



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



ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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

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REFLECTION



Jesus declared his mission in Luke 4:18,19 when he said,

“... He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor
to proclaim liberty to captives
and to the blind new sight,
to set the downtrodden free,
to proclaim the Lord’s year of favour.”

This mission of Jesus’s, is his ‘Way of Love’ that he invites us, as his disciples, to share. Jesus’s deep desire is to see God’s kingdom growing on this earth. God’s kingdom that brings God’s life-giving peace, freedom, healing, truth, justice and mercy to our world.

Jesus’s way of love is also the way of the cross. This way of love is not always easy. It calls us to nurture seeds of love and freedom in the hurt and suffering we find in our world. This world that is as big as ourselves, our families, our communities, our nation and our world.

Tending the hurt in ourselves and gently holding it with our God in prayer, shows us how we can hold others in their suffering.

Take up your cross. This isn’t an easy task, but our God is with us.

Can we hold ourselves in gentleness, not having answers?

Can we hold others, even those who have hurt us, in the same way as God holds and desires the best for each of us?

As Paul Kelly sings ... From little things, big things grow...

Michelle McCourt - Parishioner

PARISH UPDATE

Stage 4 Restrictions

The church is closed until it is safe to re open.
No weekday or weekend Masses until further notice.

Only Funerals are allowed in the church with a maximum of 10 people.

Please take care & stay safe everyone.



PARISH NEWSLETTER

If you know of someone who is not receiving a newsletter please email the parish office and we will include them on our weekly email list.

Do you know of a parishioner who lives close by and has no internet access?

Fr Joseph has asked if you could please print & drop off the weekly parish newsletter into their letterbox when you are out walking.

It would be most appreciated.

Thankyou.

“Nothing can dim the light that shines from within”

Maya Angelou



Readings for Next Week – 6th Sept 2020

Ezek 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20



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, & Christine Sellar.

✠ Remembrance Diary ✠

We remember those who have died especially **Bernard Vallence** and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time
29/8 to 4/9

Flora Cristofaro (1st death anniversary), Dorothy Anderson, Basil Bingham, Edward Malone, Kevin Fenton, Nick Brown, Edward McMahon, Vernon Smith, Francesco Zinghini, Gabrielle Mills, Christine Bolton, Anthony Barbaro-Sant, Sheila McVeigh, Marlene Livingstone, Joseph Steane, Roger Galea, Nancy Walsh, Dan Harnetty, George Drummond, Margaret Collins, Michael McGrath, Patrick Sheehan, John Michael Stewart, Tess Ryan, Ken Collins, George Graves, Ronald Bell, Ray Kiker, Emma Collins, Gabriel Margaletic, James Collins, Mary Murphy, Betty Code, Harry Quarmby, Jean Bowman, Adrian Clark, Rosemary Ekanayake, Monsignor Francis Lyons PE AM.

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).**

Please note there is no need to submit multiple envelopes; where possible, one envelope with multiple weekly donations is acceptable.

Please indicate the amount of money, contained in each side of all envelopes, on the front

Alternatively, you may wish to contribute via EFT or Credit Card. Please phone or email the parish office for details.

Fr Joseph and parish staff wish to pass on their heartfelt thanks to all parishioners who are continuing to support the church financially during this very difficult time of pandemic and now stage 4 lockdown.

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE LINK

LIVE STREAM MASS

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

11am MASS ON SUNDAY

COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2020



Draw Date: 26 September 2020 at 7.15 pm

Publication of Winners Date:

30 September 2020

In Herald Sun and Geelong Advertiser

**List of winners will be placed in parish
and school newsletters**

Light in the darkness: Taking time out for a suffering world (31st August)

On the eve of Spring, the Victorian Council of Churches invites all Christians to unite in prayer for our world. As the last light of the last day of winter fades on Monday 31st August, all are encouraged to stand in their front garden, spend some time in silence and light a candle to remember all those who have lost their lives to the Coronavirus or to violence this year.

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REFLECTION - August 30th

St. Paul pleads with us to remain
courageous.

We are not yet Saints, but we are Saints
in training.

Why not be brave ?

Goodness is its own reward.

Let's focus on the good news

There has been great tragedy resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic, and so the news we see in the media can often feel overwhelming.

But there are also many stories of hope, of love, and compassion.

World Humanitarian Day was the perfect time to pause and consider the good works of those helping others during this difficult period. It is an opportunity to reflect on how people and broader communities come together to support others in need.

We can't forget the story of **Captain Tom Moore**, who walked 100 laps of his garden for his 100th birthday and raised 33 million pounds for the National Health Service in the UK.

Or the story of **two young girls in Queensland** who used their own pocket money to buy toilet paper for pensioners in their community. Closer to home, Genazzano FCJ College in Kew worked together while in isolation to **knit blankets for the homeless**.

And for us here at CatholicCare, we have some good news stories too!

One of our volunteers named Mahbooba in Dandenong handmade 300 face masks for refugees. These masks were posted out to families in our **SETS program** to help keep them safe during Covid. We thank both Mahbooba and Afghan Women's Organisation for making this project possible.

There are also many lovely stories from our chaplaincy in prisons, where chaplains have continued visiting residents during the Covid lockdown.

'Many are emotionally drained,' says one chaplain. 'It is a long time for some of them without the human contact with their loved ones. They are WAITING for the chaplain and to be able to talk about how they are feeling.'

One resident, in conversation with a chaplain, said 'You were the first person I spoke to since coming in [to prison]. I was feeling so alone, I had not had a single conversation with anyone that was open to listening to what I had to say, I even spoke to you before my family... I just wanted to say thank you. I don't think I could have gotten through this time without that conversation'.

This year has been a difficult one for many, but we thank everyone who has made a difference – big or small – in the lives of others.

We are grateful for those who have shown courage and compassion to help others; those who go the extra mile to support their family, their friends or their community; and those who spread kindness and smiles to brighten people's day.



FR JOSEPH HOMILY
22nd Sunday of the Year A, 2020

Some years ago a fifteen- year-old student asked his teacher this question, “Can sociologists have a successful career? Can they be a success in life?” the teacher said to him, “That depends on your definition of success. What do you mean by success? Do you mean can a sociologist make much money? Can he/she become famous? Can he/she become powerful? Tell me what success means to you and I will tell you if a sociologist can be a success in life.”

It is good for all of us to ask ourselves what our definition of success is.

In our definition, would St Joseph, the carpenter, qualify as a success in life?

Would Jesus, who was executed as a criminal, be considered a success?

When can we call a person a success in life? Could we call Elvis Presley a success in life? How about Princess Diana? Do we have to wait until a person dies before we can judge him or her a success?

In today’s gospel (Matt 16:21-27), Jesus rebukes Peter by saying,

“You are not judging by God’s standards but by human’s.” Certainly,

“by God’s standards,” a sociologist can be a success. He/she may never become rich or famous, but by God’s standards, he/she can be a success.

He/she can even become a saint. Any of us can be a success by God’s standards.

