



# St Peter Julian Eymard Catholic Church Mooroolbark Parish



*We are a Welcoming Eucharistic and Spirit Filled  
Parish Community*

SPJE PARISH IS A CHILD SAFE ENVIRONMENT

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**Normal Mass Times at SPJE**  
Weekday Masses - Tuesday - Friday: 9.15 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



## ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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

## Feast of All Saints Year A

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## CELEBRATING ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS November 1st & 2nd

“On All Saints' Day, it is not just the saints of the church that we should remember in our prayers, but all the foolish ones & wise ones, the shy ones & overbearing ones, the broken ones & whole ones, the despots & tosspots & crackpots of our lives who, one way or another, have been our particular fathers & mothers & saints, & whom we loved without knowing we loved them & by whom we were helped to whatever little we may have, or ever hope to have, of some kind of seedy sainthood of our own.” Frederick Buechner  
The Sacred Journey What a week! Grand Finals galore; breakout from lockdown; catching up with family in measured way; gathering for picnics; surviving Halloween...which of course comes from the Old English, “Eve of All Saints”, a reference that most seem to forget as they trick or treat. As well, the Feast of All Saints, is always remembered in tandem with the commemoration of All Souls, so incorporating our humanity, both redeemed & fallen, in all our greatness, goodness & glory; happiness, heartache & humour; with our flaws, & fragility, foolhardiness & foolishness; sinfulness, search & sacredness. In other words, the gift & grace, call & challenge of our human condition, restored & resonant with God's grace. These days of the ancient Christian Calendar are a reminder of who we are as Jesus People & a prompt to be “the saints” day by day, that Paul speaks of in his lovely letter to the Philippians (well worth a read through especially in downtimes): “greet every saint in Christ Jesus; the friends who are with me greet you; all the saints greet you, the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit” 4.21-23. It's time for us to recognise ourselves, those who gave & give us love, life & living; those we love & among whom we live, as “full of grace”: the “spirit is with us”. It is for us to put our spirit-gift to work daily, gladly & trustfully; Paul calls us to “Rejoice in the Lord always”.

**Tell me, what else should I have done? / Doesn't everybody die at last, & too soon?/ Tell me, what is it you plan to do/ With your one wild & precious life? Mary Oliver, The Summer Day**

**Michael McLindon, Parishioner.**

## PARISH UPDATE

To all our parish family, great news we will be re-opening our Church the weekend of 7/8<sup>th</sup> November 2020. Mass times - 6.00pm Saturday, 9.00am, 11.00am and 5.00pm on Sunday. Due to the restrictions of numbers, we are allowed only 20 parishioners on this first weekend. Mass will be celebrated outdoors at SPJE school (Undercroft, where we held our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, next to the oval, parking available in school carpark).

We are asking that parishioners email the parish office on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November to register your attendance – it will be on a first in basis. The registrations will remain open until Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 12.00 noon. We will notify the 20 attendees for each Mass on Friday morning 6<sup>th</sup> November including access details for the Undercroft.

Those parishioners who do not have access to emails, please contact the parish office by telephone on 9723 4275. Please leave a **clear** message with your name, preferred Mass time and a current contact number.

If you cannot attend the Mass you have been accepted for, we ask that you contact us as soon as possible so we can allocate the time slot to another parishioner.

Please email Adriana – [mooroolbark@cam.org.au](mailto:mooroolbark@cam.org.au)

As from 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> November we will be allowed to register 50 parishioners for outdoor Masses, you will be advised of the process for this registration next week.

**Fr Joseph Lu Xin**



**Lilydale Lawn Cemetery and Lilydale Memorial Park**  
St Peter Julian Eymard Parish, Mooroolbark

**Leading the service:** Father Joseph Xin Lu

Monday 2nd Nov, 2020 (11:00 am livestream)  
<https://www.oneroomstreaming.com/view/authorise.php?>

## Readings for Next Week – 8th November 2020

Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13



**We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;**

*Trish Fenton, Annette Andrewartha,  
Julia & Mabel Dana, Rose Robert,  
Lorraine Downie, Trish Leahy,  
Jean Blencowe, Nancy Greco &  
Danielle Devlin.*

## ✠ Remembrance Diary ✠

We remember those who have died especially **Allan Panozza (Sharyn Crick's Father)** and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

**31/10 to 6/11**

**Ian Lowe, Lionel Mitchell, Flora Watson, Pietro Casotti, Albina Obersnel, Fr. John Aldag, Francis Matthews, Therese Rabot, Geoffrey Martin, Brian McCourt, Margaret Charles, Gladys Davies, Kathleen Dugan, Othmar Kup, Jennifer Draper, Walter Marshall, Charlotte Spencer, Mavis O'Neill, Arthur Green, Maureen McKay.**



**Mrs. Jones got a little too used to watching online worship from home.**

Many of us dream of a better, safer, more caring world, without recognising that it all begins with creating and maintaining a deeper love in our own home. The seeds of world peace should be planted in our own backyard."

Anthon St. Maarten



## CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE LINK

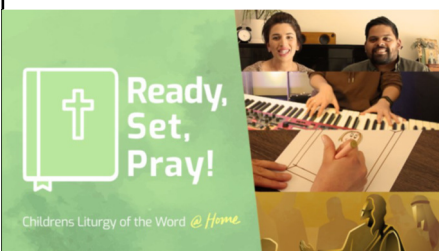
### LIVE STREAM MASS

<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

11am MASS ON SUNDAY

The 11 o'clock mass from the cathedral may be seen on channel c31 (press 44)

The **Ready, Set, Pray!** Children's Liturgy of the Word @ Home video series has been created to provide an engaging space for families to encounter Jesus through the Sunday gospel.



Each week includes an invitation for families to gather in their own prayer space, to sing, hear the Gospel, pray and respond creatively through an activity.

This weekly resource follows the familiar Children's Liturgy of the Word format provided in many parishes – but moved to an online setting. It can

be used by families in their homes, and also by teachers and catechists.

The series consists of 10 weekly sessions of 15-20 minutes duration, which commenced from Sunday 18th October and continues each Sunday until Christmas. We hope this experience of gathering for prayer will encourage families in this time when they cannot gather for parish celebrations of Eucharist. It is produced by Proclaim: The Office for Mission Renewal at the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

<https://bit.ly/ReadySetPray>

It is hoped that by 8 November that Metropolitan Melbourne will be able to meet the allowances permitted for Regional Victoria. Our voices and prayers are being heard.

### METRO MELBOURNE:

As of 11.59pm, Tuesday 27 October

- **Faith communities:**

**Outdoor religious ceremonies** permitted up to 20 people, in addition to those required for the service.

**Indoor religious ceremonies** can be held with up to 10. There has been no indication that the faith leader is additional here and we need to get confirmation on this.

(Note: Indoor and Outdoor services are not to be held concurrently, it is an either or, or alternating, for example).

- **Weddings** permitted up to ten people outdoors.

- **Funerals** permitted up to 20 mourners. This limit doesn't include babies under 12 months of age, or the people required to conduct the funeral.

### REGIONAL VICTORIA:

As of 11.59pm, Tuesday 27 October

- **Faith communities:**

**Outdoor religious ceremonies** can be held near a place of worship with up to 50 people plus a faith leader, in addition to those required for the service.

**Indoor religious ceremonies** can be held with up to 10 people per group (plus a faith leader), and maximum 20 people per facility

(Note: Indoor and Outdoor services are not to be held concurrently, it is an either or, or alternating, for example).

- **Private worship** is also allowed for a household and up to two other people plus a faith leader.

- **Weddings** permitted up to 10 people. This limit includes the couple and two witnesses. The celebrant is in addition to this number.

- **Funerals** permitted up to 50 people if held outdoors. This limit doesn't include babies under 12 months of age, or the people required to conduct the funeral. If held indoors, the limit remains at 20 mourners plus those required for the service.

## FR JOSEPH HOMILY

### Feast Day of All Saints, Year A, 2020

Are saints not all-holy and without human defects? With all our weaknesses, failures, sins, and shortcomings, becoming saints seems impossible for us. Saints are not made of wax and plaster, but are mortal like us.

Saints are not born with a halo. Saint Peter was a coward when he denied the Lord; Saint Paul persecuted the Church; Saint Augustine was a playboy who seemingly mocked heaven when he called his illegitimate son Adeodatus( Given by God); Saint Therese of the Child Jesus was a very stubborn kid. And so the list goes on.

What then made them saints? Their struggle! When they sinned, they went to confession, seriously determined not to commit the same sin again. When they fell, they stood up without giving up. Like those known saints, we cannot avoid struggling and, like them, conquering our weaknesses in the end. “For every fall, God leaves us glimpses or signs of hope.” That is good news for us.

St Paul wrote, “God wants everybody to become holy.” God desires everybody to go to Heaven. Those people who have become saints because of the grace of God were open to this grace and to making positive changes in themselves. That is what we are told by Jesus.

Change of Heart, what does it mean?

Changing our attitude, our pride, our self-righteousness, our stubbornness, and our biases and so on. Seeing the enemy within. Ask ourselves: Do I recognise my faults when I have problems with others? Or do I always blame others when I have problems with them. Am I too blinded or too defensive of myself or my children or grandchildren? Does my faith in God only dwell on the practice of superficial piety or it does lead me to self-reflection and a change of heart.

Today, we honour all those unknown saints who were never canonised (recognised by the church officially) but reached the joys of heaven. They never gave up in their struggle but tried to live out Christ’s values in daily life. May November 1 also become your feast day and mine!



## THE HISTORY OF ALL SAINTS' AND ALL SOULS' DAY

Christians have been honouring their virtuous dead from the earliest days of the religion. In traditional Roman Catholicism, exceedingly virtuous men and women may be **canonised** as **saints** in the afterlife. Since they are endowed with holiness, saints are close to God, and may perform miracles on earth. Roman Catholics, and some other Christians, honour saints and ask them for guidance in daily life. -Catholics commemorate many saints on their own "saints day," often the anniversary of their death. But with thousands of canonized saints, only a small percentage are recognized regularly. In the seventh century, Pope Boniface IV officially established **All Saints' Day** in order to honour all the saints at one time. History records such a sacred day before Boniface's time, but it wasn't widely observed.

Originally, Christians observed All Saints' Day on May 13. But in the eighth century, Pope Gregory III moved it to November 1. Officially, the Church chose this new date to mark the papal dedication of a church honouring the saints. But many historians believe the Church really moved the observance to correspond with Samhain and other pagan fall festivals.

The Catholic Church had a long-standing policy of incorporating non-Christian traditions into its holidays in order to bring people into the Catholic faith. This included moving the dates of Christian holidays to those of established non-Christian occasions. Many historians believe, for example, that the church set **Christmas** on December 25 so that it would correspond with pagan winter solstice festivals.

In any case, when All Saints' Day moved to November 1, the church did begin to incorporate Samhain traditions into the holy day's activities. This helped bring descendants of the ancient Celts into Christianity, but it posed some problems for the church. Much of the Samhain traditions centered on the supernatural and spirit world, ideas that don't have much of a place in Christianity.

Despite some unease in the church, many supernatural ideas persisted in All Saints' Day Eve celebrations, making the occasion a remarkable combination of Christian and pagan beliefs. At the end of the 10th century, the church tried to give these traditions a little more direction by establishing **All Souls' Day**, an occasion to recognise all Christian dead.

