



St Peter Julian Eymard Catholic Church Mooroolbark Parish

We are a Welcoming, Eucharistic and Spirit Filled Community

SPJE IS A CHILD SAFE ENVIRONMENT

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY

24th May 2026

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PARISH CALENDAR

MAY

23/24th	PENTECOST SUNDAY Mass Count Week. 4 Baptism—6 pm Baptism 9 am & 11 am
26th Tue	Spirit Day—Confirmation 10 am
27th Wed	Musicians (Church) - 7:30pm
30/31st	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY Baptism—6 pm Baptism—9 am & 11 am

JUNE

2nd Tue	CONFIRMATION— 7:00 pm
3rd Wed	CONFIRMATION— 7:00 pm
4th Thur	Faith Development Meeting - 10:30am
6/7th	THE MOST HOLY BODY BLOOD OF CHRIST St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal—all Masses
5th Fri	Youth Group— Church 6pm— 8.00pm
6th Sat	Private Baptism—11:30am Reconciliation Child—5:00pm Baptism—6pm
Sun.	Youth Mass—11am
8th Mon	Kings Birthday (public holiday)

REFLECTION

As we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, the season of Easter reaches its final climax.

We celebrate and experience the powerful outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the whole church Last Sunday when we celebrated the Ascension of Jesus, he promised his followers that he would send them the Holy Spirit and that they would be filled with power from high.

Today each of us is filled with and anointed with the same powerful Holy Spirit.

The first followers of Jesus weren't strong, courageous or even very faithful. They betrayed Jesus. They denied and deserted him when he needed them the most.

After his death they hid themselves away in fear. They had lost all heart and hope. Then the strangest thing happens to them. The house is filled with the sound of a mighty wind and the sight of fire!

These frightened and frail men and women are now transformed.

Through the Holy Spirit, they are given new hope, new heart and new purpose. Their fear and silence is replaced

by courage and conviction. They leave their hiding place and make their way into the streets and proclaim the good news of the resurrection.

They become new people with a new message.

At that very moment the missionary church was born.

We are no different than these ordinary men and women. Through our baptism and confirmation, each of us has been filled and anointed with the exact same Holy Spirit.

There is nothing mild or gentle about Pentecost. The Holy Spirit is powerful, life-changing and energetic. The Holy Spirit challenges us and calls us to change.

Marg Vallence PPC

With acknowledgement to Michael Moore OMI



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Mooroolbark Parish**

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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 - 24th May 2026

Gen 11:1-9: or Ex 19:3-8, 16-20: or Ezek 37:1-14
Or Joel 3:1-5: Ps 103:1-2, 24, 27-30,
Rom 8:22-27: Jn 7:37-39:

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, Andrew Badawy.**

✠ Remembrance Diary ✠

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

23rd to 29th May

Richard Quinless, Sarah & Frederick Boyd, Joseph
Riley, Michael Carroll, Alan Boyd, Betty Trappel,
Isabella Care, Howard Cummins, Lindsay Trappel,
William Wriggesworth, Chris Rinderhagen,
Lawrence Devitt, Emma Duke, Ron Mutton, Angelo
Caccia, Elizabeth McMahon, Ayla D'Cruz, Freda
Sutton, Yvonne Devey, Peter Kerr, Albertina
Anastasi, Lorna Kirby, Edward D'Silva, Rohan &
Amanda Byrnes, Emma Safar, Frank Quinn, Renate
Dittberer.

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

Counters—Month of June

Karen Broughton & Fr Joseph

Flowers— 24th May

Angela Mallard

Flowers—31st May

Philomena Turner

Church Cleaning—Month of May

Ged Wright & Kevin Dwyer

Church Cleaning—Month of June

Margaret Kim ?

Esther Ngaihte

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

Readers & Commentators 23/24th May

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

Readers & Commentators 30/31st May

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

Musicians 23/24th May

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

Musicians 30/31st May

6.00pm Tim Newcomb & Michael McLindon
9.00am Lilette de la Harpe & Karen Broughton
11.00am Jun & Caroline Romero

LADIES LUNCHEON

TUESDAY 2nd JUNE
CLUB RINGWOOD

we will meet at 12pm for 12.30 lunch

Ladies if you are planning to come to this lunch and weren't at our last lunch please send me a text with your name and phone number to assist with our booking confirmation

For enquiries please contact
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PENTECOST PRAYER



*All-powerful God,
we thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit.
May the Holy Spirit empower us to be
Pentecostal people and to fulfil the missionary
mandate of proclaiming the Gospel to
all until the end of time.
Grant this through Christ our Lord,
Amen*



SVDP WINTER APPEAL 6/7th June

At Masses on Saturday the 6th of June Sunday the 7th of June there will be a collection for Saint Vincent De Paul Mooroolbark conference. All proceeds will go the Mooroolbark conference to help us to continue our work with those who need a helping hand.

We are always grateful to the Mooroolbark Parishioners for your generosity; all funds are used to support those who are less fortunate in our community to get back on their feet.

Once thank you for your support.

Adrian Langridge Mooroolbark Conference President



We welcome to our Parish through
Baptism

**Alice Darbyshire,
Cooper & Ivy Mahoney,
Kylan Milne,
Orla & Franklin Parnaby**

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

MISSION WORLD

INTERNET TECHNOLOGY

A few years ago, I was visiting a traditional Fijian village. During my visit, we were sitting around on the floor of this Fijian thatched house, sharing yaqona or kava and telling stories. Then, quite unexpectedly, we could hear the familiar sound of a mobile phone! It belonged to one of the young men who were serving the kava.

This dial tone rang out a warning. Modern communications technology had crossed not just the surrounding hills but also centuries of technological progress. Even this isolated village in the hills of Fiji had become part of a global world.

I should add that while it could be interpreted as yet another example of neo-colonialism, the invasion of a traditional culture by Western hi-tech, on the other hand, some of the best websites I have come across have been produced by indigenous communities around the world. Pacifican websites can be exciting because Pacific islanders bring their native creativity to bear upon modern computer technology.

Recently, churches and religious leaders have been reflecting upon the impact of AI on society and the church. For example, there is an insightful document from the Vatican entitled "Antiqua et nova: Note on the Relationship Between Artificial Intelligence and Human Intelligence" (January 4, 2025).

Central to this document is a section entitled "Specific Questions". The first of these is the question of what AI contributes to society. Pope Francis once said, "the inherent dignity of each human being

and the fraternity (sic) that binds us together as members of the one human family must undergird the development of new technologies and serve as indisputable criteria for evaluating them before they are employed." (Message for the LVII World Day of Peace - January 1, 2024) The second question concerns "AI and human relationships". Use of AI should ensure respect for workers, for job security and just wages, as well as standing up for justice, peace, and integrity of creation. The third question concerns "AI and healthcare". We need to ensure equal access to developments in medical healthcare. Next, in education, critical thinking should not give way to increased reliance on computer technology. This document then looks at the issues of "misinformation, deepfakes and abuse" and the need to promote peace rather than violence, truth rather than hatred and intolerance. There is also the question of our relationship to our "common home" because current AI models demand energy that can drain our limited resources and further damage our planet. A disturbing question is the connection between AI and warfare and the possibility of lethal machines operating autonomously. Finally, it looks at "AI and Our Relationship with God". This reminds us that when it comes to reliance on AI, we are in danger of creating idols. We must always bear in mind that AI and computer technology is the work of human hands and can never replace the longing to deepen our relationship with God.

As missionaries living among people who maintain traditional ways of life, like the village in the hills of Fiji, I think we need to reflect further upon how AI or computer technology can help to enhance or impede the work of the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

FR TOM ROUSE
Regional Councillor of Oceania

MISSION INTENTIONS

POPE LEO XIV

March - For disarmament and peace: Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

April - For priests in crisis: Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.