



St Peter Julian Eymard Catholic Church Mooroolbark Parish

We are a Welcoming, Eucharistic and Spirit Filled Community

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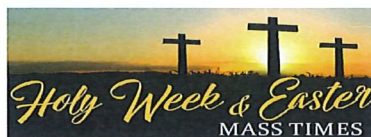
WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE WURUNDJERI PEOPLE, THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THIS LAND

Third Sunday of Lent - 8th March 2026 Issue No: 5
God may your light guide my day and your spirit bring me peace

PARISH CALENDAR



7/8th March Sun.	3rd Sunday of Lent Private Baptism — 12:30pm & 1:00pm
10th Mon	Labour Day (public Holiday)
12th Thur	Choir Practice—Church 7.30pm
14/15th	4th Sunday of Lent Baptisms— 11am
19th Thur	Choir Practice— Church 7.30pm
21/22nd	5th Sunday of Lent Baptisms 9am & 11am
26th Thur	Choir Practice—church 7.30pm
28/29th	PALM SUNDAY
APRIL	
2nd Thur	9.15am Mass Feast of St Richards Hall—9:15am
2nd Thur	Holy Thursday - 7.30pm
3rd Fri	GOOD FRIDAY Stations 10 am Veneration of the Cross 3pm
4/5th Sat	EASTER VIGIL 7.00pm EASTER SUNDAY 9am & 11am



REFLECTION

NEW TOYS

People want material things very much. But soon after they have obtained these material things, they grow tired of them.

We are like children. Children may want a certain toy very much, but soon after they have the toy they grow tired of it.

God is just the opposite of a toy. In the beginning, people are not so attracted to God. But the more we get to know God, the more we want to get closer and closer to Him.

We don't get tired of God the way children get tired of toys. When people possess material things, after a while they want something more. When people get to know God, they don't feel restless nor do they look for something more.

God seems to satisfy their thirst for more. In today's gospel (John 4:5-42), Jesus says to the Samaritan woman, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again". Just like children who get thirsty again after their interest in a new toy wears off.

Then Jesus says, "But whoever drinks the water I give him will never be thirsty.

Without knowing it, the Samaritan woman (and all of us) really wants Jesus when she says, "Give me this water, sir, so that I won't grow thirsty again.

God is not like a pitcher of water which quenches our thirst for a while but then leaves us looking for more. God is like a living fountain, always flowing and always quenching our thirst for more and more.

With the passage of time, a material thing satisfies us less and less.

With the passage of time, our companionship with Jesus satisfies us more and more.

John Chambers, S.J

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Mooroolbark Parish**

**Parish Priest
Fr. Joseph**

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Mrs. Adriana De Leo**

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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

This Week's Readings - 8th March 2026

Ex 17:3-7: Ps 94:1-2, 6-9: R
Rom 5:1-2, 5-8: Jn 4:5-42:

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill,
especially

**Cathy Thomas, Joan Prendergast, Carmel
Waters, Estelita Reyes, Peter Harman,
Andrew Pearson, Mario Cordedda, Michelle
Windsor, Tony Inglese.**

✠ Remembrance Diary ✠

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

7/3 to 13/3

Ronald Whelan, Antonina & Pietro Maniscalchi,
John McKay, Sr Rosalie Corrigan, Joyce Collins,
Mary Hanlon, Anton Soffici, Jack Lawrence,
Margaret McMahon, Cora Sweerts, James Parlson,
Agneta Pepping, Werner Rynski, Elaine Taylor,
Norma Boyd, Leo Liedtke, Ann D'Orival, Ereda
Beekman, Mary Phillips, John Sheridan, Osvaldo
Iacobucci, Christina Mosca.



We welcome to our Parish through
Baptism

**Neveya & Henley Ripepi
Darcy & Amelia Armitage**

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

ROSTERS

Counters—Month of March

Paul & Marianne Redfern

Flowers— No Flowers during Lent

Church Cleaning—Month of March

Jun Romero & Family

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

Readers & Commentators 7/8th March

6.00pm Bernadette Brown & Mitchell Mazarella
9.00am Vanessa Walker & Nathaniel Mack
11.00am Auna Wernert & Francis Braganza

Readers & Commentators 14/15th March

6.00pm Paul Martin & Paul Redfern
9.00am Lilette de la Harpe & Karen Broughton
11.00am Charlotte Wightman & Richard Knight

Musicians 7/8th March

6.00pm No Music
9.00am Shelly & Co
11.00am No Music

Musicians 14/15th March

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

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



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Third Sunday of Lent 7–8 March 2026

Monoranjon lives in a village in Bangladesh close to the sea, where floods and storms often damage his crops and his home. With support from Project Compassion, he learnt climate-resilient farming techniques and new ways to diversify his income, helping his family survive and build a safer, more sustainable future.



Please donate today.

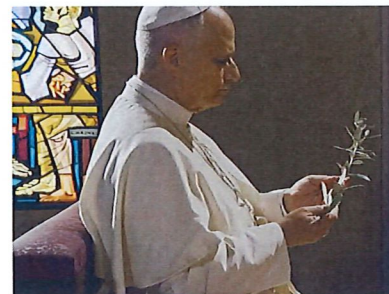
You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

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.*

Pray with the Pope: For disarmament and Peace



Pope Leo XIV prayed for world leaders to "abandon projects of death" in a video message released by the Vatican on March 5, 2026, calling on people around the world to pray for peace.

Click on the link below:

<https://youtu.be/dSrOCQDFdFA?si=rupEySnltlTXVIWg>

YOUTH GROUP

The following dates are for upcoming
Youth Ministry events in the Parish.

March 27th - 6 - 8pm Practice

April 5th - 11am Easter Mass

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY

Anne Goodall



Congratulations and best
wishes on such a milestone.

Enjoy celebrating and thank you for being
such an active and caring parishioner .



EASTER RAFFLE is coming shortly

VGCCC – Declaration Number 62230 -
21/3/2022 – 20/3/2032

CHILDSAFETY

A REMINDER ONLINE TRAINING IS
REQUIRED FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS

To access the training use this link in your
browser

You will need access to your email to
register.

<https://safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org/>

ST VINCENT DE PAUL



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

The Patrick Oration 2026

Tuesday 17th March 2026 7.15pm—8.30pm

Join us on the feast day of St Patrick, the patron saint
of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, for the an-
nual Patrick Oration to be delivered by the Most Rev
Peter A Comensoli, Archbishop of
Melbourne. Watch the live broadcast on TV or online:
on TV via C31 (digital channel)

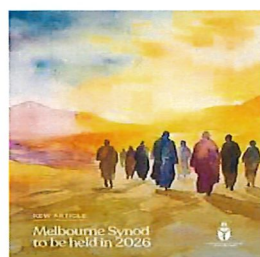
Convocation of the Synod for the Archdiocese of Melbourne

On the third Sunday of Lent, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli will formally convoke a Synod for the
Archdiocese of Melbourne. The synod calls the Melbourne Church to journey together in communion,
participation and mission, echoing Pope Francis' vision of a 'listening Church' (*Evangelii Gaudium*,
§31).

More information about the Synod, including parish resources, is available
at www.melbournecatholic.org/synod2026.

EVENT DATE

Sunday 8 March 2026
11.00am—12.00pm



LOCATION

St Patrick's Cathedral
1 Cathedral Place
East Melbourne



We proclaim a crucified Christ

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PASTORAL LETTER

Weekend 7-8 March 2026

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus,

My prayerful greetings to you in the Lord.

In recent years, the Church throughout the world has entered a time of attentive listening, discernment and renewal through what we have come to call a synodal way of being. Many of you have taken part in important moments of consultation and reflection: for the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia, for the Synod of Bishops on Synodality, and within our own Archdiocesan journey of renewal, *Take the Way of the Gospel*. Through these experiences you have generously embraced the call to walk more faithfully with Christ and with one another.

From the earliest times of the Church, gatherings of the faithful — which became known as synods (from the Greek *synodos*, meaning “journeying together” or “walking the same path”) — have met to discern important questions in the light of the Word of God and through attentive listening to the Holy Spirit. “Synodality” therefore, describes the way in which this journeying together takes place: the shared participation of the whole People of God in the life and mission of the Church.

Such a journey requires patience, humility and trust in the guidance of the Spirit. At its heart is a simple but profound discipline: to listen — to the Gospel, to the lived experience of our communities, and to the Spirit who speaks through God’s faithful people.

Across our Archdiocese there is a rich diversity of gifts and a deep desire for renewal. Many have expressed hopes for stronger communion, renewed missionary purpose, deeper formation, and a Church in which every person knows they belong. These are signs of the Spirit at work among us.

As your Archbishop, I carry these hopes with you. I am deeply grateful for the generosity and faith you have shown in walking this path together.

In light of these reasons, today, Sunday 8 March, I formally convoke a Synod for the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

The purpose of this Synod is to help shape our evangelical and missionary priorities for the years ahead. It will be a time for our local Church to listen attentively to the Holy Spirit and to discern how we are called to proclaim the Gospel more faithfully in our time and place.

I invite every parish, community, ministry and Catholic organisation across the Archdiocese to take part in this journey.

In the months ahead, you will be asked to gather in prayer, to listen to one another, and to reflect together on how the Lord is calling our Church to a renewed faith and fruitfulness.

This synodal journey will focus particularly on three themes I shared with you at the end of last year: **Young Discipleship; Missionary Leadership; and Formation and Participation.** As you reflect on these themes, I encourage you to ask some simple but important questions: *Where is the Holy Spirit leading our Archdiocese at this time? To whom are we being called to accompany in faith more intentionally? How might we reflect the face of Christ more clearly in our local Church?*

As we begin this journey, I entrust our Archdiocese to Mary, Mother of the Church. She pondered the mysteries of God in her heart and remained steadfast among the first disciples. May she guide us to be a Church that listens with faith, loves with generosity, and follows Christ with renewed confidence and hope.

With every grace and blessing, I remain,

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'P' followed by a series of loops and a horizontal line at the end.

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne

<https://melbournecatholic.org/synod2026>