



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

We acknowledge the Wurundjeri People, the traditional custodians of this land

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Normal Mass Times at SPJE

Weekday Masses
Tues & Thurs: 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

Parish QR Code



28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **10th October 2021 Issue No. 37**

Can we translate the gospel of Mark to our lives today? I found the following by Adam Stubitsh, an interesting read, I hope you do too. Stay safe and God bless. Aedin Braun RE SPJE School

Reflection:

The Gospel story regarding the rich man and Jesus is an increasingly relevant tale on which to reflect.

Its anti-materialistic message contrasts quite starkly with the consumer-driven society we live in today. Jesus elaborates that following the Ten Commandments is not enough to truly be one with God and enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Rather, only by giving up our material possessions will the holy gates be opened for us. This request can seem impossible to achieve, but as with many of Jesus' teachings, it challenges us to look deep inside ourselves and uncover what is most important in our lives.

Jesus implies that the rich and poor are distinguished by what they choose to value. A rich man's primary concern is to make himself look better compared to everyone else, and society convinces him to demonstrate his worth by buying the fanciest cars and the biggest houses, so to speak; however, that rich man will never fully appreciate the gravity of his purchases, as his abundance of wealth allows him to take his comfortable life for granted. Meanwhile, a poor man owns next to nothing, but he places a far greater worth on every item he does possess. Without the distracting abundance of physical objects, he can prioritize his relationship with God above all else and turn his attention to taking care of his loved ones.

This Gospel teaches us that by separating ourselves from our physical belongings, we are freed of the notion that material objects will make us happy, and in doing so, we open ourselves to God and remember to care for those most in need of our love. Jesus' message is not just about stifling our obsession with buying more things; it also indicates a shift in how we should assign value to what we already have.

PARISH CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2021

9/10th	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Life, Marriage & Family Sunday
14th Thur	Parish Pastoral Council Catchup Via Zoom - 7 pm
16/17th	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
23/24th	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time World Mission Sunday
30/31st	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

NOVEMBER

1st Nov Mon	ALL SAINTS Mass Via Video Link - 10am (see page 4)
2nd Tue	ALL SOULS Melbourne Cup Day - (public Holiday)
6/7th	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday & Thursday 9.30 am

NO 9.30 am Mass During Lockdown

Readings for Next Week - 17th Oct

Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:34-45

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;
Eleanor Thompson, Patricia Fenton, Joan Bourke, Patricia Koblar, Sue Hoogenboom, Brenda Corrigan.

✠ Remembrance Diary ✠

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

9/10 to 15/10

Alice Malone, Frank Mateuszczuk, Alice Trayers, Vonie Beary, Joseph Martin, Margaret Galway, Brenda Hamilton, Elise Cottin, Jack Smith, Julia Gawronska, Adela Rehtman, Joe Villarin, Helen Saint, Glen Chapman, Vina Trudgen, Yin On Ho, Ilze Plaues, Joan Clancy, Albert Barr, Krystal Malvaso, Edna Petterson, Paul Krupjak, Anthony Plesko, Marjorie Daffey, Charlie Briffa, Bede Trappel, Ella Morley, Gregory Stapleton, Marjorie Witcombe, Brian Collins, Adrian Vandermeer.

ROSTERS

Counters Month of October 2021

TBA

Flowers October 2021

TBA

Church Cleaners Month of October

TBA

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

Ministers of Eucharist Coordinators for October

No Coordinators required during Covid

Readers and Commentators

6.00 pm

9.00 am **T.B.A.**

11.00am

Musicians

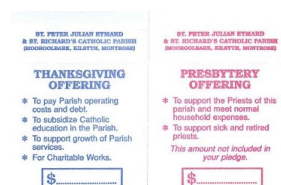
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9.00am **T.B.A.**

11.00am

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

During this time of our lockdown, you may wish to drop off your Thanksgiving Envelopes to the Parish Office.



(left side of the front door).

Fr Joseph acknowledges and thanks you for your continued financial support.

Fr Joseph's Homily **28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B, 2021**

Where do pearls come from? They come from oysters. In some oysters a grain of sand gets inside the oyster. This grain of sand causes great irritation to the oyster. The oyster then releases fluid which surrounds the grain of sand so that the grain of sand is covered and it no longer irritates the oyster.

This round object, with the grain of sand inside it, becomes a valuable pearl. Sand does not get inside every oyster. That is why not every oyster has a pearl.

During his life, St Paul turned experiences of his, both good and bad, into pearls. In St. Paul's letter to the Philippians (4:12-20), St. Paul says to us, "*I am experienced at being brought low, yet I also know what it is to have abundance.*"

"I have learned to cope with every circumstance" (St Paul is telling us that he can turn every experience of his into a pearl.)

"I have learned how to eat well, or to go hungry. I have learned how to be provided for or to do without." St. Paul is saying that he is able to take advantage of both the good and the bad that come to him in life. He has learned to turn everything into a pearl.

Someone insults St. Paul? He forgives him and he turns the insult into a pearl.

Someone congratulates St. Paul? He thanks God for the good he has been able to do and he turns the congratulations into a pearl of praise to God.

St. Paul becomes sick? He puts all his trust in God and he turns his sickness into a pearl of trust in God. By God's grace, we too can turn everything that happens to us, both the good and the bad, into pearls.



Daily Mass

<https://melbournecatholic.org/connect/mass-online>

We invite you to join us for daily Mass live streamed from [St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne](#). Masses are livestreamed daily on our [Archdiocesan YouTube channel](#)

On Sundays,
the 11am Mass is also available to view on free-to-air TV via C31 (C44 on digital TV).



VINNIES TOMATO PLANTS

*Again, this year, we are offering tomato seedlings for sale.
All proceeds will be used to assist people within our parish boundary.*

Varieties available: (all at \$3.00 each)

Grosse Lisse

Black Russian

Beef Steak

San Marzano Roma

Bucci

Ox Heart

Tiny Tim

Sweet Bite

Orders will be accepted online.

*Please tell your friends who do not receive the Parish Newsletter how to purchase.
Please place orders early as some varieties were sold out last year.*

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*Home delivery will commence Monday 11th October
We will telephone you to arrange payment and delivery instructions up to 48 hours
beforehand.*

ALL SOULS MASS

Lilydale Cemetery

Celebrant: Fr Joseph

Via Video Link

Monday 1st November 2021 - 10am

Link and Password to follow in next week's newsletter.



**The Greater Metropolitan
Cemeteries Trust**

Lasting memories, peaceful places.

HEART OF LIFE

'Keeping a Journal - A Key Part of Discernment' via Zoom, Tuesday 12 October 2021, 9.15am-11am.

Keeping a journal is deeply transformational. This session provides the opportunity to allow the subtle movement of our hearts and souls to overflow onto the pages of our journal, whose sections accord with the natural contours of human experience. It is just like coming home. 'At the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time' (T S Eliot, 'Little Gidding'). The morning is led by Paul Beirne, lecturer in Discernment, spiritual director, and director of Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost \$30. Book and pay via website www.heartoflife.melbourne, email info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel 9890 1101.

'Mindfulness & Meditation' via Zoom, Saturday 23 October 2021, 10am-2pm.

When we are present to the 'now', centredness and relaxation become a natural part of life, and we know how to act from a heart of love. This is a day of reflection in the practice of Mindfulness & Meditation, and we invite you to come prepared to be still and journey within. This event is led by Paola Cheng, a qualified meditation teacher, spiritual director and social worker, who brings an inclusive and gentle approach to her sessions. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost \$40. Book and pay via website www.heartoflife.melbourne, email info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel 9890 1101.



A weekly series bringing 'light' to this time of lockdown...

Well and truly done with sourdough starters? Not interested in another DIY project? To help fill the void during lockdown, each week we'll suggest some inspiring content to bring 'light' to this difficult time. Pop on the kettle and check out the recommendations below.

PODCASTS FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING

Quality podcasts navigating marriage and family life

The Irreplaceable Role of Parents

The role of parents cannot be underestimated. And while parents have a natural role—to protect and provide—we can sometimes forget the irreplaceable role parents have in the spiritual and emotional lives of their children. Find out more here www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving6a

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BIBLE

Resources to help you explore the Bible

Understanding Mary in the Bible

Getting started: Why do Catholics call Mary their mother? Isn't that taking away some of the respect due to Jesus and giving it to Mary? On the contrary, in this video, Fr Mike Schmitz discusses how a relationship with Mary can strengthen our faith life. Watch at www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted6

Going deeper: How are Mary and the Ark of the Covenant from Exodus connected? What relevance does that have today? In this video, Dr Brant Pitre explores Mary's role as the new Ark of the Covenant—the dwelling place of the Lord on earth. View here www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper6

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