



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

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A
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Reflection

Matthew 21:33-43

**Jesus tells the parable about the
wicked tenants.**

This Gospel reminds us of the importance of listening to God's word. God speaks to us in many ways—through Scripture, through our Church tradition, in our Church's teaching, and through modern-day prophets. *Are we attentive and receptive to God's word to us through these messengers?*

In an ideal household, family members know the rules and follow them consistently. Even the most conscientious among us, however, sometimes needs to be reminded of the rules and their importance. How we respond to such correction reveals our true character. In today's Gospel Jesus exposes the religious leaders for their failure to heed God's messengers. It is an opportunity for us to consider how we respond to those who are God's messengers today, calling us to correct our ways and return to the way of the Lord.

***Stay Safe, optimistic, vigilant and most
importantly connected!***

Marcus Gill- Principal



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 we are nearly there



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.**

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE LINK

LIVE STREAM MASS

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

11am MASS ON SUNDAY

Readings for Next Week – 11th October 2020

Is 25:6-10; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20;
Mt 22:1-14



We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;

***Trish Fenton, Annette Andrewartha,
Julia & Mabel Dana, Rose Robert,
Lorraine Downie, Trish Leahy,
Jean Blencowe, Nancy Greco.***

✠ Remembrance Diary ✠

We remember those who have died especially **Ray Easthorpe** and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time

3/10 to 9/10

**Freda Alford, Jacob Lu, Giuseppe La Morticella,
John Bruce, Paula Franz, Agnes Mattingley,
Peter Stephens, Fons Hermans, Frank Quilty,
Marta & Frank Mateuszyk, Janet Warren,
George Stanley, Peter Houben, Nell Smith, Betty
Collins, Patrick Daly, Thomas Cleary, Peter de
Hoon, Tony Ward, Dorothy Downie, William
Coulter, Margaret Brown, Toby Miles, Reginald
Leslie, Vera Boness, Jack Gates, Michael
Gorman, Hiran Johnpillai, Carmel McCourt,
Colleen McCormack, Theo Driessen, Domenico
Del Guidice, Alice Malone, Bill Smith,
Alice Trayers.**

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.



TOMATO PLANTS FOR SALE



The Mooroolbark Conference of St. Vincent de Paul have Tomato Plants for sale once again.

Proceeds will be invaluable this year in helping us to assist those who have been affected financially by the Pandemic.

Because of the Covid restrictions the selling will be done differently than previous years.

Orders will be taken over the phone, the plants will be packed and then delivery will be made.

Orders will be accepted from the 20th September for a limited time, and can be made by ringing : -

Bernie Bohan 0408 508 153 - Richard Knight 0466 977 640 - Jan Phippard 0417 335 763

You are welcome to share these numbers with people who don't receive the newsletter and who might like to buy plants.

The plants will be \$2.50 each and there are 8 varieties.

Grosse Lisse; Beefsteak; Bucci; Tiny Tom; Sweet Bite; Black Russian; San Marzano Roma; Ox Heart.

The plants are selling fast and we recommend that you put your order in as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.



Thank you for your ongoing support of St Vincent de Paul.

Jan Phippard - President St Vincent de Paul Mooroolbark

INTRODUCTORY REFLECTION

Paul's calm encouragement of the Philippians stands in stark contrast to the threat of judgment conveyed by the vineyard stories of Isaiah and Jesus.

Paul offers a strategy for peace of mind amid the current turmoil of our troubled world and fractious society. He invites us to reflect on our spiritual diet. On what do we feed our minds, our hearts, our spirits? How much of it is junk, or worse still, poison?

The coronavirus crisis that has forced us to re-assess our habits also gives us the chance to nourish our inner health. It's time to seek out the company, the reading, the practice of prayer, the attention to nature that will lead us to the peace of God.



2020 Live Streamed *March for the Babies* October 10 @1 p.m.

Due to Covid 19 restrictions, the Annual March for the Babies 2020 will be a Live Streamed event @ 1p.m. Saturday October 10th.

Join in online www.mftb.online for Victoria's largest pro-life event in defence of the victims of Victoria's inhumane abortion laws, unborn children and their mothers. Featured speakers, powerful testimonies, music and opportunities to promote the "culture of life".



"You yourself, as much as anybody in the entire universe,
deserve your love and affection"

Buddha



Five hundred years ago some people were searching for the Fountain of Youth. All their waking moments they thought about discovering fountain water which preserved their youth.

One thousand years ago some chemists were experimenting with alchemy in an effort to find some chemical which would turn certain metals into gold. Day and night, they mixed chemicals in their laboratory.

Even today there are some actors and athletes who are searching for stardom and fame. Some actresses will take bold roles or do anything for the producer just to get their name in lights. Some young men will make unbelievable sacrifices to win an Olympic medal. Some politicians will pay enormous sums of money just to be elected. All these people will pay almost any price in their searching and seeking.

In today's Communion Antiphon, we read the words from Lamentations 3:25, "The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him."

Are we searching for a deeper companionship with the Lord, the way a young athlete is searching for a gold medal? All our waking moments, is Jesus on our minds the way a loved one is on the mind of a lover? We are not talking about wanting to learn more about Jesus. Most of us know enough facts about Jesus already. We are talking about wanting to come closer to Jesus in companionship, in love.

We are not just talking about having Jesus like a bodyguard who follows us around all day.

We are talking about having Jesus as a best friend who shares our every joy, every sorrow. In this challenging time of pandemic may all of us continue to draw strength from Jesus, because "the Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him."



COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2020

3 x ALL NEW SUZUKI BALENO HAVE BEEN WON!!!



While our Parish wasn't one of the winners, one of the cars has been won by someone from our neighbouring parish of Lilydale. Let's try again next year.

Prize No	Prizes	Ticket No	Parish
1	Suzuki Beleno	032770	Good Shepherd, Mulgrave
2	Suzuki Beleno	095457	St Patrick's, Lilydale
3	Suzuki Beleno	049753	Our Lady of the Pines, Donvale
4	\$1000 Coles/Myer Gift Card	083496	Our Holy Redeemer, Surrey Hills
5	\$1000 Coles/Myer Gift Card	011368	Clairvaux Primary School, Belmont
6	\$500 Coles Myer Gift Card	024215	Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Dromana
7	\$500 Coles Myer Gift Card	069241	St Damian's, Bundoora
8	\$500 Coles Myer Gift Card	077953	Resurrection Parish, Keysborough
9	\$500 Coles Myer Gift Card	109047	St Simon's, Rowville
10	\$500 Coles Myer Gift Card	077525	Resurrection Parish, Keysborough
11	\$500 Coles Myer gift Card	092015	St Michael's, Ashburton
12	\$500 Coles Myer Gift Card	056036	St Scholastica, Bennettswood
13	\$500 Coles Myer Gift Card	015841	St Agatha's, Cranbourne
14	\$500 Coles Myer Gift Card	069696	St Damian's, Bundoora

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS STARTS THIS WEEKEND

A REMINDER TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS
FORWARD ONE HOUR BEFORE YOU
GO TO BED ON SATURDAY NIGHT.



"Let us be grateful to the people who make
us happy; they are the charming gardeners
who make our souls blossom."

Marcel Proust