



# 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

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**Fr. Joseph**

**Parish Secretary**      **Parish Assistant**  
Mrs. Adriana De Leo      Mr. Brian Twining

**Parish Office**  
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**Office Hours:**

**Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri - 9.00am - 3.00pm**  
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<http://pol.org.au/mooroolbark/Home.aspx>  
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**Normal Mass Times at SPJE**

Weekday Masses  
Tues & Wed : 9.30 am  
Saturday: No morning Mass  
**Saturday: 6.00 pm (Vigil)**  
**Sunday: 9.00 am**  
**Sunday: 11.00 am**

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 5.15 pm  
or by arrangement with Priest.  
**Sacraments (Baptism, Weddings)**  
Ring Parish Office 9723 4275

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**10th September 2023 Issue No 32**

## **Safe Guarding Sunday**

### **PRAYER**

Gracious God,

you love and care for all of your children,  
especially the smallest and most vulnerable.  
We entrust to you the lives of children and adults  
at risk who have been abused, neglected or  
exploited and whose trust and innocence have  
been destroyed.

Help us to hear their cries of pain  
and to take responsibility for those whose lives  
have been broken.

Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those  
wounded by abuse, and the failure to be heard.

We pray that with the help of your grace  
communities and families will find understanding  
and support, so that now and in the future  
their wounds may be healed and they may find  
lasting peace.

Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our  
children and adults at risk, giving them the inner  
strength, peace and resilience to seek out  
assistance when required.

We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the  
unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

Amen

## PARISH CALENDAR SEPTEMBER SEPTEMBER

**9/10th 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Reconciliation Commitment Mass  
6pm & 9am  
Baptisms—11am

10th Safeguarding Sunday

15th Fri School Term 3 ends

**16/17th 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Baptisms—11am

**23/24th 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
National Day Migrants & Refugees  
Church monthly collection  
Baptisms—9am & 11am  
Private Baptism—12.30pm

29th Fri Public Holiday—Grand Final

## OCTOBER

**30/1st Oct 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Daylight Saving Starts 1st Oct  
Baptism—11am  
Baptism Private—12.30pm

2nd Mon School Term 4 Starts

5th Thu Faith Development Meeting 10am  
Baptism Preparation Meeting -  
7pm church—Marg and Lili

6th Fri Reconciliation Reflection Day -  
St Richards School.

## ROSTERS

### Counters - Month of September

Jan Phipphard & Philomena Turner

### Flowers - Month of September

Pat Harman

### Church Cleaners - Month of September

Jun Romero Family

*(Please collect church key from parish office  
Monday - Friday, 9am - 4pm)*

### Readers & Commentators— 9/10th September

6.00pm Dympna Beard & Angela Stainwall  
9.00am Karen Broughton & Lilette de la Harpe  
11 am Charlotte Wightman & Volunteer

### Readers & Commentators— 16/17th September

6.00pm Volunteer req & Michael McLindon  
9.00am Lilijana Stride & Vanessa Walker  
11am Jun Romero & Volunteer req

### Musicians—9/10th September

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

### Musicians — 16/17th September

6.00pm No Music  
9.00am Filipino Group  
11 am Zomi Group

## Weekday Mass Times Weekday Masses Tue & Wed—9.30am

## This Week's Readings - 9/10th Sept

**Ezek 33:7-9: Ps 94:1-2, 6-9:  
Rom 13:8-10: Mt 18:15-20.**

## Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill,  
especially,

**Harry Janssen, Max Pisotek, Ignatius Suan  
Lian Thang, Mateo Bandiling, Cora  
Fitzsimons, Reji, Annette, Sr Moira Sheedy.**

## ✠ Remembrance Diary ✠

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

**9/9 to 15/9**

**Anne Reynolds, Gladys Pierce, Teresa Rose  
Jones, Phemie Harris, Claire & John Kelly,  
Leonard Collins, Dennis Burley, Walter Taylor,  
John Hicks, Nancy Hamilton, Simon Watson,  
Gerald Farrell, Joan Farrell, Mary Corrigan,  
Celestina Savastio, John Nyhuis, Bernard  
McLindon, John Veips, Joseph Ekanayake,  
Monica Lawson, Bruce Campbell, Ken Wells,  
Benjamin Kleinman, Richard Thompson, Ida  
Fuller, Paul Mallard, Josephine Barrett,  
Nancy Greco (first death anniversary).**



## BAPTISM

We welcome to our Parish through  
Baptism

**Charlotte & Ada McKenzie**

As they receive the Holy Spirit through the  
Sacrament celebrated this weekend, may their  
faith guide them throughout their lives.

## Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle

Parishioners who contribute to Thanksgiving,  
Would you please collect your named book  
from the church foyer.

Tickets are also on sale in church foyer  
Tickets are \$2.00 each or \$20 per Book.

### The prizes are:

1st Prize: Kia Picanto S 1.25ltr Auto

2nd Prize: Coles/Myer Gift Card - to the value of  
\$5000

3rd Prize: Coles/Myer Gift Card - to the value of  
\$3000

4th & 5<sup>th</sup> Prize: Coles/Myer Gift Card - to the value  
of \$1000

6th & 7th Prize: Coles/Myer Gift Card - to the value  
of \$500

Thank you to my band of tickets sellers  
You are much appreciated.

Queries - Text me on 0403 568 302

or email: [rafflespje@gmail.com](mailto:rafflespje@gmail.com)

Marg Vallence / CoOrdinator

SPJE Parish Mooroolbark/CCPR 2023

Waiting at the Well - 4x Thu, 5, 12, 19 & 26 Oct,  
10am–12.30pm (in-person event)

Carole Carmody rsm, Julie Adam

This series offers an opportunity for those waiting  
to have their thirst quenched at the Well of Life to  
explore the depths of wisdom in their own heart,  
to recognise wisdom in the encounter with another,  
and to dwell in the Heart of Contemplation.

Places limited.

Bookings via [https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/  
events/waiting-at-the-well-series/](https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/waiting-at-the-well-series/)?  
or email [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne).

Cost \$100 for the series or \$30 per session.

## 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/>

## FATHERS DAY ANNUAL COLLECTION

Amount collected \$640.05

Thank you all for your generosity

## CHILD SAFE SUNDAY

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia  
marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray  
for those who have been abused, their families  
and supporters. We recognise and apologise for  
the harm done by priests, religious and lay people  
in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confi-  
dence in the Church requires constant work and  
vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that  
will help the Church be a place that builds and  
supports safe communities for all people.

You can find out more about the Church's work  
in this area at:

[www.catholic.au/s/article/  
safeguardingsunday2023](http://www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023)



## HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY

Nancy Gough

Congratulations on your 90th  
birthday. May God bless you with  
much joy, peace and health.



## ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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

**CHILD PROTECTION WEEK & SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY**  
**“Every Child in every Community Needs a Fair Go”**

Will you join me in contemplating - “sitting in & being part of” - a couple scenes from this part of Matthew’s recounting of the Good News (Chh 16-18 - a lengthy discourse on what it means to be a disciple, to be Church). It is striking that at the heart of this critical teaching, Jesus gives a really radical response to the disciples’ question, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” So, “he called a child whom he put amongst them...and said, Truly, I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”<sup>18.1-7</sup> This is followed by the



sternest of warnings, should one cause a child to be hurt. Emphatically, the singular model of discipleship, of following Jesus; of being Jesus in our world & time is that of the child - open, without guile or plot; free and open to listen and learn and follow in trust; of companionship & loving care; ever ready to delight in the simplicity of a world of creatures and people and flora, and in the wonders of a both tiny & vast but always wondrous, universe. A model that can seem so trite & unproductive to a blasé or apparently sophisticated listener; a model that we as - as citizens, & above all, as Church - have

trampled & trashed so badly & comprehensively in even recent history. At a both personal and communal level, we have a deep need for recognition, honest acceptance, deep apology and wholehearted restoration, All this with ready engagement in the ongoing task of a strong, gentle & humble healing for good. Can I hear & join in this daily Jesus dance?

Today’s reading of the text, begins at verse 15 with a description of what it means to be Church, characterised here as Community & Consensus with an emphasis on dialogue that is honest & open, leading to reconciliation and presenting the Call of the Community as paramount (A Gospel rendering of a “Voice from the Heart!?) Then comes the charge & the challenge, “Whatever you bind on earth, will be bound in heaven, and what you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven”, placing an awesome responsibility on Jesus Followers throughout history. To always act for the foulness of freedom and life in the world and the cosmos.

Sadly again, a charge that’s has been sadly neglected or abused throughout our history even to today, by legalistic & authoritarian top down control with a denial of freedom, inclusivity and full participation in Church life of all members of the Church, especially the marginalised.



In just over a month the representative Church will gather at the Vatican for the “Synod of Synods”, a Council of discernment and discovery, the first ever Synod involving not only Bishops but religious and lay people, female and male; a hope filled beginning of a journey of inclusion and full membership for the Church for all the followers of Jesus.

Michael McLindon, a fellow traveller on the journey.

(“Synod” is from two Greek words, SYN and HODOS, meaning “Together on the Way or Journey)