



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

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Fr. Joseph Xin Lu

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School Principal - Mr. Marcus Gill
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Normal Mass Times at SPJE

Weekday Masses
Tues: 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

14th Sunday of Ordinary Time
3rd July 2022 Issue No. 23

Reflection

Have you ever read about the presumed resumes of the Apostles? Most of them except maybe Judas, would have been passed over for important leadership positions by human resource directors of many corporations and even some churches. Yet Jesus called them, worked with them, inspired and encouraged them.

Now we call all but one of them *saint*.

Its no different for the disciples we read about in today's Gospel passage, and its no different for us. Jesus' choices may seem irrational, but they're not insane. Jesus doesn't choose the worldly and well placed; he chooses those who know what its like to be afraid, who doubt themselves at times, who sin and know God's mercy. Jesus invites those who know what its like to have their deepest wounds healed to take that same kind of mercy and love to others.

Today we have the opportunity to reflect on our own call to discipleship, to remember that initial moment of grace and the many graces that have followed. Jesus forms his disciples by teaching them; then he sends them on an internship. Before they go out, he gives a few final words of caution as well as encouragement. The disciples return from their first mission thrilled at the power they possess. Jesus urges them to see that their newfound power is not the major blessing. Instead, he tells them to "rejoice that your names are written in heaven".

We are like the apostles and disciples and all those we read about and want to emulate in the Scriptures. We are earthen vessels who want our names inscribed in the "book of life."

PARISH CALENDAR 2022

JULY
2/3rd

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

New Thanksgiving Envelopes
Available in church foyer

**Aboriginal & Torres Strait
Islander Sunday**

Welcome - 9am, 11am

Baptism - 11am

Private Baptism - 12.30pm

9th Sat
9/10th

Private Baptism - 12 noon
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monthly Church Collection

[All Masses]

Welcome - 6pm

Baptism - 9am & 11am

14th

Musicians practice - Church
7.30pm

16/17th

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

New Thanksgiving Envelopes
Begin

Baptism - 9am

18th Mon

Baptism Preparation Meeting -
7.30pm Church - Tim Newcomb

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday 9.30 am

Readings for Next Week - 10th July

Duet 30:10-14;

Ps 68:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37;

Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;

*James Brien, Eleanor Thompson,
Patricia Fenton, Patricia Koblar,
Brenda Corrigan, Vic Garcia,
Pam Stephens, Hyacinth Pereira
& Judith Fitzgerald.*

ROSTERS

Counters - Month of July

Jan Phippard & Eileen Goltz

Flowers - Month of July

Pat Harman

Church Cleaners - Month of July

Margaret Kim & Esther Ngaihte


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

Readers and Commentators - 9/10th July

6.00 pm Dympna Beard & Angela Stainwall
9.00 am Karen Broughton & Lilette de la Harpe
11.00am Auna Wernert & Volunteer req.

Musicians - 9/10th July

6.00 pm No Music
9.00 am FILLIPINO Group
11.00am ZOMI Group

 **LADIES LUNCH GROUP**
Our next Ladies Lunch will be on
Tuesday 5th July
At Ora D'Oro Restaurant
Hewish Road Croydon

We will meet at 12 pm for 12.30 lunch
Enquiries/RSVP Nancy Gough 0411 137 251
Philomena Turner 0417 208 077

† Remembrance Diary †

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

2/7 to 8/7

Alexander Coulter, Carl Aldon, Johan
Kemperman, James Gatens, Kath Ellis, Fred
Anthonisz, Benny Nyhuis, Bill Devery, John
Kleverkamp, Daniel Murphy, John Frazer, Jack
Gildea, Fr Ray Whitehouse, Fr Matthew White,
Mary Ward, Maria Van Den Bergh, Margaret
McVeigh, Francesca Molluso, Ross Freitag,
Elizabeth Tate, Otilie Porter, Kathleen O'Connell,
Luigi Slaverio, Eril Prendergast.



BAPTISM

We welcome to our Parish through
Baptism

Freya Haugh & Beau & Wren Taylor
As they receive the Holy Spirit through the
Sacrament celebrated this weekend, may their
faith guide them throughout their life.

Thanksgiving Offering Appeal

The Parish is aware many of you contribute to the thanksgiving but maybe there are some of you who are now in a better position financially to be able to increase your contributions.

For those who have never joined thanksgiving offering programme, would you consider becoming a contributor. Monies received through the Thanksgiving offering envelopes are the income on which the Parish operates.

Budgeting is never easy but sharing the load is.

During 2021 - 2022 expenditure on church and parish house maintenance & renovations costs totalled \$153,349

If you are able to commence contributing through Thanksgiving please complete a census/pledge card available on the table adjacent to Mary Mackillop portrait in church foyer.

If you prefer, take the card home to complete it and return it next week give to Fr Joseph or drop it into the Parish office. Please contact the Parish Office on 9723 4275 if you wish to increase your offering. *Thank you for your continued support From Fr Joseph and the Parish Leadership Team*



THANKSGIVING OPTIONS

If you wish to contribute via Credit Card - please contact the parish office 9723 4275 we will set this up for you with your nominated monthly contribution. On the 1st of every month.

OR

you may wish to consider to contribute via direct bank deposit/transfer. Please see parish bank details below.

St Peter Julian Eymard Church Bank Details

Account Name: SPJE Church Account
BSB: 083 347
Account No: 53013 7717
Reference details: *please provide your name and related payment e.g. Smith Baptism*

St Peter Julian Presbytery Bank Details

Account Name: SPJE Presbytery Account
BSB: 083 347
Account No: 669155805
Reference details: *please provide your name and related payment e.g. Smith & Env. Number*

Parish Weekly Contributions

Church weekly average contributions \$1,200

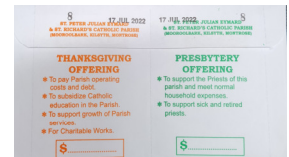
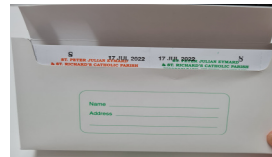
Presbytery weekly average contrib. \$422

NEW THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

Those who are currently on thanksgiving please collect your New thanksgiving envelopes. Available in the church foyer over the next 2 weekends.

After the **19th July** - please dispose of your old envelopes.

We thank you for your continued support.



Monthly Church Collection

Dear Parishioners,

Parish finances are pretty much the same as home finances, income versus expenses and hopefully a little left over for the wish list.

For the parish, the income is from US, the parish community. The Archdiocese does not contribute to parishes, in fact the parishes are contributors to the Archdiocese by way of a quarterly levy.

Our current situation is that the income being received is becoming close to not being adequate to cover the increasing costs of services, maintenance & parish staff.

This has been especially impacted by the restrictions, lockdowns and regulations caused by the global Covid Pandemic.

Unfortunately this has led to the parish having to introduce a monthly Church collection commencing the weekend of **9th and 10th July 2022** and every four weeks thereafter, to assist with meeting running costs and maintaining our ageing buildings and property.

We understand that this is a difficult time for everyone and we do not make this request lightly, but out of necessity and sincerely appreciate that our parish community has been very generous in previous collections.

The parish leadership team will continue to inform parishioners of the many maintenance and upgrades projects currently being undertaken and planned over the next **12 months to ensure that our buildings and surrounding property is safe, secure and viable into the future.**

Thanking you in anticipation Bernadette Brown Chairperson, Parish Pastoral Council



The Harvest is plenty but the labourers are few. - Luke 10:1-9

Today we celebrate the fact that God has always been present with, and loved, our First Peoples in Australia, a love that God extends to all First Peoples across the world. I was working in Italy last year when I was appointed auxiliary bishop in Brisbane. When I was asked about any preferences I had for the ordination liturgy, I knew that I wanted truly ‘Australian’ symbols and rituals, but I was relatively powerless to put anything significant in place as I was so far away. I wanted a Pectoral Cross and Vestments decorated in an Aboriginal design. I knew I wanted to be ‘smoked’ as a symbol of cleansing at the beginning of my Episcopal Ministry. Various people at the Brisbane end began diligently working on this by HOMILY NOTES contacting First Nations people and others who could help out. I was deeply touched and strengthened by the results, which included the Vestment design being transferred also to the Mitre, two Pectoral Crosses with Sacred Land from Lake Mungo in their centre, and a Smoking Ceremony inside the Cathedral that included me and all the bishops who entered behind me. I believe God was very happy with that! What amazed me was that so many people were willing to act on my behalf to profile the symbols and rituals of First Nations people in the ordination ceremony. There was an enormous amount of good will and creativity that was made immediately available simply because people were asked to help. In today’s Gospel Jesus tells us to pray to ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. If we truly want more labourers for the vineyard that produces the Good News of life in abundance for all, the same vineyard that also tells the Jesus story through the eyes and hearts of Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders, then praying is only one way to do this. We also need to make a deeper commitment to our sisters and brothers through being labourers in the vineyard. NAIDOC has a theme this year of ‘Get up, Stand up, Show up’. Labourers for the harvest of the Lord do exactly that – they labour or work for the Lord, and that can take the form of getting up and being active. There is much we can do as Christian people to address issues that affect our First Nations sisters and brothers. I have my story of asking others for help to profile Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture – the world’s oldest continuing culture - during my Episcopal Ordination. What is your story? When were you active with issues that affect First Nations people? And if you don’t have a story yet of being a labourer in that vineyard, then get up, stand up and show up to places where issues of First Australians are being addressed. People are just waiting to be asked. The harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few.

Bishop Tim Norton SVD Auxiliary Bishop – Archdiocese of Brisbane