



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

EASTER SUNDAY - 5th April 2026 Issue No: 8

“Alleluia, he has risen, Alleluia”

PARISH CALENDAR

APRIL

4th Sat

EASTER VIGIL

7.00pm



**Daylight Savings Ends
Turn clocks back 1 hour**

5th Sun

EASTER SUNDAY

9am & 11am

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

18/19th April

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Fr Joseph on Leave

Welcome—Fr Julian

Langridge

23rd Thur

FDT Meeting—St Rich 10am

25/26th

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sat 25th

Anzac Day

Fr Julian Langridge



2026 EASTER MESSAGE from Archbishop Comensoli

Easter offers a way forward

Easter invites us to stand at the threshold from night into dawn. In the Gospel, we meet Mary Magdalen arriving at the tomb while it was still dark (Jn 20:1). She carries grief and confusion, yet a fragile hope. What she finds is not an ending but a beginning: the stone is rolled away, the tomb is empty. And before her stands the One who knows her name: Mary.

As dawn breaks, a quiet truth emerges: death has not had the final word; life has arisen.

The resurrection unfolds like morning light. It does not blind, but illumines. It does not erase wounds, but transfigures them. Christ, the Light of the World, comes to meet us as the light we need. Christ is present; Christ is life.

Yet many today experience absence. For the young especially, the world can feel stripped of mystery—flattened, reduced. Meaning feels distant; hope can seem lost. Our lives can appear dark and empty. Conflict and war confront us.

And yet, it is precisely there that Easter speaks our name. The empty tomb is the sign which awakens us to the truth that God is still with us; Jesus is still for us. This Easter, we are called not only to receive Christ's light, but to rediscover its wonder—and to bear that light for others.

Here in Melbourne, we see both vitality and vulnerability: generosity among neighbors, yet distance towards others. Into this world comes the risen Christ, shining light into every darkness and upon every life. To be a light is to reflect the One who brings hope, and to keep it alive in a world that can forget to hold in safety those in need.

In our divided and conflicted world, Easter offers not escape but a way forward: to live with compassion,

to the steadfast in faith: may this Easter renew your joy and courage. To those who feel distant: the light of Christ is already seeking you. To people of goodwill: Easter proclaims that life is stronger than death, love stronger than fear, and hope stronger than despair.

May the risen Christ bless Melbourne and all its people this Easter. And may we rediscover his company as we walk from darkness into his marvelous light.

Christ is risen.

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Mooroolbark Parish**

**Parish Priest
Fr. Joseph**

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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

Tue Mass 9.30am followed by Rosary.
Wed Morning Mass 9.30am
**Please note no Weekday Mass during
Fr Joseph Leave**

This Week's Readings - 5th April 2026

Jn 20:1-9: or Mt 28:1-10:

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 and all
those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

4/4 to 10/4

Eileen Goltz (First Death Anniversary)
**Betty Asbury, Peter Clancy, Agnes Hutchinson
Kerr, Lucie Oswald, Helen Mann, Andreas
Maria Bast, Peter Allen, Gerry Rowan, Andrew
Ehrenkreutz, Anne Grange, Patrick Fitzgerald,
Walter Lehner, Mary Cummins, Evelyn
Anthonisz, Gerard Peping, Richard Yee, Robert
Carbould, Frank Haley, Emma Devitt, Mary &
William Steane, Godfrey Kensley, Wallace
Roberts.**

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—Easter

Pat Harman or Margaret Kim

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 4/5th April Easter

6.00pm Special Roster
9.00am Special Roster
11.00am Special Roster

Readers & Commentators 11/12th Easter

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

Musicians 4/5th April Easter

6.00pm Combined Group
9.00am CDs Ann & Merrell
11.00am Youth Group

Musicians 11/12th April

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

LADIES LUNCHEON

TUESDAY 7th APRIL

DORSET GARDENS HOTEL

We will meet at 12pm for 12.30 lunch
For enquiries please contact Philomena Turner
0417 208 077



ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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



Easter Sunday 4 – 5 April 2026

**Happy Easter from all of us here at
Caritas Australia!**

Thank you for your continued support
through Project Compassion. Your
generosity is helping to empower the
world's most vulnerable communities,
enabling them to overcome challenges and
lift themselves out of poverty. There is still
time to donate!



**UNITE 
AGAINST
POVERTY**
this Lent

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](http://www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate)

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

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



PALM SUNDAY EASTER RAFFLE

Winners

1st Prize: Ian Blencowe

2nd Prize: Shirley Klepac

3rd Prize: George Nantes

Bonus Prize :Lewis

Bonus Prize :Isabelle Walker

Thanks to the generosity of two
parishioners we have a 2nd Bonus Prize.

Thank you to those who have
donated towards the prizes
and to the ticket sellers
Much appreciated

**We made \$505 to support the
ongoing maintenance
of the church and surrounds
Thank you everyone**

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20/3/2032



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

Permanent Diaconate Information Session 2 May 2026

The annual May Information session has been scheduled. The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and the 50s, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. It is an ordained ministry of service. The information session is open to **everyone interested in learning more about the permanent diaconate**. If you have attended any previous session, you are also welcome to attend this session. It is an opportunity to further discern your vocation. Wives most welcome.

The session will be on Saturday morning, 2nd May and will be in person. If you are interested email Deacon Kevin Pattison

Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au with full name and parish, but **if you forget, then just turn up** on Saturday morning. All are welcome.

Event Date

Saturday 2 May 2025 - 10.00am–11.30am

Venue

Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne