



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 - for May
Tues & Thurs: 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

Parish QR Code



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus says to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower."

Jesus speaks of his relationship with his disciples when he says, "I am the vine, you are branches."

Jesus draws on a familiar, everyday image to teach us a lesson about the meaning of discipleship and the power of God's word in our lives.

What does it mean to remain in God's word? If we remain close to God's word, the Holy Spirit gently trims and prunes our words and actions so we better bear the good fruit of God's love in our love for one another.

The word of God is a kind of pruning in our daily lives.

God's word challenges us when we are comfortable and encourages us when we are anxious, discouraged or restless. As we translate God's word into action by living the command to love God and love neighbour, we bear the good fruit of love, joy and peace. We become fruitful branches of Jesus, the vine, making this world a place of his truth, goodness and beauty.

It is quite symbolic that we have this Gospel Reading on the first weekend of our parish First Communion Sacramental Program.

The vine is a powerful image of the blood of Christ our children will receive for the first time. May the union of both word and action serve to them and all of us the importance of God's word.



*Greg Thomas
Principal SPJE School*

PARISH CALENDAR

MAY 2021

1/2nd	Fifth Sunday of Easter Mass Count - Week. 1 FIRST EUCHARIST Grade 4 6pm & 11am 9am Baptism
4th	Ladies Lunch - 12 noon The Ringwood Club Baptism Preparation Meeting - Church Foyer - 7.30pm
5th	English Classes - Church Foyer 7pm - 8.30pm
8/9th May	Sixth Sunday of Easter
8th Sat	WEDDING & Baptism Church - 2.30pm St Richards First Eucharist - 6pm
9th	Mothers Day Baptism - 9am & 11am
10th	English Classes - 9am-11.30am
12th	English Classes - 7pm-8.30pm
15/16th	The Ascension of the Lord Chaplaincy Sunday FIRST EUCHARIST Grade 4 6pm & 11am Mass Baptism - 9am Mass

ROSTERS

Counters Month of May 2021

Mon. Paul & Marianne Redfern

Flowers May 2021

9th May Jane Parslow (Mothers Day)

Church Cleaners Month of May

D'Almeidia Family

*(Please collect church key from parish office
Monday - Friday, 9am - 4pm)*

Ministers of Eucharist Coordinators for May

6.00 pm George Nantes

9.00 am Karen Broughton

11.00am **Volunteer Required**

Readers and Commentators - 9th May

6.00 pm Michael McLindon & George Nantes

9.00 am Lisa Read & Tim Newcomb

11.00am Jun Romero & Volunteer Required.

Musicians - 9th May

6.00pm No Music

9.00am STRUM

11.00am Paul & Angela

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday & Thursday 9.30 am

Readings for Next Week - 9th May

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48;
1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;

*Frances Hau, Rose Robert, Carmelita & Keith
Arrowsmith, Danielle Devlin, Eleanor
Thompson, Joan Bourke, Patricia Koblar,
Sue Hoogenboom, Carmelita & Keith
Arrowsmith.*

† Remembrance Diary †

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

1/5 to 7/5

Sheila McCallum, Michael Kierce, Piet
Commandeur, Anne Fitzgerald, Brian Egan, Prisca
Williams, Antoinette Azzopardi, Robert McCooley,
Bernie McCann, Bertha Cieslikowski, Dorothy
Smith, Catherine & Alfred Brandle, Anna Muller,
Rita Monks, Bernard Lazzaro, Mavis Kennedy,
Peter Pannowitch.

BAPTISM

We welcome
to our Parish through Baptism.



George Darbyshire

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

St John of God Accord

Blessing Ceremony & Turning of the Soil for Homes.

On Tuesday 27th April, Fr Joseph blessed the site where construction of new homes for St John of God Accord in Mooroolbark is starting

Two homes will be constructed to house approximately 6 disabled people.



LADIES LUNCH GROUP

Next Ladies Lunch will be on

Tuesday 4th May

at THE RINGWOOD CLUB.

Cnr Oban Rd and Maroondah Hwy Ringwood

We will meet at 12pm for 12.30pm

To book please contact
Nancy Gough 0411 137 251

OR

Philomena Turner 0417 208 077.

If unable to attend please let us know as we have to confirm numbers.



FIRST EUCHARIST

1/2nd May 2021

We welcome and congratulate the following children who will receive the sacrament of First Eucharist this weekend.

Callum Boland, Hamish Cultrera, Chloe Da Costa, Adele de Guzman, Eliza Ghosn, Samantha Hupfield, Ivy Molnar, Jensen Pollock, Zachary Wheeler, Monica Ngaihte, Jai Turnbull, Kobe Williams, Leah Gabetti, Ryan Bond, Noah Foletta, James Hohmann.



PARISH OFFICE NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM

The parish has changed to a new telephone system
The phone will ring approx. 10 times before the answering machine picks up.

The parish phone number has not changed .
It is being re-directed to the new phone system.



LET US ALL PRAY FOR INDIA

Catholic hospital directors in India have told Catholic News Service they don't have enough facilities and medicine to treat patients as the country continues to set records for the number of COVID-19 deaths — numbers many people believe are massively under-reported.

"The situation is very bad. No beds available anywhere in the hospital. Patients are on the corridors and many are dying because no beds, no oxygen," said Father P.A. George, director of Holy Family Hospital in New Delhi.

"I have no place even in emergency (area) to give oxygen. Patients are just dying in front of my eyes. Feeling so distressed and frustrated and helpless. It is horrible, and the disaster is beyond the imagination. Please pray to God (to) give us strength to save some lives," said the priest, who heads the largest Catholic hospital in New Delhi.

Let us pray for the people of India:

'Dear Father, we pray that You give strength to the people of India, especially the sick and the health workers who are doing their best in very difficult circumstances.

Lord, we pray for the people suffering with COVID and we pray for their families. '

Amen.'

(Adapted from Isaiah 40:29)



HEART OF LIFE

'Pondering Grief', Saturday 22 May 2021, 10am-3.30pm. This reflection day offers an invitation to reflect on and honour our inner life of change and transition. With creativity, space and gentle guiding support, this workshop offers a sacred place for the breadth of human experiencing and spirit to guide individual exploration. Facilitated by Linda Espie at Heart of Life, Kildara Centre, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern. Cost \$80 (Materials provided, BYO lunch). Book and pay via website heartoflife.melbourne, email info@heartoflife.melbourne or phone 9890 1101.



Maddies Embellished Garden from Trash 2 Art **Sunday 2nd May - 10am to 4pm** 80 Pembroke Road Mooroolbark (cnr Pine and Pembroke Rds)

This Whimsical artist's garden situated on the Edna Walling 'Bickleigh Vale Estate' is open to the public twice a year to raise money for the Mary Mackillop East Timor Mission. Wander the labyrinth of pathways to find umpteen garden rooms each a different colour and theme, furnished and decorated using "stuff" collected from hard rubbish. Apart from a smattering of artwork almost the entire garden is made up of found and recycled objects.

Adults \$6 per head, Children \$1 per head... Refreshments and Devonshire teas available...and just in time for Mothers Day... Handmade goodies, will be offered for sale .
Sorry CASH only.

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