



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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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

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
23rd July 2023 Issue No 25

REFLECTION

Today, we are faced with the challenging question: do I really listen? In our Gospel, Jesus uses the image of a sower to explain the ways in which people can receive God's word. Some might be easily led astray. Others might lose courage or conviction at the sign of a challenge, or be tempted to choose other things over God's word. And others will hear, listen, and take to heart what they have heard. Listening to both God and others takes time, commitment and attention. It's probably not hard for us to remember a time when we really felt listened to, and to remember how that felt.

If we listen deeply to God's word, especially as it comes to us in the readings, we will be able to grow in our openness and ability to really listen to others. So, I do really listen? How can I listen better?



God's Word 2023

PARISH CALENDAR JULY

- 22/23rd 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Monthly Church Collection
Baptisms —11am
- 27th Thur Baptism Preparation Meeting -
7.30 pm Church—Tim Newcomb
- 29/30th 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Baptisms —6pm & 9am
55 Year Anniversary Mass -
11 am, followed by lunch in the
Parish Hall.

AUGUST

- Fr Joseph on Leave
- 2nd Wed Feast of St Peter Julian Eymard
5/6th The Transfiguration of the Lord
Visiting Priest—Fr Brian Kelty
- 8th Tue Feast of Mary Mackillop Mass -
9.30am—Fr Brian Kelty
- 8th Tue Baptism Preparation Meeting—
7.30pm Church—Iris Gale
- 12/13th 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Catholic Care Collection
- 19/20th 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

ROSTERS

Counters - Month of July

Paul & Marianne Redfern

Flowers - Month of July

Margaret Kim & Pat Harman

Church Cleaners - Month of July

Margaret Kim & Esther Ngaihte

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

Readers and Commentators - 22/23rd July

- 6.00 pm Paul Redfern & Paul Martin
9.00 am Muzeena D'Almeida & Karen B.
11.00am Jun Romero & Volunteer

Readers and Commentators - 29/30th July

- 6.00 pm Pat Harman & Iris Gale
9.00 am Lilette de la Harpe & Lilijana Stride
11.00am Auna Wernert & Volunteer

Musicians - 22/23rd July

- 6.00 pm No Music
9.00 am Filipino Group
11.00 am No Music

Musicians - 29/30th July

- 6.00 pm No Music
9.00 am No Music
11.00 am Combined Choir

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday & Wednesday 9.30am

This Week's Readings - 22/23rd July

**Wis 12:13, 16-19: Ps 85:5-6,
9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27**

Prayers for the Sick

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

**Max Pisotek, Ignatius Suan Lian Thang,
Mateo Bandiling, Cora Fitzsimons, & Reji**

✠ Remembrance Diary ✠

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

22/7 to 28/7

**Arthur Corker, Gerard Kleverkamp, Waldemar
Zangmeister, Frances Rigby, Nancy Takacs, Ronald
Almond, Lil Briggs, Gary Goodwin, Ampora
Magahas, Margaret Rigby, Thomas Commene,
Avon Fatur, Sr Pat Murphy, Narcisa Montejo,
Marlene Cabral, Kevin Dillon, Harold Fox, Terry
Collins, Theresa Humphries, Jim Collins, Mark
Ralston, Ann Bernadine Cox, Judy Margerison,
Leonard Ryan, Georgina Greblo, Dean
Andrewartha, Christine Morrison, Amy
Potternoster, Baby Patrick James Bourke-Finn,
Carmel Ryan, Ron Rigby, Gisele Chelin (first death
anniversary), Ann Howatt, Gerald Lane, John
Nugent, John Larsen, Eelazar de Souza.**



BAPTISM

We welcome to our Parish through
Baptism

James Di Virgilio

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



MULTI CULTURAL / FEAST DAY RAFFLE

11 FABULOUS PRIZES
A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE
WHO DONATED ITEMS

The Raffle will be drawn at the luncheon on
30th July

Raid those money boxes - **Tickets are \$1 each.**



We would be very grateful to have volunteers to
sell tickets at all masses.

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– 20/3/2032

LADIES LUNCH GROUP

Our next Ladies Lunch will be on
Tuesday 1st August

At The Groove Train Restaurant
Shop Pad 4 Chirnside Park shopping Centre
(Located near the Reading Cinemas)

This luncheon will be an opportunity to
celebrate the 55th anniversary of our Parish
We will meet at 12 pm for 12.30 lunch

Enquiries: Nancy Gough 0411 137 251
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Have you Changed?

Phone number

Email Address

Residential Address/Mail Address,

Please notify the Parish Office on 9723 4275
or email mooroolbark@cam.org.au

55 Years Anniversary MULTICULTURAL MASS & LUNCH

Fellow parishioners, as we are now only
one week away from our 55th Anniversary
of Church in Mooroolbark and the
Multicultural Mass and Lunch on 30th
July, please note the following running
sheet for this wonderful celebration. Also
note that you are asked to bring disposal
plates, cutlery and containers to take left
over food and rubbish home.

10.15 am The Parish Hall will be
opened to enable you to
drop of your food.

11.00am Our Celebration of the
Multicultural Mass will
commence. Cultural
dress and small flags are
encouraged at this Mass.

12.00pm At the conclusion of
Mass, you are asked to
make your way to the
Parish Hall.

12.30pm The Multicultural Lunch
will commence

1.30pm The Music group will
commence playing a
mixture of songs.

2.30pm The Parish raffle will be
drawn (tickets will also
be available on the day
and must be bought by
2.00pm).

3.00pm Father Joseph and
Bernadette Brown to say
some words of
appreciation.

3.30pm Clean up of hall

4.00pm Proposed closing time

*(these times may change slightly on
the day)*

A Reflection...16th Sunday of Year A...

23 - 24 July 2023



"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, the weeds appeared as tooMatthew 13.24

In reflecting on the sadly real fact that we don't need enemies to plant the weeds of unkindness, intolerance, judgementalism, anger, consumerism, waste et cetera in the garden of our spiritual self, since we can do it all quite well - or, rather, badly - all by ourselves, I thought to share some thoughts of Judy Cannato, an American spiritual writer & director.

"Contemplation is a long loving look at what is real. How often we are fooled by what mimics the real. Indeed, we live in a culture that flaunts the phoney and thrives on glittering fabrication. We are so bombarded by the superficial and the trivial that we can lose our bearings and give ourselves over to a way of living that drains us of our humanity. Seduced by the superficial, we lose the very freedom we think all our acquisitions will provide. When we are engaged in the experience and practice of radical amazement, we begin to distinguish between the genuine and the junk. Caught up in contemplative awareness and rooted in love, we begin to break free from cultural confines and embrace the truth that lies at the heart of all reality: We are one." Radical Amazement: Contemplative Lessons from Black Holes, Supernovas, and other Wonders of the Universe. 2006

Along with 'radical amazement', I was reminded also of the advice of Thérèse of Lisieux, champion of 'The Little Way', that 'we are not called to do extraordinary things but to do ordinary things extraordinarily well'. In setting out to achieve this challenge, we could perhaps make a daily or weekly practice, alongside our examen, of reflecting on what is called "The Peace Prayer of St Francis" , attributed to a French military chaplain from 1915: *Lord make me an instrument of your peace*

Where there is hatred, Let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is error, truth;
Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light; And where there is sadness, Joy.
O Divine Master grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
To be understood, as to understand; To be loved, as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive, It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Michael McLindon, spiritual companion on the journey & haphazard gardener.