



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

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World Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday recognizes our relationships with each other as a Global Catholic family. A global Catholic family, consisting of cultural and national diversity. To stand in St Peter's Square in Rome and see the members of the world community gather for a blessing from Pope Francis, is indeed inspiring.

As the early Christian community is described in Acts 4:32,34. 'The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul ... None of their members was ever in want, as they held their possessions in common and distributed what they had according to need.' World Mission Sunday gives us the opportunity to share our physical and financial possessions with other members of the global Catholic family in need.

On a spiritual level, World Mission Sunday, invites us to consider what this day means for our parish community.

Our parish community, a microcosm of the global Catholic family, consists of members from many different cultures and nations. We each have a life story that speaks of the history of the Catholic faith and how it was received into our former nations, cultures and families.

Sharing these stories of how we have lived our Catholic faith, would be a powerful experience where we would get to know each other more and build deeper ties of relationship.

Perhaps, when we get back together again after the Covid lockdowns, we can make our variety of life experiences of our faith, a point of developing community further.

Michele McCourt - Parishioner

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.

ALL SOULS MASS

Fr Joseph will Live Stream
All Souls Mass
Monday 2nd November
at 11am
More details to follow



THE SENILITY PRAYER :

Grant me the senility to forget the people
I never liked anyway,
the good fortune to run into the ones
I do, and
the eyesight to tell the difference

Readings for Next Week – 25th October 2020

Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thess 1:5-10; Mt 22:34-40



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 and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time

17/10 to 23/10

Emil Lutterberg, Kenneth Adams, Marion Doggett, Peter Basile, Colin Bell, Nancy Heaney, Giuseppe Cincotta, Francis Westaway, Francesco De Leo, Francesco D'Eramo, John Simmonds, Katrina Heykoop, John Payne, Marie Kathleen Cooney, Lorna Gordon, Donald Pinder, Bernie Gallagher, Francis Cleary, James Cudmore, Francis Burke, Margaret Russell, Sr. Win Mahony, Leila Walker, Marjorie Morton.

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)

An elderly woman decided to prepare her will and told her preacher she had two final requests.

First, she wanted to be cremated, and second, she wanted her ashes scattered over Wal-Mart.

"Wal-Mart?" the preacher exclaimed.

"Why Wal-Mart?"

"Then I'll be sure my daughters visit me twice a week"



TOMATO PLANTS FOR SALE



..... **SOLD OUT**

Thank you to all who purchased tomato plants and your for your ongoing support of St Vincent de Paul.

Jan Phippard

President St Vincent de Paul Mooroolbark

Did you Know ?

On this day - 18th October 1962 **James Watson** (US), **Francis Crick** (UK) and Maurice Wilkins (UK) won the Nobel Prize for Medicine for their work in determining the Structure of DNA.



FEASTDAY OF ST. LUKE – 18th October

Luke the Evangelist (Latin: *Lūcās*, Ancient

Greek: Λουκᾶς, *Loukās*, Hebrew: לֹּוּקָאס, *Lūqās*, Aramaic: / ܠܘܩܐܣܐ, *Lūqā'*)

is one of the **Four Evangelists**—the four traditionally ascribed authors of the **canonical gospels**. The **Early Church Fathers** ascribed to him authorship of both the **Gospel of Luke** and the **Acts of the Apostles**, which would mean Luke contributed over a quarter of the text of the **New Testament**, more than any other author. Prominent figures in early Christianity such as **Jerome** and **Eusebius** later reaffirmed his authorship, although a lack of conclusive evidence as to the identity of the author of the works has led to **discussion** in scholarly circles, both secular and religious.

The **New Testament** mentions Luke briefly a few times, and the **Pauline Epistle to the Colossians** (Col 4:14) refers to him as a physician (from Greek for 'one who heals'); thus he is thought to have been both a physician and a disciple of **Paul**. Since the early years of the faith, Christians have regarded him as a **saint**. He is believed to have been a **martyr**, reportedly having been hanged from an olive tree, though some believe otherwise.^[2]

St. Luke is quite special. Not only was he the only Gentile to write books of the Bible, but he was a close companion of St. Paul. If St. Paul succeeded in evangelising the western Roman empire, Luke may have had more to do with it than we know. It is likely that God used his medical skills to keep St. Paul alive some of those times when he was beaten, stoned, or half-drowned.

Luke pulled back the curtain on the young Jesus more than any other gospel writer. Without him we would not know anything about the boy Jesus's thinking. It is a pretty safe bet that Luke interviewed the Blessed Virgin Mary and got most of the details from her. Perhaps he even heard the Magnificat, recorded in his gospel alone, from her very own lips.

The **Roman Catholic Church** and other major denominations venerate him as **Saint Luke the Evangelist** and as a **patron saint** of artists, physicians, **bachelors**, surgeons, students and butchers; his **feast day** is 18 October.^[3]



FR JOSEPH HOMILY

29th Sunday of Year A, 2020

A young man had been studying the violin under a well-known violinist. The time came when his mentor thought that he was ready for a public recital. After the first number of the recital, the audience gave the young man a nice applause. But the young man was not greatly impressed. After the second number, the applause had increased. Still, the young man wasn't greatly impressed.

Then he looked up at his mentor, in the balcony, who was enthusiastically applauding and giving him special signs of approval. The young man was overwhelmingly impressed.

We all need the approval of someone very special to us. Without this approval we will not be able to do our very best. With this approval we will be able to do well, even if the approval of others is less than enthusiastic. Even if we receive the opposite of approval we will be able to continue doing well.

In today's gospel (Matthew 22:15-21), we see one instance, among many other instances, when Jesus was attacked by the Pharisees. Did these many attacks stop Jesus from the mission of his Father? No, because he was absolutely certain that he had the love and approval of his Father.

Even we, with our many weaknesses and limitations, should be assured that God loves us more than any mother or father could love a child. For he has said to us, "I have loved you with an everlasting love." (Jeremiah 31:13)

Recently, I have bumped into some parishioners in Chirnside Park shopping centre. I had the opportunities to chat with them and I am so grateful and inspired by their concerns about the wellbeing of the parish and myself. They have made contacts with our parish secretary Adriana De Leo and are supporting the parish financially in this challenging time. These acts of charity and kindness once again remind me of the Chinese saying: "When you drink the water from the Well, do not forget the ones who dug the Well." As I have said to our parish leaders and staff in the past, we have got some beautiful people in our parish and these are the grace and blessing of God, because it was God who has prompted them to act in charity, kindness and generosity.



Our sister, our saint: Memories of Mary's Canonisation

Bishop Peter J.Elliott

It was a sunny Spring Sunday – 17 October 2010 – and we were celebrating the canonisation of our first Australian saint, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. I was the stand-in for Archbishop Hart, who was in Rome for the occasion. St Patrick's Cathedral was packed. People were even crouched around the bishop's chair. In pride of place were the Josephite Sisters, wearing blue scarves for the joyous occasion.

After Mass on the day of her canonisation, many of us gathered near the site of her birth to walk in procession down Brunswick Street and Gertrude Street to the Exhibition Buildings. Here the civic event was celebrated outdoors, in the presence of then Prime Minister Julia Gillard and presided over by Bishop Les Tomlinson. The message was clear: St Mary belongs to all Australians.

Her sisters in the brown habit went out to find those in need, in the bush, in the cities and towns: children in schools, women, especially unmarried mothers and prostitutes, poor families and Indigenous Australians. She said, "Never see a need without doing something about it."

Not only did she establish schools across this archdiocese, but she set up a refuge for women in the worst part of the city, Latrobe Street, and a foundling home at Surrey Hills. Behind the cathedral, in Albert Street, she opened the convent that is now the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre.



HEART OF LIFE—MEDITATION AND MINDFULNESS

Meditation & Mindfulness - Reflection event via Zoom', Saturday 7 Nov 2020, 10am-1pm. Facilitated by Carol Dyer (B.A. (Psych), Transpersonal & Experiential Psychotherapy Level 5 (Trainer), Cert. Spiritual Direction), this event provides the opportunity to broaden your ways of accessing your inner world and listening to what God is inviting you to at this time. There will be some input to enable participants to learn some theory of meditation and mindfulness practices as well as time away from the Zoom screen for meditation and mindfulness practise. Cost \$25. Bookings and payment via Trybooking at <https://www.trybooking.com/663916> For more information, contact holsc@bigpond.com or tel 9890 1101.