



St Peter Julian Eymard Catholic Church Mooroolbark Parish

We are a Welcoming, Eucharistic and Spirit Filled Community

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Normal Mass Times at SPJE

Weekday Masses
Tues & Wed : 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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
22nd October 2023 Issue No 38

"Faith, Politics, and Priorities: A Gospel Reflection"

In today's Gospel, we find a timeless conundrum that has perplexed individuals for generations - the intersection of religion and politics. It's easy to assume that this struggle is a modern-day dilemma, but the life of Jesus and his early disciples was fraught with the same tensions. As believers, we are called to embody the values of God's kingdom while residing in a world intertwined with politics and societal complexities. Vatican II beautifully expressed this connection by stating that the joys, hopes, griefs, and anxieties of the world are equally experienced by the followers of Christ.

During his time, Jesus preached revolutionary values, emphasising the compassionate treatment of the poor and marginalised. His message challenged the status quo and had the potential to turn society upside down, causing some to view him as a social revolutionary. In the backdrop of Roman rule, which was upheld by puppet kings like Herod, Jesus was presented with a tricky question regarding paying taxes. The Pharisees and Herodians set a cunning trap, where a 'yes' aligned him with Roman oppression, and a 'no' supported anti-Roman ideals.

Jesus' response was masterful. "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God." He acknowledged the political reality while subtly challenging both factions to consider what truly belongs to God. It's a reminder that all people are created in the image of God and, therefore, belong to God.

Reflecting on this, we must ask ourselves: What truly belongs to God in our lives? Are we giving God the priority that is rightfully His, or is He left with the scraps in our busy schedules? Unlike the simplicity of paying taxes, God expects more from us. He desires a commitment that extends beyond the secular world.

The Gospel passage reminds us that our faith and the society we inhabit are interwoven. It urges us to navigate the complexities of political engagement while remaining true to God's calling in our lives. As we ponder this, let's consider: How can we prioritise God in the midst of our daily political and social involvements? What steps can we take to ensure that we truly give to God what belongs to God in our lives?

Rudy Vail
Deputy Principal/Religious Education Leader

PARISH CALENDAR OCTOBER

21/22nd 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Bush Dance—Parish Hall 7.15pm
 Baptism—9am & 11am
 25th Wed MASS OF ANNOINTING 9.30 am

28/29th 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 World Mission Sunday special
 Collection all Masses
 Baptism—11am

NOVEMBER

2nd Thur ALL SOULS MASS— 10am
 Lilydale Cemetery
 Baptism Preparation Meeting -
 7.30pm church—Tim Newcomb

4/5th 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Baptism—11am

7th Tue Melbourne Cup Day—public
 Holiday

9th Thur Advent Liturgy Planning Meeting
 7pm

Weekday Mass Times Weekday Masses Tue & Wed—9.30 am

This Week's Readings - 21/22nd October

Is 34:1, 4-6: Ps 95:1, 3-5, 7-10:
 1 Thess 1:1-5: Mt 22:15-21

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill,
 especially

**Max Pisotek, Ignatius Suan Lian Thang,
 Cora Fitzsimons, Reji, Annette,
 Sr Moira Sheedy, Prem D'Cruz.**

✠ Remembrance Diary ✠

We remember those who have died
 and all those whose anniversaries occur about
 this time.

21/10 to

**Patricia Leahy (first death anniversary),
 Marie Kathleen Cooney, Lorna Gordon,
 Donald Pinder, Con Doensen, Bernie
 Gallagher, Francis Cleary, James Cudmore,
 Franci Burke, Margaret Russell, Sr Win
 Mahoney, Leila Walker, Marjorie Morton,
 Allan Panozza, Mary Tuohy, Laurie Lynch,
 Monica D'Orival, Bill Paton, Rosemary Tynan,
 Tony Geldens, Constance Elliott, Eva Johnston,
 Pasqualina Violi, Edwina & John Ligertwood,
 Jim George, (baby) Reilly Fitzgerald, Michael
 Douthwaite, Kevin McVeigh, Helen Jane
 Bowie, Caroline Devlin, Shirley Bell.**

ROSTERS

Counters - Month of October

Karen Broughton & Christine Sellar

Flowers - Month of October

Margaret Kim

Church Cleaners - Month of October

Xavier & Muzeena D'Almeida

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

Readers & Commentators— 21/22nd October

6.00pm Michael McLindon & Volunteer
 9.00am Muzeena D'Almeida & Karen
 Broughton
 11.00am Auna Wernert & Volunteer

Readers & Commentators— 28/29th October

6.00pm Craig Hume & Mitchell Mazarella
 9.00am Lilette de la Harpe & Lilijana Stride
 11.00am Elizabeth & Reilly Acabado

Musicians—21/22nd October

6.00pm Paul & Co
 9.00am No Music
 11.00am Shelly & Co

Musicians—28/29th October

6.00pm No Music
 9.00am Filipino Group
 11.00am Shelly & Co

Parish Child Safeguarding Team

If you have any child safety concerns please
 contact the following team members

Brian Twining

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mwright@spjemoroolbark.catholic.edu.au

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Or request a call back on the Parish Office
 phone 9723 4275



BAPTISM

We welcome to our Parish through
Baptism

***Zach & Mia Peluso, Harvie Hansen
& Isla Linehan***

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

Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle

**Thank you to everyone who has
been buying tickets
Could you please start returning
your books
by end of October so
I can return them for the draw**

The prizes are:

1st Prize: Kia Picanto S 1.25ltr Auto
2nd to 7th Prizes are Coles/Myer Gift Cards
Ranging in value \$5000 down to \$500
**Thank you to the weekend tickets
sellers**

You are much appreciated.

Queries - Text me on 0403 568 302
or email: rafflespje@gmail.com

Marg Vallence / Coordinator
SPJE Parish Mooroolbark/CCPR 2023



Vinnies Tomato Plants

Tomato Plants will be on sale after each
weekend Mass,
beginning **Saturday October 14th**.
9 Various varieties will be available,
all plants at \$3.00 each
All proceeds will help assist the needy
in the local area.



St Peter Julian Eymard Parish Memorial Garden

For those parishioners who might be aware. Our
church has a lovely memorial garden. It is a place to
remember your loved ones that have departed.

The memorial wall is neatly tucked in the
corner of church on the left.

If you wish to purchase a plaque or would like more
information, please contact the parish office for
more information.

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND

*Let us pray with faith and trust, that God will
hear our prayers and grant us his peace. Let
us pray with love and compassion that our
prayers will touch the hearts of those in-
volved in the conflict and inspire them to seek
peaceful ways. Let us pray with hope and
perseverance that our prayers will contribute
to the building of a better future for the Holy
Land, where justice, peace and reconciliation
will prevail."*



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JOIN US FOR A

Mass for All Souls' Day

LILYDALE MEMORIAL PARK

Thursday 2 November 2023

10am Mass at the Federation Chapel

10.45am Blessing at the Yarra Valley Mausoleum

Move on to the Lilydale lawn Cemetery afterwards

Lilydale Memorial Park
126-128 Victoria Road, Lilydale

Lilydale Lawn Cemetery
120 Victoria Road, Lilydale

For more information please call 1300 022 298
or visit gmct.com.au



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