



St Peter Julian Eymard Catholic Church Mooroolbark Parish

We are a Welcoming, Eucharistic and Spirit Filled Community

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WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE WURUNDJERI PEOPLE, THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THIS LAND

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - 12th April 2026 Issue No: 9 Divine Mercy Sunday

PARISH CALENDAR

APRIL

11/12th April SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sat 11th Private Baptism—10am
Monthly Church Collection
All Masses
Baptisms—9am & 11am

14th Tue Baptism Preparation Meeting
7:00pm Church - Iris Gale

17th Fri **FUNERAL** - 11am
Serafina Van Laake
Fr John Dupuche

18/19th April THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Fr Joseph on Leave
We welcome—Fr Julian Langridge

20th Mon School Easter Reflection—
Church 9am—11am

23rd Thur FDT Meeting—St Rich 10am

25/26th FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Fr Julian Langridge

Sat 25th Anzac Day

Fr Julian Langridge

MAY

2/3rd FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Fr Julian Langridge
Catholic Care Appeal

5th Tue Baptism Preparation Meeting
Bernadette & Naomi—7pm
Church

9/10th SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Fr Julian Langridge

REFLECTION

Divine Mercy Sunday 2026

Jesus is risen! Alleluia! Still ecstatically celebrating the glorious Resurrection of our Saviour, today we too, with Thomas, acknowledge Jesus as our Lord and our God. Saint Pope John Paul II, a Saint of our time who worked so hard for Peace, instituted the Feast of the Divine Mercy, choosing the Second Sunday after Easter, thus encouraging us to reflect in amazement on Jesus' faithful, infinite Mercy for each one of us. Filled with Easter joy, we, too, are encouraged to contemplate the sacred wounds of Jesus as Thomas did, remembering the intense pain he endured, yet rejoicing in his obliteration of death. The Mercy of 'Father, forgive them', is lavishly offered to us, we who struggle to do the right thing again and again. Divine Mercy Sunday reminds us that Jesus' Mercy is freely and abundantly offered to all who have lived and will live, because he *yearns* to be merciful to us. We need only to open our hearts to accept his unfathomable gift with trust.

The Gospel of Luke mentions that Jesus sweated blood as he endured his Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, crushed by the weight of the sins of mankind, which he deliberately accepted as his own burden. As the Priest, and the Lamb of Sacrifice in the perfect New Covenant with God, the cross Jesus shouldered and dragged to Calvary was weighed down by the weight of the unthinkable sins of every person who has ever lived, and whoever will live. Our sins. Fully human as we are human, and fully God, Jesus *showed* us his Divine Mercy through his actions and reactions as he surrendered himself to human death - for us. He 'gets' our sins, he understands - for he was tempted just as we are tempted. Jesus willingly lived that pain with our sins before his eyes, and our names engraved on his Sacred Heart. There is no sin he will not forgive, if we but ask. The prayer that our Blessed Mother gave to the children of Fatima to pray during the Rosary says it all: "*O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, and save us from the fires of Hell, and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who most need your mercy.*" If Jesus' own beloved Mother, Mary, gave us this prayer, it must be possible! And nothing is impossible to God!

We need only to respond with an open heart:

Jesus, I trust in You. Alleluia!

Debbie Edwards

**St Peter Julian Eymard Parish
Mooroolbark Parish**

**Parish Priest
Fr. Joseph**

**Parish Secretary
Mrs. Adriana De Leo**

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Office Hours:

Wed to Fri - 9.30am - 3.30pm

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<http://www.spjemooroolbark.catholic.edu.au>

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School Principal - Ms. Larissa Boyhan
<http://www.srkilsyth.catholic.edu.au>

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

**Please note no Weekday Mass
during Fr Joseph Leave**

This Week's Readings - 12th April 2026

Acts 2:42-47: Ps 117:2-4, 3-15, 22-24R
1 Pet 1:3-9: Jn 20:19-31:

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill,
especially

**Cathy Thomas, Joan & Maurie Prendergast,
Estelita Reyes, Peter Harman, Andrew Pearson,
Mario Cordedda, Michelle Windsor.**

✠ Remembrance Diary ✠

We remember those who have recently died
especially **Serafina Van Laake** and all those
whose anniversaries occur about this time.

11/4 to 17/4

Bill McConville (First Death Anniversary),
Joseph Williams, Antony Meyer, Andrew Roudie, Eva
Munro, Julia Dana, Cecilia McMullan, Kathleen Argus,
Murray Thomas, Helen Mann, Arthur Black, Allie
Allen, Madge Fox, Margaret Egan, John Van Rooden,
Brenda Natoli, Jack & Dorrie Cleary, Stefan Turk,
Michael Coleman, Ruza Mazar, Alice Quinless, Walter
Sailah, Matthew Stapleton, Cath Phipphard, Lesley
Mutton, Patricia Walsh, Janine Smith, Margarita
Musayon, Susana Costa, Francis Wilson, Helen
Colcaro, Donette D'Rozario, Mary Wharton, Janet
Lambers, Mick Maloney, Rita Bambach, Phillip
Cawood, May & Bill Healy, Theresa Frisina.

Parish Child Safeguarding Team

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

Albert Pangestu
albert.pangestu@gmail.com

Or call the Parish Office
phone 9723 4275

A reminder as per Safeguarding policy all
children under the age of 16 years old must
be accompanied by an adult to the rest room/
toilet.

ROSTERS

Counters—Month of April

Paul & Marianne Redfern

Flowers— 11/12th April

Margaret Kim

Flowers—18/19th & 25/26th April

Pat Harman

Church Cleaning—Month of April

Xavier & Muzeena D'Almeida

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

Readers & Commentators 11/12th Easter

6.00pm Tim Newcomb & Michael McLindon
9.00am Vanessa Walker & Margaret Corker
11.00am Charlotte Wightman & Richard Knight

Readers & Commentators 18/19th April

6.00pm Patricia Harman & Iris Gale
9.00am Lilijana Stride & Ethan Mack
11.00am Geraldine O'Hare & Elizabeth Acabado

Musicians 11/12th April

6.00pm Paul & Co
9.00am Filipino Group
11.00am No Music

Musicians 18/19th April

6.00pm Florencia & Co
9.00am No Music
11.00am Zomi Group



THANK YOU!

Caritas Australia sincerely thanks you for your generous support of Project Compassion this Lent.

If you still have your Project Compassion box or donation envelope at home, please return it next week at Mass. Every contribution, no matter the size, helps to bring hope and opportunity to people experiencing poverty and injustice.

Together, we are *Uniting Against Poverty* and walking alongside vulnerable communities as they build stronger, more sustainable futures.



Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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

Live Your Best Life in Love...

A Marriage Encounter weekend is a gift for every married couple

Every married couple deserves this very special weekend.

Time-out for the two of you to focus on your most precious relationship.

You will come away feeling more deeply connected and with tools to help keep your renewed intimacy alive. No group sharing is required.

The weekend is based on Catholic values and couples of all faiths are very welcome.

Our next weekend is just a few weeks away.

Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend:

April 24 - 26th

St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South.

November 6 - 8th

St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South

Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm

Information/Bookings: Please phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au



Melbourne Synod 2026 Building the Synodal Way Together

As we enter the Easter season, we are invited to continue growing as a Church that listens, learns, and walks together. The *Synodal Way* calls each of us—clergy, religious, and lay—to participate actively in discernment and dialogue, guided by the Holy Spirit.

In the coming weeks, we will focus on deepening our commitment to:

- **Listening with an open heart** to the experiences, hopes, and concerns of others.
- **Engaging in meaningful conversation**, grounded in respect, humility, and prayer.
- **Strengthening our sense of communion**, recognising Christ at the centre of our shared mission.

Discerning pathways forward, so that our parish and wider Church can respond more faithfully to the needs of our time.

Reflection question: How can we deepen our understanding of synodality in our parish life?

The first meeting of the Diocesan Synod Commission will be held on Thursday 9 April.

We ask for your prayers as we gather to discern and plan for the work of the Synod.

If you would like to become involved in the preparation toward the Melbourne Synod please email:

Synod2026@cam.org.au

COLUMBAN ACTIVITIES CROSSWORD PUZZLE

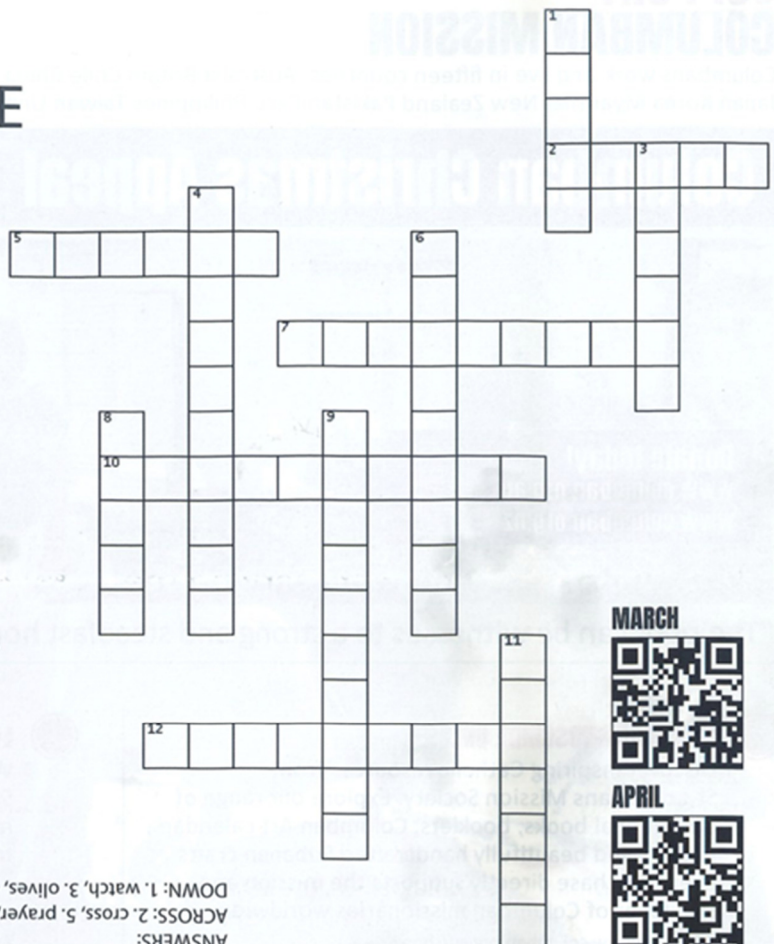
SCAN QR CODE to read the March & April 2026 Columban Calendar Art Guide and complete the crossword puzzle.

ACROSS

2. The burden Jesus carried to Calvary.
5. Communication with God.
7. Jesus' offering of himself for humanity.
10. The garden where Jesus prayed before his arrest.
12. Followers of Jesus.

DOWN

1. Jesus asked his friends to do this with him.
3. Trees that characterise the Garden of Gethsemane.
4. Salvation brought through Christ's sacrifice.
6. The holy city seen in the distance.
8. Jesus' deep suffering in the garden.
9. A spiritual trial Jesus warned about.
11. The suffering of Christ before the crucifixion.



MARCH



APRIL



ANSWERS:
ACROSS: 2. cross, 5. prayer, 7. sacrifice, 10. Gethsemane, 12. disciples
DOWN: 1. watch, 3. olives, 4. redemption, 6. Jerusalem, 8. agony, 9. temptation, 11. passion