



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
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



21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
22nd August 2021 Issue No. 30

REFLECTION

The decisions called for in today's readings are life decisions. The people at the time of Joshua had to decide which god they would worship. The disciples of Jesus had to decide if he was the one who would fulfill their messianic expectations. We have life decisions to make as well. How will we choose?

The choices we make determine the character of our union with God. God called us out of the slavery of sin and protected us throughout the journey of our lives. Jesus walked with us through the challenges of life and performed wonders for us. Why should we look elsewhere?

Because we face new challenges. The new demands placed on us may be so great, or the commitment required of us may be so demanding that we feel that we can no longer walk with him. The church may be changing in ways we do not appreciate, or it may not be changing in the ways we believe it should, and so we may feel that we can walk with him no longer.

If we decide to commit ourselves, we will enter into a union with God that is deeper than anything we have previously known. However, this union will be based on faith. We may understand no more than we did in the past, things may be no more to our liking. But, 'to whom shall we go?' Jesus is God's holy one; he has the words of eternal life.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant ; CSA

Aidein Braun
RE Teacher - SPJE School

PARISH CALENDAR

AUGUST

21/22nd 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

24th Tue Baptism Preparation Meeting -
Via Zoom - Iris Gale & Bernadette

~~25th Wed CONFIRMATIONS 7pm~~

~~26th Thur CONFIRMATIONS 7pm~~

~~27th Fri CONFIRMATIONS 7pm~~

~~28th Sat CONFIRMATIONS 11 am~~

28/29th 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
National Migrants Day

30th Mon **FUNERAL** - Mary Commene
11.45am - Lilydale Cemetery

SEPTEMBER

2nd Thur Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
7pm Parish House

4/5th 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Priest Retirement Fund Collection
All Masses

11/12th 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Child Protection Sunday
Reconciliation 6pm & 11am
Baptism - 11am

ROSTERS

Counters Month of August 2021

Mon. Des Delahunt, Christine Sellar & Pam Dryden

Flowers August 2021

28th Routley Family

Church Cleaners Month of August

Aug Margaret Kim & Esther Ngaihte

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

Ministers of Eucharist Coordinators for August

No Coordinators required during Covid

Readers and Commentators - 28/29th Aug

6.00 pm Craig Hume & Mitchell Mazarella
9.00 am Karen Broughton & Lilette de la Harpe
11.00am Jun Romero & Volunteer Required

Musicians - 28/29th Aug

6.00pm Paul & Ange
9.00am Filipino Group
11.00am No Music

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday & Thursday 9.30 am
NO 9.30am Mass During Lockdown

Readings for Next Week - 28th Aug

Duet 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27;
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;

Frances Hau, Rose Robert, Eleanor Thompson, Patricia Fenton, Joan Bourke, Patricia Koblar, Sue Hoogenboom, Kris Hibbert, Agata Rajic, Shirlene de la Harpe, Jack Dwyer.

† Remembrance Diary †

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

21/8 to 27/8

Margaret Briglia, Mary Whyte, Carmel Azzopardi, Xavier Clemann, Ann Merbis, Syd Stephens, Veronica Ferrari, Lucy Allan, Frank Scundi, Gladys Sullivan, Medecisimo Tejero, Robert McCardle, Fr Geoff James S.J., Dorothea Hannan, Josephine Barbaro-Sant, Annie Hart, Lidia Correia, Gilbert Whyte, Bernard Vallance (First death anniversary), Nic Ellis, Eileen Watson, John Grant, Rosalina Ignacio, Maree Cambridge, Wilhelmina Commandeur, Szymanski Families, Mafalds Villella, Patricia Devoy, Tony Colella, Bernard McLindon



FUNERAL

Mary Commene

Monday 30th August 2021 at 11.45am
Lilydale Memorial Chapel
Celebrant: Fr Joseph Lu Xin
Funeral Director: Bill Matthews Funerals

Attendance by invitation only

Fr Joseph's Homily

21st Sunday in Ordinary time, Year B, 2021

In this Sunday's Gospel (John 6:60-69), Jesus says, "There are some among you who do not believe." The John says, "From that time on, many of his disciples turned away and did not follow Jesus anymore." The Jesus said to the twelve, "will you too go away?" and St. Peter replied for all, saying, "Lord, to whom shall we go, for you have the words of eternal life?"

Why did some refuse to believe Jesus while others believed?

Some people refused to believe Jesus because his words were too difficult to understand. For the others, the words of Jesus were also too difficult to understand, but knowing Jesus, his wisdom and his goodness, they just blindly believed in him. They knew that Jesus couldn't be wrong, even though they really didn't know or understand what he was talking about.

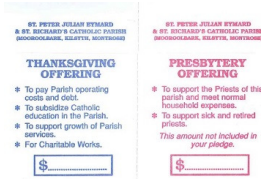
This is the meaning of belief: you jump into the dark, just because you trust the one who asks you to jump. Those who left Jesus did not to jump into the dark unless they had a flashlight. If they had a flashlight, if they understood, it wouldn't have been trust or belief.

The twelve apostles were able to believe because they didn't look at the darkness; they just listened to Jesus' invitation to believe. The apostles didn't focus on the problem, they focused only on the person of Jesus.

In these challenging times, when Jesus tells us that we must not focus on the problems and difficulties that come into our mind. We must focus on the person who loves us, and who will never lead us into wrongdoing or wrong path. We must believe and trust that our faith and hope is in the person of Jesus.



THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES



During this time of our lockdown,
you may wish to drop off your
Thanksgiving Envelopes to the
Parish Office. **(left side of the front door).**

Fr Joseph acknowledges and thanks you
for your continued financial support.

Parish Child Safeguarding Team

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

Brian Twining
brian.twining@cam.org.au

Meg Wright
mwright@spjemoroolbark.catholic.edu.au

Michael McLindon
mclinoffice@gmail.com

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



Major earthquake hits Haiti

Caritas Australia's thoughts and prayers are with the people of the Haiti who have been devastated by a 7.2 magnitude earthquake.

Over 1,400 people have died, and thousands more left injured. Homes, churches and schools have been damaged in the quake, and more than 30,000 families have been left homeless.

The country also continues to grapple with COVID-19, poverty, and ongoing political instability and violence.

There is immediate and urgent need for food, water, shelter, hygiene kits and first aid on the ground.

To provide support, you can donate to **Caritas Australia's Emergency Response Appeal.**

**Donate today at www.caritas.org.au or by calling
1800 024 413 toll free.**

St Peter Julian Eymard Parish Memorial Garden

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.

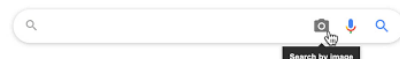
Memorial Garden Policies are available in the church foyer /or can be emailed to you if you wish to order a plaque for your loved one.



PARISH UPDATES

To see all current mass times and updates on attendance rules in place, please take the time to look at the Parish website.

Simply type into google SPJE Parish then click onto website, scroll down the page and you will see the current advice.





Hullo! How are you?

Timeless message

COULD this century-old May Gibbs poster make a comeback as the centrepiece of a new public health campaign?

Mike Brettargh reckons this 1919 poster – created by the beloved author and illustrator for a NSW campaign to fight the Spanish flu pandemic – is needed more now than ever.

“What a wonderful poster, an inspirational piece of Australian history,” says Mike, from Ballarat.

“No contemporary promotional material relating to the management of the Covid-19 crisis, or vaccines, gets within cooooeeee of the May Gibbs poster!”

Gibbs used familiar characters such as the gumnut babies to encourage young readers to wear masks during the 1918-19 pandemic, in which about 12,000 Australians died. In echoes of our current predicament, during that pandemic infected people were quarantined,

schools closed, masks in public made mandatory and public gatherings banned.

And while we can’t fulfil Mike’s wish to splash this poster across the front page of the Herald Sun, we’re only too happy to share it here.

Mike hopes it will be a message of hope to remind children and adults alike that our world has been here in such a crisis before “and we are still here and we will continue to be here”.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

An opportunity to spend a weekend improving your communication.

This experience gives you the tools to keep your passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living.

The weekend we offer is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

Please check our website for more details.

We have two options: An on-line/virtual weekend: **10 -12 September 2021** or a non-residential weekend: **16 - 17 October 2021** in west Gippsland.

(Book early to avoid disappointment)

Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwwme.org.au