



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

18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A
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REFLECTION

Today's Gospel is from St. Matthew 14:13-21

In this gospel we can see how God takes care of his people.
We can read the feeding in two ways.
On the one hand, we can simply take it as a miraculous event.
On the other hand, we can see that once the disciples
began to share the little food they had with those around,
it triggered a similar movement among the crowd,
many of whom had actually brought some food with them.
When everyone shared, everyone had enough.

This is the only miracle that is reported by all the
four gospels, because the link to the Eucharist is obvious.
The Eucharist has the same characteristics of this miracle:
the community, the transformation of humble elements
into what satisfies us and is a sign of God's abundant gifts.

Yet the gift is immeasurably greater:
it is the body and blood of Christ.
We should stand in awe of this great gift,
and ask for the grace to be grateful.

This great miracle took place when the disciples
realised they had only five loaves and two fishes.
Jesus asked his disciples and his hearers to trust him,
to "sit down" on the grass.

Those who trusted got more than they needed.
Can we look back on some moments when we too
experienced God's generosity in our lives.
Can we know how to "sit down" in trust in the moment
of crisis.

In many ways that is exactly what we are all doing
at this time of crisis with the pandemic not abating.
We offer our prayers and trust that we will all
be together again soon, safely sharing at God's table.

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.

ONE SMALL ACT

The majority of us lead quiet, unheralded lives as we pass through this world.

There will most likely be no ticker-tape parades for us, no monuments created in our honour.

But that does not lessen our possible impact, for there are scores of people waiting for someone just like us to come along; people who will appreciate our compassion, our unique talents. Someone who will live a happier life merely because we took the time to share what we had to give.

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have a potential to turn a life around.

It's overwhelming to consider the continuous opportunities there are to make our love felt."

Leo Buscaglia (Author 1924 – 1998)



Readings for Next Week – 9th August 2020

1 Kg 19:9, 11-13; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33



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 and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time

1/8 to 7/8

John Vincent, Peter Dwyer, Sr. Claire Schiltz RSJ, June Quinn, Don Cornwell, Margaret Madden, Eardley Mack, Gregory Price, Debbie Walsh, Hilda Tobiesen, Josephus Philips, Daniel Redmond, Maria Grimwood, Tom Graafmans, Agapita Milano, Louis Dekker, Jack Weeks, Tony Kleverkamp, Denise Grant, Charles Sammut, Pauline Gates, Sr. Margaret Short, William Rivett, Jack Newcombe, Bill Bonuda, Vita Anastasi, Charlie Scerri, Michael Beary, Rim Hoppener, John Collins, Teresa McCluskey, Gerda Driessen, John O'Brien, Keith Gray, Ida Britton, Ronald Martini, John Commene, James Walsh, Elinor Barnes, Anito Montego, Mario Riccardi - first death anniversary.

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
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A welcome glimpse of retired Parishioners at the Dutch Village and at their homes. Staying safe and doing well during lock-down..



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 time has now passed for return of tickets

**Draw Date: 26 September 2020
at 7.15 pm**

**Publication of Winners Date:
30 September 2020**

In Herald Sun and Geelong Advertiser

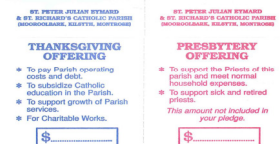
Good luck to everyone who has participated in this Parish Fundraiser [the only one for the year]

**Marg Vallence - 0403 568 302
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THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

Parishioners who have not received their annual Thanksgiving envelopes please contact the parish office. By email,

mooroolbark@cam.org.au or phone the office on 9723 4275.



R.I.P Brenda Moore

This week Brenda Moore died aged 92. She was the first lay principal of SPJ after Sister Leonine left. She was there for 5 years and was a great person. Very kind to the staff and fair in her dealings with the pupils. She retired down to Foster and she died there. Those of us who were with her during her time at SPJ are really mourning her death.

FR JOSEPH HOMILY
Feast of St Peter Julian Eymard
18th Sunday, Year A, 2020

Is there anything that we human beings can be sure of ?
Can a rich man always be sure that he will remain rich?
Can a healthy person always be sure that he/she will be healthy?
Can a family always be sure that it will be a loving family?
Is there anything that we can be sure of, even if we go bankrupt,
even if sickness like cancer or Covid 19 hits us, even if anger
tears us apart? There is.

In today's Second Reading (romans 8:37-39), St Paul tells us
that "nothing can separate us from the love of God for us."

If we are in prison, God will still love us there in prison,
neither sickness, insult, abandonment, nor even death can
separate us from God's love for us or God's presence within us.
How comforting is our faith in Jesus, how much security does it
give us. We will never be orphans, we will never be alone.

There is a famous prayer which is composed by St Teresa of
Avila and this prayer reinforces the prayer of St Paul ("nothing
can separate us from the love that God has for us.") "Let nothing
disturb you.

Nothing frightens you. All things are passing. God never
changes. Patience gains all things. Who has God wants
nothing. God alone suffices."

This Sunday is the Feast Day of St. Peter Julian Eymard, the feast day of our parish's patron
saint; we will be having an unique Feast Day of our parish as we will not be able to celebrate it
physically in the Church. One of the outstanding spiritual qualities of St Peter Julian Eymard was
his devotion to the Holy Eucharist – Jesus, the Son of God who made the supreme sacrifice for
the salvation of each one of us. Let us pray that may the words of St Paul, the prayer of St Teresa
of Avila and the spirituality of St Peter Julian Eymard give us the spiritual strength to face the
challenge of the current Pandemic.

**Prayer of
Saint Peter
Julian Eymard**



Saint Peter Julian, who
listened with such loving
response to the voice of
Jesus, help us also to listen
and hear Him as He calls
us to serve Him each in our
own vocation.

Lord Jesus Christ, through
Your grace St. Peter Julian
understood the Eucharist to
be Your Gift of Self to the
world. May our prayers lead
us to an ardent love of the
Eucharist so that, like
St. Peter Julian, we may
shine in the world with the
Radiance of Your Presence, a
radiance that will silently say:

Jesus is there –
let us go to Him!

St. Peter Julian, Apostle of
the Eucharist, pray for us.

