



# 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

**16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A**  
**19th July 2020 Issue No 26**

### St Matthew 13:24-43 Reflection

The wheat and weeds are growing together, much like our society today.

It is strange that the Master is allowing this and asks the servants not to pull up the weeds, but to leave them to grow together.

Even though this wasn't the Master's initial plan, he knew it would be okay, and the outcome would still work. The wheat he had sewn, regardless of the weeds, would be gathered into his barn.

The Master's initial plan for us is to one day be gathered into heaven, but first we must journey through life and the "weeds" that exist are our opposition. With a greater understanding, we can understand the "weeds" as being those necessary events in our lives, (evils, struggles, resistance) as a means of shaping and molding us to a greater maturity.

It would not be possible to grow in faith and maturity, and to experience true joy, if not for the difficulties in life.

As the parable of the mustard seed shows us, great things can be accomplished through small beginnings. Think of Mother Teresa and her humble beginning; she walked into the slums of India and began caring for those who were sick and homeless.

Today, the Missionaries of Charity is a firmly established religious congregation with over 5,000 sisters. With God's providence, mighty things can be accomplished. As Mother Teresa stated, "Don't worry about doing great things, worry instead about being faithful."

*God has a plan for each of us,  
and it is exciting to know what that plan is,  
but our part is not so much knowing what God's  
plan is, but rather our faithfulness  
to him.*



*With acknowledgement to the Diocese of Saskatoon Canada  
Marg Vallence - Parish Pastoral Council*

## PARISH UPDATE

As you are aware with the recent news of stage 3 restrictions with 6 weeks lock down. It is with much disappointment for us all that the church will be closed and all weekend Masses have been suspended until further notice. Only Funerals will be allowed in the church with a maximum of 10 people. Please take care & stay safe everyone.

### OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS



Our Lady Help of Christians has been Patron Saint of Australia since 1844. (Now joined by St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop)

In the view of Fr. Johann G. Roten, SM, the invocation of Mary as Help of Christians is part of the oldest prayer addressed directly to Mary, the *Sub tuum praesidium*, which was found on a papyrus dating, at the latest, from the end of the 3rd century.

The feast of *Our Lady, Help of Christians*, was instituted by Pope Pius VII. By order of Napoleon I of France, Pope Pius VII was arrested on 5 June 1808, and detained a prisoner first at Grenoble, and then at Fontainebleau.<sup>[4]</sup> In January 1814, after the battle of Leipzig, he was brought back to Savona and set free on 17 March, on the eve of the feast of *Our Lady of Mercy*, the Patroness of Savona. The journey to Rome was a veritable triumphal march. The pontiff, attributing the victory of the Church after so much agony and distress to the Blessed Virgin, visited many of her sanctuaries on the way.

In these troubled times we can look to Our Lady and pray for a different victory. Victory over the pandemic across the world.



### Readings for Next Week – 26th July 2020

1 Kg 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52



We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;

**Trish Fenton, Annette Andrewartha, Julia & Mabel Dana, Matthew Arrowsmith, Rose Robert, Lorraine Downie, Trish Leahy, Jean Blencowe, Nancy Greco.**

### ✠ Remembrance Diary ✠

We remember those who have died especially  
**Joan Newcomb**  
and all those whose anniversaries occur  
about this time

**18/7 to 24/7**

**Ruby Fawkner, Mary Rose Barlow-Barker, Emmanuel Bartoli, Keith Pullin, John Kennedy, Dennis Stockdale, Rosa Stevens, Maureen Harris, Nicholas Corken, Bill Robinson, Irene Malone, MaryAnn Bruce, Mary Carmel Dykes, Alan Morton, Arthur Corker, Gerard Kleverkamp, Waldemar Zangmeister, Frances Rigby, Ronald Almond, Lil Briggs, Gary Goodwin, Ampora Mangahas, Margaret Rigby, Thomas Commene, Avon Fatur, Sr. Pat Murphy.**

### 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).** If you wish to donate via electronic funds you may wish to set up direct debit from your bank to the church account (please phone or email the office for the parish bank details) If you prefer Credit Card payments this can be arranged by phone or email to the Parish Office. Please leave your name and phone number and Adriana will contact you.

**Fr Joseph acknowledges your generosity and thanks you for your continued financial support of our parish.**

## CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE LINK

### LIVE STREAM MASS

<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

11am MASS ON SUNDAY



## St Vincent de Paul Society

*A Message from Jan Phippard.*

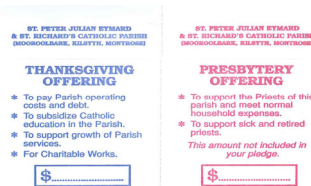
SVDP is still active and doing visits. People are advised to call the centre if they need assistance.

Contact 1800 305 330  
Mon – Fri 10 am-3 pm

## THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

The new Financial Year envelopes will be posted directly to you this week.

Please advise if you do not receive them.



If you have any inquiries please email or phone the parish office, [mooroolbark@cam.org.au](mailto:mooroolbark@cam.org.au) or phone the office on 9723 4275.

## 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.**

## THE COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2020

**3 x ALL NEW SUZUKI BALENO TO BE WON!!!**



**The Raffle Draw Date is now September.  
HOWEVER**

**All books must be returned so they can be taken to the organisers by early August.  
I am going to start contacting people who have not returned books which is a very time consuming job.**

**If you need to return your book [sold or unsold] please place them in the letter slot at the Parish House front door in an envelope marked Raffle, by the end of July or contact me - Marg Vallence, 0403 568 302  
[rafflespie@gmail.com](mailto:rafflespie@gmail.com)**



## STAY HOME

What a quote: "The virus doesn't move, people move it.  
We stop moving the virus stops moving, the virus dies.  
It's that simple."

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Congratulations and best wishes to these parishioners and all with birthdays in July.

Jack Hannan - Age. 101 - 17th July  
Reg Thaggard - Age 98 - 11th July  
Sophie Franz - 18th July  
Margaret Vallence - 15th July

Fr Joseph briefly visited Jack Hannan to bless him for his 101st birthday.



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

A little cake of yeast on the kitchen shelf can teach us much about the Kingdom of God. There is something almost magic-like in yeast. A little cake of yeast can turn dead, inert dough into wholesome, deliciously fresh bread. The secret of this magic comes from the fact that yeast is a living organism. Though yeast can work wonders, it is useless so long as it remains in its wrapper on the kitchen shelf. It must be mixed with dough if there is to be any transformation.

In today's gospel (Matt 13:24-43), Jesus tells us that we members of the Kingdom are like yeast. We have a great power within us – the Holy Spirit, but we are useless unless we mix ourselves with those who need us. We may not be able to help the whole world or even our whole neighbourhood, but if we can help one person, we must do it.

Someone once said, "We cannot do everything, but we can do something, and what we can do we should do." Jesus has said to us, "No one lights a lamp and puts it under a bushel basket" (Matt 4:15).

At our baptism, a lamp was lighted within us. It was not lighted to be kept on the shelf. It was lighted to be carried into darkness. Some people do not act because they are not sure of the outcome. The best way to know the outcome is to act. All sorts of supposed problems never appear, and all sorts of unanticipated help do appear, but this will never be known if the light is left on the shelf and not carried into the darkness of our uncertainty. We must believe, for, "The good person will live by Faith" (Hebrews 10:38).

