunate than ourselves. In Australia, first among these must be our indigenous brothers and sisters, as well as migrants and citizens who have fallen through the cracks in our society.

There are also the victims of domestic violence whose lives are in turmoil. We must pray and stand in solidarity with all those in need.

There is much to do in being daily witnesses to the gospel and preaching with our lives.

Michael A Kelly CSsR
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Sturdy boots and bold vision: Mary Ward women unite in sisterhood and solidarity



Congregation of Jesus Sisters have been celebrating Mary Ward Week, marking the incredible life of their Venerable founder. Mary Ward died on 30 January in 1645, leaving behind a legacy of education and frontline Church activity. Mary Ward women, from the now-merged Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Loreto Sisters) and Congregatio Jesu, used the week to highlight the gifts of their founder, whose principles of verity, freedom, justice, sincerity and felicity live on in the work they do today.

Full story can be found on Catholic Archdiocese website

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/sturdy-boots-and-bold-vision-mary-ward-women-unite-in-sisterhood-and-solidarity>