



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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
12th November 2023 Issue No 41

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's Gospel passage is situated in the context of Jesus' discourse on the escatos (on the end times and the second coming of Christ). Today's passage is already preceded by the prophesy about the destruction of the temple (Mt 24:1-3) and the teaching about the end of the age (Mt 24:4-51).

This parable of the wise and the foolish bridesmaids is told to illustrate the mystery of the coming of the Kingdom.

According to W. Barkley, like so many of Jesus' parables, the parable of the unwise bridesmaids has both an immediate and local meaning as well as a wider and universal meaning:

IMMEDIATE SIGNIFICANCE

It was directed against the Jews. they were the chosen people; their whole history should have been a preparation for the coming of the Son of God; they ought to have been prepared for him when he came. Instead they were quite unprepared and therefore were shut out. Here in dramatic form is the tragedy of the unpreparedness of the Jews.

TWO UNIVERSAL WARNINGS.

It warns us that there are certain things which cannot be obtained at the last minute.

It is easy to leave things so late that we can no longer prepare ourselves to meet with God.

To be too late is always tragedy.

It warns us that there are certain things which cannot be borrowed. The foolish virgins found it impossible to borrow oil, when they discovered they needed it. A man cannot borrow a relationship with God; he must possess it for himself. A man cannot borrow a character; he must be clothed with it. We cannot always be living on the spiritual capital which others have amassed. There are certain things we must win or acquire for ourselves, for we cannot borrow them from others.

Source: A Catholic Moment

PARISH CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

11/12th 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Baptism—11am
 Private Baptism—12.30pm
16-18th Proclaim 2023 - see page 3 & 4

18/19th 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monthly Church Collection
 18th Sat Private Baptism—11am
 Baptism—6pm
 19th Sun Confirmations - 9.00am
 Baptism—11am

25/26th Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Youth Sunday
 25th Sat Baptism - 6pm,
 26th Sun Baptism - 11am
 Private Baptism - 12.30pm

DECEMBER

2/3rd 1st Sunday of Advent [Year B]

Weekday Mass Times

No Tuesday Mass this week

Wednesday 9.30am

This Week's Readings - 11/12th November

Wis 6:12-16; Ps 62:2-8;
 1 Thess 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill,
 especially

**Max Pisotek, Ignatius Suan Lian Thang,
 Cora Fitzsimons, Reji, Annette,
 Sr Moira Sheedy, Prem D'Cruz.**

† Remembrance Diary †

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

11/11 to 17/11

Adele Steadman, Anthony McCarrey,
 Marjory Sheedy, Nora Walls, Harry Twining,
 Theodore Bien, Angelo Rudan,
 Emilia La Morticella,
 Francis Michael O'Brien, Zac Sansari,
 Angelo Rudan, Doris Gates, Eugene Bevilaqua,
 Peter Wyss, Aileen Sullivan, John Dobson,
 Maureen Stephens, Aileen Sullivan,
 Cornelia Van Rooden, Ellen Jackman,
 Margaret Heesterman, Peter- Martin Versteegen,
 Ruth Carmody & Victor Dobin.

ROSTERS

Counters - Month of November

Joan & Maurie Prendergast

Flowers - Month of November

Margaret Kim

Church Cleaners - Month of November

Kevin Dwyer & Ged Wright
 (Please collect church key from parish office
 Monday - Friday, 9am - 4pm)

Readers & Commentators - 11/12th November

6.00pm Pat Harman & Iris Gale
 9.00am Muzzena D'Almeida & Volunteer
 11.00am Jun Romero & Volunteer

Readers & Commentators - 18/19th November

6.00pm Dympna Beard & Angela Stainwall
 9.00am Karen Broughton & Lilette De La Harpe
 11.00am Auna Wernert & Volunteer

Musicians - 11/12th November

6.00pm No Music
 9.00am Filipino Group
 11.00am Shelly & Co

Musicians - 18/19th November

6.00pm Paul & Co
 9.00am No Music
 11.00am CD's / Shelly & Co



BAPTISM

We welcome to our Parish through Baptism

**Sadie & Lynie Kennedy,
 Tanner, Sonny, Blair & Sadie Doria**

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

Parish Child Safeguarding Team

If you have any child safety concerns please contact the following team members

Brian Twining

brian.twining@cam.org.au

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Or request a call back on the Parish Office
phone 9723 4275

Proclaim 2023

From 16 to 18 November, the inaugural Archdiocesan gathering Proclaim 2023 will offer participants three days of prayer, praise, formation and inspiring keynote speakers. An initiative of Proclaim: The Office for Mission Renewal, the conference seeks to engage and equip Catholics to bring the joy of the Gospel to their own local communities.

In his encyclical *Evangelii gaudium*, Pope Francis asked, 'For if we have received the love which restores meaning to our lives, how can we fail to share that love with others?' (§8). Inspired by the

Pope's vision of missionary discipleship and the *Take the Way of the Gospel* vision outlined by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, the Proclaim 2023 gathering will be a unique opportunity to enjoy fellowship with other leaders from across the Archdiocese and to inspire each other to renew the Church's mission in our own day.

Keynote speakers for the three-day event include Archbishop Comensoli; Karen Doyle, founder of the Genius Project and co-founder, with her husband, of Choicez Media; Ron Huntley, author of *Unlocking Your Parish*; Steve Lawrence; and Kym Keady, Director of Ignite Youth.

The gathering will begin on Thursday 16 November, with a time of adoration and worship led by Fr Rob Galea, before Archbishop Comensoli gives the opening address, reflecting on what it means to encounter Christ and live the way of the Gospel in Melbourne today.

Sessions on Friday 17 and Saturday 18 November will include keynote addresses and a number of workshops designed to engage Catholics and equip them with the vision and practical tools to be missionary disciples in their communities.

Source: Melbourne Catholic Magazine

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

During the month of November we remember all those who have passed away. Many of these names are recorded in our Book of Remembrance.

If you would like to add a **NEW** name recorded and have not submitted the name in previous years, place the name of your loved one including first name and surname on the sheet provided. Any new names will be included in the book next year.

The Remembrance book is available in the church foyer



LADIES LUNCH GROUP

**Our next Ladies Lunch will be on
Tuesday 14th November
(because of Melbourne Cup)
At the Lilydale International Hotel
We will meet at 12 pm for 12.30pm lunch**



CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

**Tuesday 5th December
The Christmas Luncheon this year will be at the
Dorset Hotel in the Lantern Room
Enquiries: Nancy Gough 0411 137 251
Philomena Turner 0417 208 077**



Proclaim 2023

Over three days (16-18 November) join together with parishes from across the Archdiocese of Melbourne to be inspired, engaged and equipped to go out and proclaim the joy of the Gospel into your local community.

Hear from inspiring local and international people including Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, Fr Rob Galea, Kym Keady, Karen Doyle, Ron Huntley and more.

Encounter Jesus through prayer, music and fellowship and participate in workshops to equip ourselves for mission!

Register: <https://proclaim.melbournecatholic.org>

Use the discount code: parishmember to access the special registration price for parishioners.

Enquiries: (03) 9926 5761 or proclaim@cam.org.au

