



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

First Sunday In Ordinary Time - 22nd February 2026 Issue No: 4

God may your light guide my day and your spirit bring me peace

PARISH CALENDAR

February 2026



21/22nd Feb 1st Sunday of Lent
Prep Angel Mass—6pm
Baptisms—6pm & 11am

28th/1st Mar 2nd Sunday of Lent
Church Monthly Collection
Private Baptism—11:30am
Sat. Faith Development Meeting
5th Thur St Richards—10am
Baptism Preparation Meeting
7.30pm Church—Tim
Newcomb

7/8th March 3rd Sunday of Lent
Sat. Baptism—9am
Sun. Private Baptism —
12:30pm & 1:00pm

10th Mon Labour Day (public Holiday)

14/15th March 4th Sunday of Lent
Baptisms— 11am

REFLECTION

All religions and cultures have a sacred story that describes the beginning of the world. Most begin with everything being good and then things go wrong. Our story is that of the garden of Eden. Adam and Eve did not listen to the word of God. They listened to the serpent instead and turned away from God. However, their disobedience was overcome when God's promise of salvation was fulfilled. Jesus came in the name of God and lived by the word of God thus showing an obedience that Adam and Eve lacked. In the Gospel today Jesus has just been baptised and affirmed as the beloved Son of God so he goes into the desert to discern what this could really mean. His identity and relationship with God are challenged but he listens only to God and trusts in the truth of God's word. Today's readings encourage me to take time to listen more deeply to God's word, to face the truth of my identity and my relationship with God. Is my relationship with God being tested? Where do I notice the grace of God keeping me strong? I pray that I may fix my eyes more and more on Jesus as Lent progresses.



God's Word Daily Reflections 2026

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Mooroolbark Parish**

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Fr. Joseph**

**Parish Secretary
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

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

This Week's Readings - 22nd February 2026

Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7: Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17: R.

Rom 5:12-19: Mt 4:1-11:

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill,
especially

**Cathy Thomas, Joan Prendergast, Carmel
Waters, Estelita Reyes, Peter Harman, Dolores
Easthorpe, Andrew Pearson.**

✠ Remembrance Diary ✠

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

21/2 to 27/2

**Matthew Ellis, Robert Bell, Tony Nugent,
Michael Watson, Cyril Vincent, Mary Hewett,
Henry de la Harpe, Maria Bialowieyski,
David Bryce, Arne Bouwhuis, Maria Aranco,
Brian Gough, Anna Robertson, Armando La
Morticella, Alan Porter, Ruby Roker, Cynthia
Hicks, Helen Adams.'**



We welcome to our Parish through
Baptism

**Angelique Roncisvalli, Magnolia Mosely,
Beau Howden.**

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— No Flowers during Lent

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 21/22nd February

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

Readers & Commentators 28th Feb/1st March

6.00pm Dympna Beard & Angela Stainwall
9.00am Muzzena D'Almeida & Margaret Corker
11.00am Jun & Caroline Romero

Musicians 21/22nd February

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

Musicians 28th Feb/1st March

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

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**

First Sunday of Lent 21–22 February 2026

Project Compassion 2026 shares four stories from around the world. We'll meet Sisilia from Tanzania, Monoranjon from Bangladesh, Manaini from Fiji and Ahmad from Gaza.

Each of this year's stories highlights unique challenges, yet they are united by the determination to rise above adversity and to build brighter, more hopeful futures for themselves, their families and their communities.



**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

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

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

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY UPDATE

As a temporary measure, our software, Pacem with Catholic Archdiocese will stop sending bulk newsletter emails to **@hotmail, @outlook and @live** accounts.

Bulk newsletter emails to these recipients have already been blocked by Microsoft. This is typically caused when some recipients do not open, read or delete without reading them. By pausing these emails, we aim to have our IP address removed from Microsoft's blacklist.

We encourage you to visit the Parish website to view the Newsletter and Readings.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL

If assistance is required,
please contact

1800 305 330

Mon to Fri - 10am to 3pm

YOUTH GROUP

The youth typically gather once a month to practice their ministry roles and share a meal. The youth Mass is held every two months, with the hope to grow.

We are inspired by the young people in our community, and want to use this platform to support their faith formation.

We warmly welcome any young people in our community who would like to join. Contact Jun Romero for further information, or email the Parish office who will be able to pass on this information.

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

March 6th - 6 - 8pm Practice

March 27th - 6 - 8pm Practice

April 5th - 11am Easter Mass

Charlotte Wightman

Lectio Divina Spirituality Dinner

The first Spirituality Dinner at the Janssen Spirituality Centre (JSC) Boronia for 2026 is on Thursday evening 5th March, 5:30pm-8:30pm.

The focus of the evening will be Lectio Divina (Divina Reading) - understanding this ancient Christian meditative practice, its history, and its relevance to our time.

Fr Nick de Groot SVD, a former director of JSC will give the presentation and lead a short Lectio Divina, with time for discussion and conversation.

The evening includes a 3-course dinner. Suggested donation \$35 pp.

Booking: RSVP by Monday 2nd March to Fr Yon SVD at email: enquiries@janssencentre.au or mobile: 0405 040 870.

All are welcome!

PARISH NEWSLETTER & UPDATES

We encourage Parishioners to subscribe to the parish weekly newsletter.

You will receive the newsletter via email and be kept up to date with all the upcoming events in the parish.

<https://www.melbcatholic.org/mooroolbark>

LADIES LUNCHEON

TUESDAY 3rd MARCH



CLUB KILSYTH

we will meet at 12pm for 12.30 lunch.

For enquiries please contact, Philomena Turner
0417 208 077

An Irishman moves into a tiny hamlet in County Kerry, walks into the pub and promptly orders three beers.

The bartender raises his eyebrows, but serves the man three beers, which he drinks quietly at a table, alone.

An hour later, the man has finished the three beers and orders three more.

This happens yet again.

The next evening the man again orders and drinks three beers at a time, several times. Soon the entire town is whispering about the Man Who Orders Three Beers.

Finally, a week later, the bartender broaches the subject on behalf of the town. "I don't mean to pry, but folks around here are wondering why you always order three beers?"

"Tis odd, isn't it?" the man replies, "You see, I have two brothers, and one went to America, and the other to Australia. We promised each other that we would always order an extra two beers whenever we drank as a way of keeping up the family bond."

The bartender and the whole town was pleased with this answer, and soon the Man Who Orders Three Beers became a local celebrity and source of pride to the hamlet, even to the extent that out-of-towners would come to watch him drink.

Then, one day, the man comes in and orders only two beers. The bartender pours them with a heavy heart. This continues for the rest of the evening - he orders only two beers. The word flies around town. Prayers are offered for the soul of one of the brothers.

The next day, the bartender says to the man, "Folks around here, me first of all, want to offer condolences to you for the death of your brother. You know-the two beers and all..."

The man ponders this for a moment, then replies, "You'll be happy to hear that my two brothers are alive and well... It's just that I, myself, have decided to give up drinking for Lent."