



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



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If assistance is required, please
contact 1800 305 330,
Mon – Fri 10 am-3 pm

13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A
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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A
Sunday, 28th June 2020

Trust in God!

In this week's Gospel Jesus exclaims to his disciples: Do not be afraid! Neither those who resist the gospel, nor those who might put you to death. It is now time for disciples to have courage to proclaim the teachings of the gospels with conviction, and to do so openly and boldly.

The doors have been flung open:

what was concealed, must be revealed;

what was secret, must be made known;

what was said in darkness, must be spoken in light;

what was whispered, must be shouted.

The message that Jesus gives to both His disciples and to us is to trust in God despite hardships. Suffering is not proof that God is disinterested. Rather, if God cares for the insignificant sparrows, how much more will God care for us? If God can count the hairs on our heads; how much more does God know our needs? In these challenging times of hardship and suffering for so many people the message is simple yet significant. Trust in God!

Man says... Show me
and I'll trust you.

God says... Trust me
and I'll show you.

Psalm 126:6

**Rudy Vail - Deputy Principal/Religious Education
leader - St. Richards Primary School**

PARISH UPDATE

Letter from Fr Joseph

Dear Parishioners,
Warm greetings from Mooroolbark Parish House!
I would like to take this opportunity to let you know that how much I miss your presence in the church and the resumption of stricter restrictions have made the reopening of our church become so difficult to do, as our parish leaders I have found it very tough to make a decision in terms of delaying the opening of our church service because we would like to put the well-being and safety of our elderly parishioners as top priority. Many of you are missing being able to come back to the church as our parish leaders and I are well aware of it. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers! In the past a few months, I have been visiting a number of parishioners and giving them Holy Communion or anointing them and delivering parish newsletters to them as they do not have the access to a computer. Any parishioner is very welcome to call up the parish office or leave a message on the parish phone if you wish me to visit you. I have also done a number of funerals in the past a few months. In the meantime, as you know, our church has undergone some sort of renovation and the church carpet has changed and our church looks great now. One of the toilets of the parish house is also undergone renovation as we want to make it more accessible to the visitors and parishioners. I am looking forward to seeing all the parishioners return to our newly renovated church soon and our parish leaders and I are praying and hoping this can happen by the end of July.
I would like to say a Big Thank You for parishioners who have been so considerate and generous in supporting the parish and me through thanksgiving and donations in this trying and challenging time. I appreciate your loyalty and faithfulness to our parish. In a world where taking is so prevalent, you have shown us the "blessedness" of "giving". A heartfelt thank you to you all, our parish leaders – Bernadette Brown and Margaret Vallence and parish staff – Adriana De Leo and Brian Twining.

Loving regards with my prayers,
Fr Joseph
Mooroolbark parish house

Readings for Next Week – 5th July 2020

Zech 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30



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, Otilie Porter.**

✠ Remembrance Diary ✠

We remember those who have died especially
**Maria Devlin (Bernadette Brown's Mother),
Colin Hallam & Bill Henderson from (Pallotti
College)**

and all those whose anniversaries occur
about this time

27/6 to 3/6

**James Trappel, Eric Jauthius, Alma Richards,
James Harnetty, Ronald Sutton, Thomas
Commance, Anne Di Nardo, Leonie Moran,
(baby) Jessica Beswick, Paul Warren, Fred
Caruana, Dorothy Fuller, Gerard Gielens,
Edwidge Babaro-Sant, Helen &
Clarence Whiley, Alexander Coulter,
Carol Aldon, Johan Kemperman.**

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 to our parish.

MARY'S HILL - Convent Opening

After many months of renovations, members of the Parish Pastoral Council & local community attended the opening of the convent last Saturday 20th June.

We were very pleased to see the great work on the renovations that have taken place.

Fr Joseph attended and gave his blessing.

Congratulations to Jim fuller group and the volunteers.

The house will be 8 females over the age of 55 taking up residency at Marys Hill (also known as the Convent) in Reay Road.

They welcome the first resident on Wed.

24th June 2020.



A wonderful outcome for the local community.



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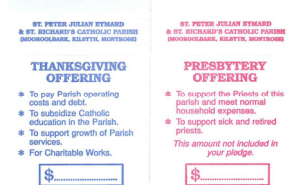
<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

11am MASS ON SUNDAY

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

The new Financial Year envelopes will be available from the parish after the weekend of **11/12th July 2020**.

Parishioners who wish to receive their envelopes are asked to email the parish office, **mooroolbark@cam.org.au** or phone the office on 9723 4275, to arrange to collect or have them delivered.



SVDP WINTER APPEAL 27/28th June Has been Postponed



The St Vincent de Paul Winter appeal scheduled for this weekend will be postponed until further notice.

We hope to schedule this in August 2020.
Any inquiries Jan Phippard 0417 335 763

THE COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2020

3 x ALL NEW SUZUKI BALENO TO BE WON!!!



1st **2nd** **3rd**
4th to 14th Prizes – Coles / Myer Gift Cards

The Raffle Draw Date is now September.

HOWEVER

**I am trying to tie up everything
So I can return the stubs to the organisers.**

**If you need to return your book
[sold or unsold]**

**please place them in the letter slot at the Parish
House front door in an envelope marked
Raffle, **by the end of July** or contact me.
Thank you to everyone who has returned
tickets.**

**Marg Vallence 0403 568 302
rafflespje@gmail.com**

Fr Joseph Homily
Sunday 28th June 2020

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, 2020

Dr Karl Menniger is world-known psychiatrist.

At one conference of his he was asked what advice he would give to someone who was very close to having a nervous breakdown. He said, “I would advise that person to leave his/her house and visit a hospital or visit a slum area.

When that person sees people with much bigger problems than his/her own, he/she will forget his/her problems, or his/her problems will be greatly reduced. If he/she attempts to be of some help and comfort to those people, he/she will become a new person.

”Perhaps this is what Jesus meant in today’s gospel (Matt 10:37-42) when he said to us,

“He who seeks only his own life will lose it, whereas he who loses his own life will gain it.”

The person who loses himself in ministering to people in greater need will find fulfilment in taking the focus off himself/herself.

Some time ago there was a young lady who was seriously thinking of committing suicide. She said to herself, “Who will miss me when I am gone? Nobody!”

When she was told that many people in hospitals and slums would miss her if she took her own life and did not help them, she gave life one more chance.

She went out of herself and found a reason to live by helping others who were in greater need. It is a paradox. In taking our minds off ourselves and in giving attention to others, we discover our better selves.



Desiderata - Words for Life

Go placidly amid the noise and haste,
and remember what peace there may be in silence.
As far as possible without surrender be on good terms with all persons.
Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others,
even the dull and the ignorant; they too have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons, they are vexations to the spirit.
If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain and bitter;
for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself.
Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans.

Keep interested in your own career, however humble;
it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.
Exercise caution in your business affairs; for the world is full of trickery.
But let this not blind you to what virtue there is;
many persons strive for high ideals; and everywhere life is full of heroism.

Be yourself. Especially, do not feign affection.
Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment
it is as perennial as the grass.
Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth.
Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune.
But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue
and loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself.

You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars;
you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you,
no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.

Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be,
and whatever your labours and aspirations,
in the noisy confusion of life keep peace with your soul.
With all its sham, drudgery, and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world.
Be cheerful.
Strive to be happy.

Max Ehrmann, 1927