



# 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

**24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A**  
**13th September 2020 Issue No 34**

### REFLECTION

Gilbert and Sullivan were a famous musical team in early Twentieth Century England. Among the famous operettas that they composed were The Mikado. The H.M.S. Pinafore. And The Pirates of Penzance. They jointly owned a theatre for their performances and, one day Sir Arthur Sullivan purchased a carpet for their theatre without consulting Sir William Gilbert. This resulted in an argument which ended in both men never talking to each other again.

After this, Sullivan wrote the music and he mailed it to Gilbert. Gilbert would write the words to the music and mail them back to Sullivan. When their much acclaimed shows opened, they would receive the applause of the audience on opposite sides of the stage. What a pitiful sight: two great men who were not great enough to forgive. In today's gospel (Matt 18:21-35), Peter asked Jesus, "How often must I forgive him? Seven times?" "No," Jesus replied, "not seven times but seventy times seven times."

**Fr Joseph**



## 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.

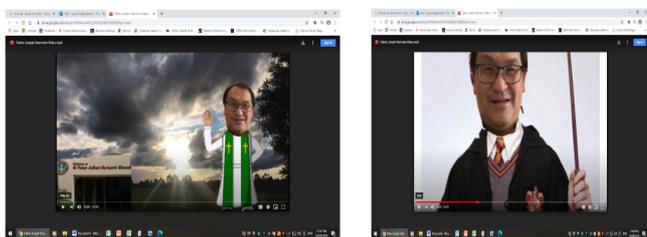
It would be most appreciated.  
*Thankyou.*

### Father Joseph's Prep Interview SPJE School

[Father Joseph Interview From Prep Letters](#)

This will be sent with the newsletter email as the link cannot be included in the newsletter.

Interesting and fun questions. A chance to find out more about Fr. Joseph



### Readings for Next Week – 20th Sept 2020

Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20-24, 27; Mt 20:1-16



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 and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time

12/9 to 18/9

**Nancy Hamilton, Simon Watson, Gerald Farrell, Joan Farrell, Mary Corrigan, Celestina Savastio, John Nyhuis, Bernard McLindon, John Veips, Joseph Ekanayake, Monica Lawon, Bruce Campbell, Ken Wells, Benjamin Kleinman, Richard Thompson, Ida Fuller, Paul Mallard, Josephine Barrett, Maria Naudi, Violet Horner, Patricia Carroll, Anne O'Brien, Judith McKellar, Agatino Giuffrida, Nella Vincent, Elizabeth Calcagno, Mervyn Goltz, Peter Campbell.**

### 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.**

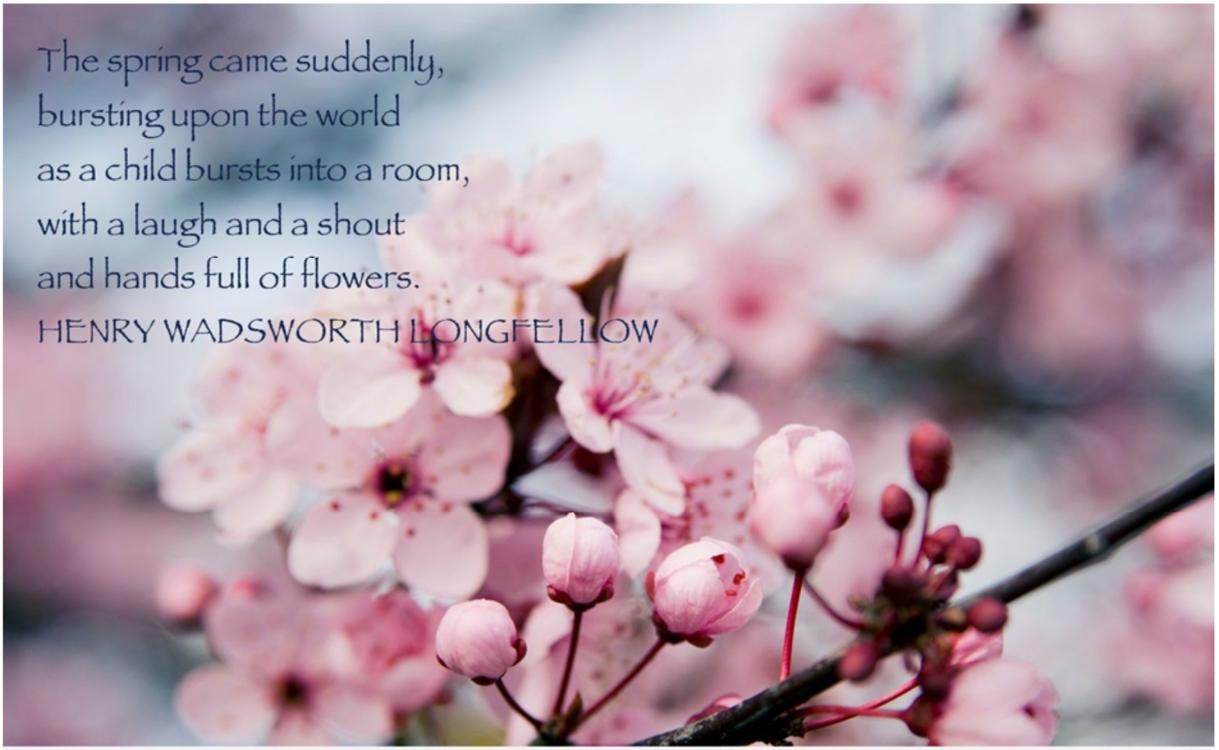
**Please indicate the amount of money, contained in each side of all envelopes, on the front**

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.**

The spring came suddenly,  
bursting upon the world  
as a child bursts into a room,  
with a laugh and a shout  
and hands full of flowers.

HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW

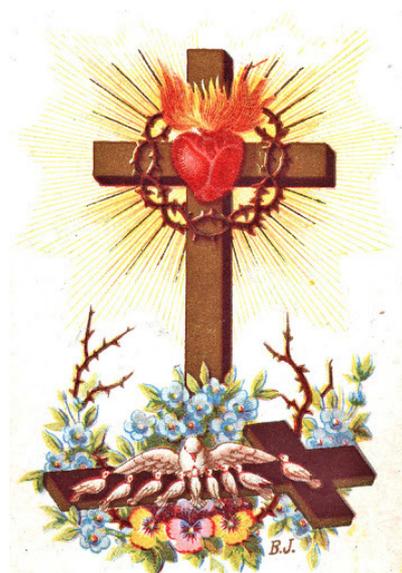


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## EXHALTATION OF THE CROSS

On September 14th Church celebrates the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. This feast was celebrated originally solely to honour the anniversary of the discovery of the Holy Cross by St. Helena and the dedication of the basilicas consecrated at Jerusalem on September 14, 335, on the very site of the Holy Sepulchre and of Calvary.

Later on, the commemoration of the recovery of the Holy Cross from the Persians split this into two feasts: May 3 was the Finding of the Cross, remembered St. Helena's work, and September 14 was the recovery of the cross from the Persians in 629. The Roman calendar has since been reformed to combine both commemorations on September 14.



**Australia's new ambassador to Holy See meets Pope**  
**Wednesday 9 September 2020**  
Courtney Mares, CNA

Chiara Porro, 36, presented her credentials to Pope Francis on August 27 and is now the only resident ambassador from the Pacific region in the Vatican diplomatic corps.

'I hope to be able to inspire and act as a bit of a bridge,' Ms Porro said.

'I spoke with Pope Francis about young people as well and the future of the Church ... And he said, "Yes, but, Chiara, remember that the elderly have a lot to contribute still,"' she said.

Born in Italy, Ms Porro said that she was able to have a lengthy conversation in Italian with Pope Francis.

'I asked him how do you engage with youth, particularly when there is this crisis of confidence,' she said.

'It has been a difficult period of the Catholic Church in Australia in the past few years. We had a royal commission into child sex abuse. There was Cardinal Pell's case. I feel like we are coming to a time now where we can reflect back and look at the experience, look at what we went through,' she said.

'There were a lot of lessons learned, both positive and negative, from the whole experience which I hope we can find a mechanism to share some of those lessons.'

She said that Pope Francis told her that one of the most important things is to listen.

During her meeting with the pope, Porro presented him with a relic of St. Mary MacKillop, Australia's first saint. The Australian Embassy to the Holy See is preparing to celebrate the 10th anniversary of MacKillop's canonization in October.

Now known as St Mary of the Cross, MacKillop founded the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart. She focused particularly on the education of poor children.

'Her work was very much centered around giving educational opportunities to the very poor, and also she suffered a lot in her journey,' Porro said.

'And she really represents the spirit of Australia: perseverance, welcoming, open, you know? Looking after those who most need it.'

A career diplomat, Porro has previously served in diplomatic posts in India, West Africa, and on the Pacific island of New Caledonia.

She said that she was keen to collaborate with the Holy See in advocating for the reform of multilateral institutions.

'There is a real need and a realization that our global institutions are not functioning effectively ... It was set up so many years ago. It needs change. The Holy See is very active multilaterally at the UN and other organizations, and I think that we can work together to get some of the reforms to improve effectiveness, improve representation,' she said.

Porro has also been collaborating with the bishops in the Pacific islands, where she says the Church plays an important and often unrecognized role in education, healthcare, and disaster response.

In many ways, this diplomatic post has been a homecoming for Porro, who was born in Milan, but left with her family when she was three. She said that she recently had the chance to visit Assisi, the home of her namesake St Clare, with her husband and two sons.



**FR JOSEPH HOMILY**  
**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Year A, 2020**

One day while Leonardo da Vinci was working on his famous painting of “The Last Supper,” he had a fierce argument with a man that almost came to blows. When the man left and da Vinci returned to his painting of the face of Jesus, he couldn’t make a stroke of the paintbrush. He was consumed with anger. Immediately, he put down his brush, looked for the man, and asked for forgiveness.

After his peace was restored, he calmly picked up his brush again. Leonardo da Vinci had experienced how “anger can be like an acid which does more damage to the container in which it is stored than to the object on which it is poured.” Perhaps the words of St Paul had come back to the mind of da Vinci: “The sun must not go down on your anger: do not give the devil a chance to work on you” (Ephesians 4:26-27).

Isaac of Syria advised us, saying, “Someone who is angry while praying (painting, in the case of da Vinci) is like a person who sows seeds in the sea, and expects a harvest.”

St Francis of Paola, Founder of the Order of Minims, put it well when he said, “The recollection of an injury is a rusty arrow and poison for the soul. It is like a worm in the mind. It tears to pieces our petitions to God. It remains driven into the soul like a nail. It is wickedness and never sleeps. It is a daily death”. The Hebrew word most frequently used to express forgiveness is shalack. Literally, it means, “to have a weight lifted, to have our chains drop to the ground.”

In today’s gospel (Matt 18:21-35), Peter asked Jesus, “How often must I forgive him? Seven times?” “No,” Jesus replied, “not seven times but seventy times seven times.” And no excuses.

