



# 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

**28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A**  
**11th October 2020 Issue No 38**

## The Wedding Banquet

The parable of the Wedding Banquet that makes up the Gospel, Matthew 22:1-14, is the Matthean version of a parable that appears in rather different forms in the early tradition (cf. Luke 14:15-24). Matthew has made the parable a kind of allegory of salvation history.

Brendan Byrne SJ explains that the parable in the following way:

The fullness of salvation, the bridegroom the Son of God (Jesus). The servants sent one after the other to issue invitations represent, first, the prophets sent to Israel in the Old Testament era, then Christian missionaries. These go out first to Israel once more. When again Israel fails to respond, they are told to invite those 'on the crossroads' – the Gentiles. The final scene where the king notices a guest not wearing a wedding garment and orders him to be cast out, brings the allegory to a close. It evokes the last judgment, when the mixture of good and bad in the Christian community will be sorted out.

In light of the inclusive kingdom metaphor in this parable, the final portion may be a bit troubling to readers. When a guest is not wearing a wedding garment he is cast out of the banquet. We might say that being invited at the last minute the guest was unable to find suitable clothing. It is a sign that although he has been an unlikely inclusion in the banquet, he has not made any effort to respond to the generosity of the king and take up one of the cloaks that would have been provided and thus give due honour to his host. This is symbolic of those who refuse to change their ways and do not live as followers of Jesus even when they have been included in the kingdom.

**Rudy Vail - Deputy Principal/Religious Education leader**  
**St. Richards Primary School**

## PARISH UPDATE

### Stage 4 Restrictions

The church is closed until it is safe to re open.

No weekday or weekend Masses until further notice.

Only Funerals are allowed in the church with a maximum of 10 people.

Please take care & stay safe everyone .

### PARISH NEWSLETTER

If you know of someone who is not receiving a newsletter please email the parish office and we will include them on our weekly email list.

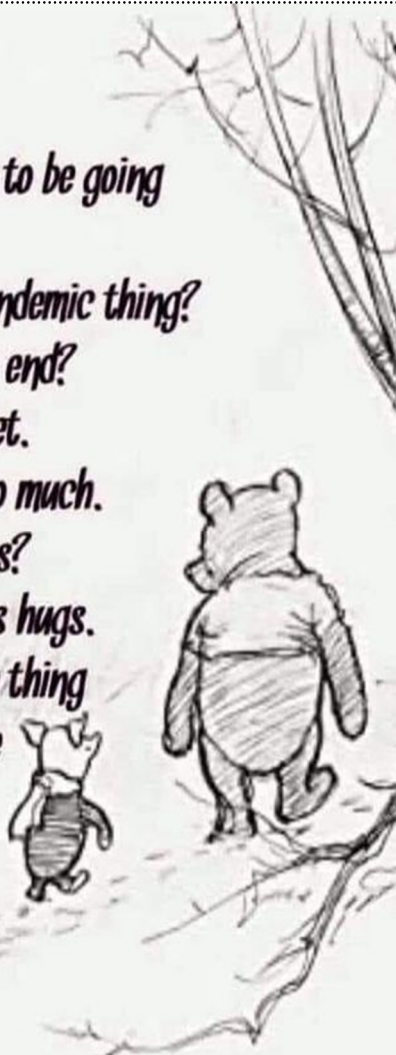
Do you know of a parishioner who lives close by and has no internet access?

Fr Joseph has asked if you could please print & drop off the weekly parish newsletter into their letterbox when you are out walking.

It would be most appreciated.

*Thankyou.*

Hey Pooh?  
Yes Piglet?  
This thing seems to be going on forever.  
You mean the pandemic thing?  
Yeah, will it ever end?  
Oh I hope so Piglet.  
I do too, I miss so much.  
What do you miss?  
Hugs Pooh, I miss hugs.  
Yeah, its the one thing the humans were good at  
I know Piglet,  
I know



### Readings for Next Week – 18th October 2020

Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thess 1:1-5; Mt 22:15-21



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.*

### ✠ Remembrance Diary ✠

We remember those who have died especially  
**Fr Charles McBride Assistant Priest at Mooroolbark Parish 1980** and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time  
**10/10 to**

**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 Agnes Petterson, Paul  
Krupjak, Anthony Plesko, Majorie Daffey,  
Charlie Briffa, Bede Trappel, Ella Morley,  
Gregory Stapleton, Marjorie Witcombe, Brian  
Collins, Adrian Vandermeer, Anthony Kelly,  
Anna Driessen.**

### THANKSGIVING PROGRAM

#### Parish still needs your help !

During this difficult time, parishioners are encouraged to continue to support the Parish financially. This support is essential to the ongoing weekly expenditure of our Parish. Thanksgiving envelopes can be dropped off at the Parish Office. **(left side of front door).**

**Please note there is no need to submit multiple envelopes; where possible, one envelope with multiple weekly donations is acceptable.**

**Please indicate the amount of money, contained in each side of all envelopes, on the front**

Alternatively, you may wish to contribute via EFT or Credit Card. Please phone or email the parish office for details.

**Fr Joseph and parish staff wish to pass on their heartfelt thanks to all parishioners who are continuing to support the church financially during this very difficult time of pandemic and now stage 4 lockdown.**

## 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)



This year's World Mental Health Day campaign is encouraging everyone to make a promise to **"Look after your mental health, Australia."**

It is a simple call to action for the one in five Australians affected by mental illness annually, and for the many more impacted by the current COVID-19 pandemic, and the increased uncertainty and anxiety that has ensued over the last six months.

Head over to the campaign website to hear some tips and advice from organisations and Australians, and find resources to help mark World Mental Health Day in your workplace or community.

[lookafteryourmentalhealthaustralia.org.au](http://lookafteryourmentalhealthaustralia.org.au)

**Lifeline 13 11 14 - 24 hours a day, 7 days a week**

## TOMATO PLANTS FOR SALE



**The Mooroolbark Conference of St. Vincent de Paul have Tomato Plants for sale once again.**

Proceeds will be invaluable this year in helping us to assist those who have been affected financially by the Pandemic. Because of the Covid restrictions the selling will be done differently than previous years.

Orders will be taken over the phone, the plants will be packed and then delivery will be made.

Orders will be accepted from the 20th September for a limited time, and can be made by ringing : -

**Bernie Bohan - 0408 508 153**

**Richard Knight 0466 977 640**

**Jan Phippard - 0417 335 763**

You are welcome to share these numbers with people who don't receive the newsletter and who might like to buy plants.

**The plants will be \$2.50 each and there are 8 varieties.**

**Grosse Lisse; Beefsteak; Bucci; Tiny Tom; Sweet Bite; Black Russian; San Marzano Roma; Ox Heart.**

**The plants are selling fast and we recommend that you put your order in as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.**

*Thank you for your ongoing support of St Vincent de Paul.*

**Jan Phippard - President St Vincent de Paul Mooroolbark**

## COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE RESULTS 2020 3 x ALL NEW SUZUKI BALENO HAVE BEEN WON!!!

Prize No	Prizes	Ticket No	Parish
1	Suzuki Beleno	032770	Good Shepherd, Mulgrave
2	Suzuki Beleno	095457	St Patrick's, Lilydale
3	Suzuki Beleno	049753	Our Lady of the Pines, Donvale
4	\$1000 Coles/Myer Gift Card	083496	Our Holy Redeemer, Surrey Hills
5	\$1000 Coles/Myer Gift Card	011368	Clairvaux Primary School, Belmont
6	\$500 Coles Myer Gift Card	024215	Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Dromana
7	\$500 Coles Myer Gift Card	069241	St Damian's, Bundoora
8	\$500 Coles Myer Gift Card	077953	Resurrection Parish, Keysborough
9	\$500 Coles Myer Gift Card	109047	St Simon's, Rowville
10	\$500 Coles Myer Gift Card	077525	Resurrection Parish, Keysborough
11	\$500 Coles Myer gift Card	092015	St Michael's, Ashburton
12	\$500 Coles Myer Gift Card	056036	St Scholastica, Bennettswood
13	\$500 Coles Myer Gift Card	015841	St Agatha's, Cranbourne
14	\$500 Coles Myer Gift Card	069696	St Damian's, Bundoora



## A Gentle Reminder From Pope Francis

This life will go by fast.

Don't fight with people, don't criticize your body so much, don't complain so much.

Don't lose sleep over your bills.

Look for the person that makes you happy.

If you make a mistake, let it go and keep seeking your happiness.

Never stop being a good parent. Don't worry so much about buying luxuries and comforts for your home, and don't kill yourself trying to leave an inheritance for your family. Those benefits should be earned by each person, so don't dedicate yourself to accumulating money.

Enjoy, travel, enjoy your journeys, see new places, give yourself the pleasures you deserve.

Allow dogs to get closer.

Don't put away the fine glassware.

Utilise the new dinnerware; don't save your favourite perfume, use it to go out with yourself; wear out your favourite sport shoes; repeat your favourite clothes.

So what? That's not bad. Why not now?

Why not pray now instead of waiting until before you sleep?

Why not call now?

Why not forgive now?

Why wait so long for Christmas; for Friday; for Reunions; for another year; for when I have money; for love to come; when everything is perfect...look...

Everything perfect doesn't exist.

Human beings can't accomplish this because it simply was not intended to be completed here.

Here is an opportunity to learn.

So take this challenge that is life and do it now...love more, forgive more, embrace more, love more intensely and leave the rest in God's hands.

Amen.



**To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the canonisation of Saint Mary MacKillop**

We invite you to order your free copy of ***Encountering St Mary MacKillop in Prayer***

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have created a commemorative prayer booklet to inspire us all to **"take fresh courage..."** as Mary did so often. These prayers share details of her personal journey, highlighting Mary's values and spirit, and offering prayers and blessings for our modern world.

To order your exclusive copy please go to:  
[www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/prayer-book](http://www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/prayer-book)  
or call us on Ph: 02 8912 2777

MARY MACKILLOP  
*today*

## **FR JOSEPH HOMILY**

**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, 2018**

**Once upon a time there was a man who was terribly disturbed by his neighbours who were gypsy-like, whirling dervishes. They were forever singing and dancing wildly. He had another neighbour who did not seem to be bothered by the whirling dervishes at all.**

**When he asked this neighbour how he could remain so calm, the neighbour simply replied, “Oh, I just let them whirl.” The neighbour did not try to adjust the environment to himself.**

**Rather, he adjusted himself to the environment which could not be changed.**

**There was another man who was terribly bothered every night by dreams of a twelve-foot dragon with three heads. He went to a psychiatrist, seeking help. The psychiatrist said that he could help the man but warned him that it might take a year and it might cost him three thousand dollars.**

**“Three thousand dollars?” the man gasped, “Thanks, but I will just go home and make friends with the dragon.” Here was another man who realized that he had to make friends with a reality which he could not change.**

**In today’s Second Reading (Philippians 4:12-20), St Paul says to us, “I have learned how to cope with every circumstance.”**

**St Paul is not suggesting to us a kind of stoic acceptance. He is telling us that he sees God’s providence in every situation in which he has placed us and St Paul sees God’s invitation for us to grow in Christ through every experience given to us. In other words, we need to make friends with reality.**

**Since the beginning of the Second Lockdown, I have been watching some programs and the hosts of these online video programs are some of the Chinese political dissidents who were jailed for many years because of their advocacy for freedom and their fight against the injustice and oppression by the Communist Party of China. Their brave and heroic acts have been so inspirational. At times, it has made me so sad for their tremendous suffering for the sake of justice and fairness for the oppressed people in China. Many of these dissidents have left or escaped from China and are now living in the USA and have become Christians or Catholics. We as Catholics can learn so much from them for their courage and dedication to justice and peace and how they risked their own life even in the face of imprisonment in their fight against oppression and injustice. They are my heroes and our heroes and they teach us how lucky we are to be living in a free country. Let us remember people like these Chinese political dissidents in our prayers and all those political dissidents who are still in jail in China and in various parts of the world.**

