



# 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**

**We acknowledge the Wurundjeri People, the traditional custodians of this land**

**Parish Priest**  
**Fr. Joseph Xin Lu**

**Parish Secretary**  
Mrs. Adriana De Leo

**Parish Assistant**  
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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**



**25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**26th September 2021 Issue No. 35**

## **Reflection**

No single person or religious group has the monopoly on God's Spirit. He is working in the hearts of everyone, transforming them to become His instrument of peace in our world. God loves each one of us regardless of religion or status.

This weekend's gospel reading tells us that anyone who is not against Jesus is for Jesus. Anyone who seeks Him, He will not reject. Who are we to exclude others in his plan? Over the last few months we have witnessed many changes in how we respond to lockdown restrictions. The media has increasingly pointed the finger at cultural groups and at certain events to incite anger in our community, to sell papers or gain popularity. This weekend's Gospel comes as a timely reminder that we should sow positive relationships and include others, let us work for the good of all by recognising in others the gift of God's love. "Would that the LORD might bestow his spirit on them all!" (Numbers 11:29)

In Jesus' name, let us all work together, cooperate, for the completion of his work. Individually, let us be an instrument for God to bless others. Let us always remember that every good deed, great or small, be it a gesture of giving a cup of water or monetary support to missionaries, is not lost in the sight of God. By allowing ourselves to be a channel of His love and joy to others, we will reap the reward.

**Greg Thomas - SPJE School Principal**



## PARISH CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER 2021

**25/26th**      **26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Social Justice Sunday  
 National Day for Migrants & Refugees  
 Baptisms — 11am

### OCTOBER 2021

**2/3rd Oct**      **27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 5th Tue      Baptism Preparation Meeting -  
 Iris Gale - Via Zoom - 7.30pm  
**9/10th**      **28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Life, Marriage & Family Sunday  
**16/17th**      **29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## ROSTERS

### Counters Month of October 2021

TBA

### Flowers October 2021

TBA

### Church Cleaners Month of October

Peter & Anne Holt & Wernert Family

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

### Ministers of Eucharist Coordinators for October

**No Coordinators required during Covid**

### Readers and Commentators

6.00 pm  
 9.00 am      **T.B.A.**  
 11.00am

### Musicians

6.00pm  
 9.00am      **T.B.A.**  
 11.00am

## Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday & Thursday 9.30 am

**NO 9.30 am Mass During Lockdown**

## Readings for Next Week -3rd Oct

Gen 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16

## Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;

*Eleanor Thompson, Patricia Fenton, Joan Bourke, Patricia Koblar, Sue Hoogenboom.*

## ✠ Remembrance Diary ✠

We remember those who have died, especially  
*Shirlene de la Harpe*  
 and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

**25/9 to 1/10**

Jacqueline Ten, Phillip Pearson, Fran Keyhoe,  
 Johanna Van Est, Anthony Borg, Maria Sison,  
 Ron Irwin, Ray Commene, Jack Probert,  
 Robbie Reardon, Nellie Collins, Joan Paton,  
 Robert Basile, Lina Beaumont, Vincent  
 O'Brien, Maureen Green, Marg Stephen, John  
 Michael Stewart, Carmel Buhagiar, An Van  
 Rooden, Dobro Rajic, Michael Sellar (2nd  
 anniversary), Edgidgio Gava, Patricia Sheehan,  
 Paula Greblo, Agnes Gray, Graeme Argus,  
 Margaret Bradburn.

## Parish Child Safeguarding Team

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

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**Meg Wright**

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

***Fr Joseph's Homily***  
***Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B, 2021***

Pope Francis says the Church is “a people”. Many of us have heard of this saying. But what does the Pope mean by “a people”?

We are living in a fast changing world and the Church in Melbourne needs to face this new reality and improving our Church in Melbourne or Church in Australia is not just a question of changing structures, developing new policies, or improving our administrative procedures. All these things are necessary if we are to help a people grow and develop especially during this difficult and challenging time of Pandemic. Where is God? Has God forsaken us? Setting aside certain times each day, even just sit down quietly and feeling the presence of God will definitely give us some spiritual strength to deal with the negative impacts of lockdowns on many of us. This is the method that I apply when at times I suffer from lockdown headaches. I firmly believe that all of these will come to an end and we will eventually overcome the Pandemic. I had my first Jab three weeks ago and I am looking forward to having my 2<sup>nd</sup> Jab by mid-October. Many parishioners have done their 2<sup>nd</sup> Jab already and they have been my inspirations and set good examples for me and for us. Many of us miss and longing for the return of the church service (mass), the time will come in not a distant future. I am extremely grateful for a number of parishioners and parish leaders who have called me up or emailed me and asking me how I have been coping with the current lockdown. We are united in spirit and in prayers together even though we are unable to meet in the church, but the time will come when we can gather together again and I am looking forward to seeing you all again. In the face of current situation, let us not to lose hope and faith in God will help us to overcome the current challenges and faith in God will keep us safe provided that we do our parts to protect ourselves.

In Australia and New Zealand, we remember the story of the ANZAC experience each year (I encourage parishioners like me who are coming from other countries originally to google about Anzac Day). This helps our countries grow as nations, as a people. These important stories contain values that we esteem and have also shaped some of the cultural values here in Australia. We are presented with men and women who have sacrificed themselves for their fellow citizens. This can also become our story. How can we grow as Christians to support each other and make sacrifice for each other. In earthquakes, floods and fires, as people rally to help those in need, often we hear the spirit of the Anzacs invoked. So, too, does reading the Holy Book or the goodness we have experienced from others inspire us as Christians?

“If we serve the people, we save ourselves” is another wise saying of the Pope’s. Maybe this is all we need to know and maybe this is all the Church or our Church leaders need to know especially during this challenging time as we are struggling to battle against this Pandemic.

**Daily Mass**

<https://melbournecatholic.org/connect/mass-online>

We invite you to join us for daily Mass live streamed from [St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne](#).

Masses are livestreamed daily on our [Archdiocesan YouTube channel](#)

On Sundays,

the 11am Mass is also available to view on free-to-air TV via C31 (C44 on digital TV).



## VINNIES TOMATO PLANTS

*Again, this year, we are offering tomato seedlings for sale.  
All proceeds will be used to assist people within our parish boundary.*

*Varieties available: (all at \$3.00 each)*

*Grosse Lisse*

*Black Russian*

*Beef Steak*

*San Marzano Roma*

*Bucci*

*Ox Heart*

*Tiny Tim*

*Sweet Bite*

*Orders will be accepted online.*

*Please tell your friends who do not receive the Parish Newsletter how to purchase.  
Please place orders early as some varieties were sold out last year.*

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*Home delivery will commence Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October*

*We will telephone you to arrange payment and delivery instructions up to 48 hours  
beforehand.*

Dear Parishioners,

The year 2, boys and girls at St Peter Julian Eymard Primary School in Mooroolbark have been thinking of you and wanted to cheer you up with a short note and a picture.

The lockdown has been hard and we have been learning that doing something kind for others helps us too! We also hope you enjoy our jokes!

Kind regards, the Year Two Team of teachers and students.

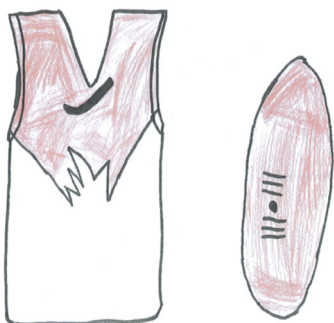


Hi my name is Ollie

I am 8 years old. I had my second lockdown birthday in August.

I love soccer, my favourite soccer teams are Melbourne Victory and Barcelona. When I have a break, I play soccer with my brother.

Here are 2 jokes: 1 )What do you call a Kangaroo that is twisted? A hop twister. 2)What do you call a pig that does karate? A pork chop. I pray that the lockdown ends soon and you can see your family and friends. Bye



Hi, my name is Jake and I'm 8 years old.

I love playing sports, especially AFL football and cricket with my Dad outside. I barrack for the Sydney Swans in the AFL and the Lilydale Falcons in the EFNL. It's almost the grand final and I had wanted Port Adelaide to win. Do you barrack for any team? Who?

Hey here's a joke. Why did the cookie go to the hospital? Because he felt crummy. I hope you can write back to me. From Jake





## YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

The Year of St Joseph will end on 8 December 2021.

This beautiful sculpture (look at Jesus standing on his tippy-toes to reach up to Joseph's embrace) is at Stuartholme College in Brisbane.

In *Patris Corde*, Pope Francis spoke of Joseph as a 'tender and loving father':

*As the Lord had done with Israel, so Joseph did with Jesus – he taught him to walk, taking him by the hand; he was for him like a father who raises an infant to his cheeks, bending down to him and feeding him (Hosea 11:3-4).*

## 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.

DEAR GOD,

PLEASE KEEP MY

FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND

LOVED ONES SAFE.

CEPSC.org.au

*Aperuit Illis is a beautiful letter from Pope Francis on Scripture as the Word of God. Here we highlight the role of the Holy Spirit (AI 9).*



"Sacred Scripture, by the working of the Holy Spirit, makes human words written in human fashion become the word of God. The role of the Holy Spirit in the Scriptures is primordial. Without the work of the Spirit, there would always be a risk of remaining limited to the written text alone. This would open the way to a fundamentalist reading, which needs to be avoided, lest we betray the inspired, dynamic and spiritual character of the sacred text. As the Apostle reminds us: *The letter kills, but the Spirit gives life* (2 Cor 3:6). The Holy Spirit, then, makes sacred Scripture the living word of God, experienced and handed down in the faith of his holy people."



**A weekly series bringing 'light' to this time of lockdown...**

Well and truly done with sourdough starters? Not interested in another DIY project? To help fill the void during lockdown, each week we'll suggest some inspiring content to bring 'light' to this difficult time. Pop on the kettle and check out the recommendations below.

### **PODCASTS FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING**

*Quality podcasts navigating marriage and family life*

#### **Parents of the Saints: How Did They Do It?**

In this podcast, Jason Evert speaks with Patrick O'Hearn about his new book 'Parents of the Saints: The Hidden Heroes Behind Our Favourite Saints', offering key insights into the families of popular saints. Listen at [www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving4](http://www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving4)

### **GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BIBLE**

*Resources to help you explore the Bible*

#### **Praying with Scripture: How can we use the Bible in our prayer?**

Getting started: In this short video, Fr James Martin SJ introduces us Lectio Divina—a way of praying with the Bible that helps us listen to God. Watch at [www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted4](http://www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted4)

Going deeper: Pray as You Go is an online prayer tool that provides a guided contemplation of each day's Gospel passage. Set aside 10-15 minutes, find a comfy space and visit [www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper4](http://www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper4)

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