



St Peter Julian Eymard Catholic Church Mooroolbark Parish

We are a Welcoming, Eucharistic and Spirit Filled Community

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

17th May 2026 Issue No: 15

PARISH CALENDAR

MAY

16/17th THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Welcome back Fr Joseph
Mass Count Week. 3
Confirmation Commitment
Mass—6pm & 9am
Baptism— 11am
Welcomes— 11am

20th Wed Confirmation Family Night
Church— 7:00 pm

22nd Fri Mass Feast Day of the
Pentecost—SPJE School

23/24th PENTECOST SUNDAY Mass Count Week. 4

Baptism—6 pm
Baptism 9 am & 11 am
Spirit Day—Confirmation
10 am

30/31st THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Baptism—6 pm
Baptism—9 am & 11 am

REFLECTION

WHERE IS GOD NOW ?

One day a kind man said to a seven-year old boy, “Tell me where God is and I’ll give you an apple.”

Just coming from a Sunday school class, the boy said to the kind man, “I will give you a whole barrel of apples if you can tell me where God is not”. The Little boy had learned his lesson well. God is everywhere.

In today’s gospel (Matt 28:16-20), Jesus says to us, “Behold, I am with you always, even to the consummation of the world.” Is God there, even when we feel most abandoned? He is.

During World War II, in 1944 in the Nazi concentration camp of Auschwitz, Poland, a little thirteen-year old Jewish boy was hanged in the presence of three hundred Jewish Prisoners.

As the boy’s body was still twitching on the rope, one of the prisoners asked aloud this question, “Where is God now?”

God was there, suffering in the person of that little boy and in the persons of all those who were witnessing his passion and death.



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Mooroolbark Parish**

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Fr. Joseph**

**Parish Secretary
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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 - 17th May 2026

Acts 1:1-11: Ps 46:2-3, 6-9: R.
Eph 1:17-23: Mt 28:16-20:

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill,
especially

**Peter Guinan, 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.

16th to 22nd May

Fr Paul Garland, Gina Ronsisvalle, Patrick Smith,
Andrew Loughan (first death anniversaries),
Brenda Ward, Catherine McArdle, Gerrit
Brinkhuis, Lindsay Goodall, Gerard Van Der
Horst, Elizabeth Reid, Marcus Redfern, Anna
Veips, Joseph Lowell, Kathleen Haoust, Agnes
McLindon, Clara Maria Worton, James Daffey,
Mick Hawkins, John & Helena Graafmans,
Raffaele Malvaso, Linda Steane, Roy Downie,
Eileen Gildea, James Leahy, Ida D'Silva, Angelo
Cincotta, Frank Anderson, Gwen Johnson, Maria
Casotti, Giovina Cellante, Ernst Franz, Linda
Young, Vittoria Cuzzupi.

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 May

Jan Phippard & Philomena Turner

Flowers—16/17th May

Angela Mallard

Church Cleaning—Month of May

Ged Wright & Kevin Dwyer

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

Readers & Commentators 16/17th May

6.00pm	Patricia Harman & Iris Gale
9.00am	Muzzena D'Almeida & Margaret Corker
11.00am	Charlotte Wightman & Richard Knight

Readers & Commentators 23/24th May

6.00pm	Gina Hume & Florencia Pangestu
9.00am	Vanessa Walker & Nathaniel Mack
11.00am	Geraldine O'Hare & Elizabeth Acabado

Musicians 16/17th May

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

Musicians 23/24th May

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

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.
Please visit link below to subscribe.

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ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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

For your prayers

Pease hold the following people in your prayers:

- For peace in the world. 'To the Lord we entrust all hearts that suffer and await the true peace that only he can give.' - Pope Leo XIV

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- For our Bethany Way participants who are completing their first semester of their formation journey this Saturday.

- For young people in our Archdiocese that they may encounter Christ and grow deeper in friendship.

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For those who have received the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter, and have entered into the life and mission of our Church.

ANNIVERSARY MASS INTENTIONS

A gentle reminder that any mass intentions for death anniversaries we kindly ask that these be submitted to the parish office by no later than 12 noon on the Friday prior to weekend Masses.



We welcome to our Parish through
Baptism

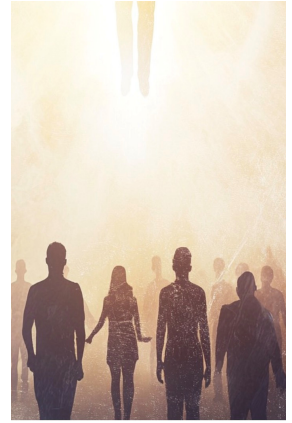
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Who will receive the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament celebrated this weekend, we support & guide them throughout their life.

Gladden us with holy joys, almighty Father, and make us devoutly rejoice with thanksgiving, for the Ascension:- the Lifting Up - of your Son, Jesus the Christ, is the promise of our lifting up; where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope.

Ascension Day Reflection—Year A

17 May 2026



*“You will be my witnesses , indeed, to the ends of the earth”_Acts 1.3.....
“Then Jesus said, I will be with you always until the end of time _Mt 28.20...“Why are
you men of Galilee standing there, looking up into the sky? Then they returned
To Jerusalem, filled with joy”_Acts 1.11-12.*

The opening words of our first Reading for today’s momentous Feast are disarmingly personal; those of an intimate letter to a friend - in fact they continue a correspondence, a ;personalised snail mail! “In my earlier work, Theophilus (Beloved by God); so it needs be read as that, a personal letter, a simple though profound recounting of observations and thoughts which the writer has witnessed. The Writer also authors the Gospel attributed to Luke, believed to be a Gentile disciple of Peter and an early companion & witness. So one of the earliest followers who formed the first group of believers who became the Church. Can you imagine the wonderment that the writer is sharing with us, a couple of millenia on? And the promise, assurance and charge he is giving us? It is essential to use our imagination to join in the throng with Luke, to see and hear and feel the mood; the fear, the wonder, the puzzlement, the glad nervousness in their witness, perhaps even the grief of separation along with the assurance of presence.

Maybe our prayer for this week, in preparation for Pentecost, could be to read Matthew’s Good News account - perhaps even sketch it - but above all, insert myself in it and into the gathered group and quietly reflect my

feelings. Then, slowly read aloud Luke’s words, perhaps a number of times, reflecting on the personal promise of Jesus, “I am with you always”, hearing the charge to be “my witnesses to the ends of the Earth. And also remembering not to remain “standing and staring into the sky”.

Michael McLindon, amongst the crowd.

