



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 **Parish Assistant**
Mrs. Adriana De Leo Mr. Brian Twining

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Parish Hall - Contact Parish Office

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School Principal – Mr. Greg Thomas
<http://www.spjemooroolbark.catholic.edu.au>

SPJE - Outside School Hours Care
Telephone: 8215 9206

St. Richard's Parish School
672 Mt. Dandenong Rd Kilsyth, 3137
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School Principal - Mr. Marcus Gill
<http://www.srkilsyth.catholic.edu.au>

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

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
4th September 2022 Issue No. 32

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

Jesus' teaching and miracles have been attracting crowds of would-be followers. In today's Gospel Jesus challenges His disciples with the notion that discipleship comes at a cost. It's all very well to go with the crowd when the miracle-worker is in town and gaining popularity, but have these followers considered the consequences? Jesus speaks of the utter commitment needed to be a disciple. Jesus sets out a clear 'black or white' extreme position. To 'love' Jesus means 'hating' all else.

The Gospel, Luke 14:25-33, contains some of the most demanding utterances attributed to Jesus in the New Testament. Certainly, the concluding statement, 'None of you can be my disciple unless he or she gives up all possessions', is the most extreme statement on renunciation of wealth in the Gospel of Luke

In a sense, what Jesus is doing in the Gospel is simply being honest with his disciples. He foresees that those who follow him will inevitably become caught up in the suffering and death he now sees to lie ahead of him. It is no kindness to followers to keep them in ignorance of this. He must prick any illusions they have about where following him might lead.

In a world which spends millions on advertising and promoting products and causes, Jesus' words sound very strange. Far from advertising discipleship, his words sound discouraging. 'Take up your Cross' is hardly a caption that would sell Christianity. But this is just the point. Jesus isn't after half-hearted followers. He wants 'all or nothing' Christians, people who know what they are taking on and give a whole-hearted commitment.

Rudy Vail
Deputy Principal St Richard's School

**SEPTEMBER 2022
PARISH CALENDAR**

SEPTEMBER

3/4th 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Priest Retirement Fund Appeal - All Masses
FATHERS DAY
 6th Tue Reconciliation Family Night - 7pm Church
 6th Tue Baptism Information Meeting- 7pm - Naomi Dean - Via Zoom

10/11th 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Safeguarding Sunday
 Reconciliation Commitment Mass
 St Richards - 6pm & 11am
Monthly Church Collection - all Masses
 15th Thur Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
 5.30pm Parish House

17/18th 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 17th Sat. Private Baptism - 10 am
 18th Sun. Baptism - 11 am
 Private Baptism - 12.30 pm

23rd Fri Football (Public Holiday)
24/25th 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Baptism - 11 am

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday 9.30am mass

Readings for Next Week - 10/11th September

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14: Ps 50:3-4,
 12-13, 17, 1 Tim 1:12-17: Lk 15:1-32

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;

*James Brien, Eleanor Thompson,
 Brenda Corrigan, Vic Garcia,
 Pam Stephens, Judith Fitzgerald,
 Max Pisotek, & Heidi Franz*

† Remembrance Diary †

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

3/9 to 9/9

Matija Jelenc (first death anniversary),
 George Graves, Ronald Bell, Ray Kiker, Emma Collins,
 Gabriel Margaletic, James Collins, Mary Murphy, Betty Code, Harry Quarmbly,
 Jean Bowman, Adrian Clark, Rosemary Ekanayake,
 Monsignor Francis Lyons PE AM, Thelma Whitehouse,
 Leigh Matheson, Angela Raudino, Jennifer Watson,
 Charles Stafford, Ada Casotti, Mark Kowacki,
 Richard John, Kevin Whelan, Francis Cafarella,
 Tom Madden, Charles Duke, Maria Giuffrida,
 Edward Glab, Francis Maugueret, Cheryl Rout,
 Nick Nagtzaam, Anne Reynolds.

ROSTERS

Counters - Month of September

Paul & Marianne Redfern

Flowers - Month of September

Margaret Kim

Church Cleaners - Month of September

Francis Braganza & Laurel Simpson

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

Readers and Commentators - 10 & 11th Sept

6.00 pm Pat Harman & Iris Gale
 9.00 am Marinella Mack ? & Volunteer req.
 11.00am Elizabeth Acapado & Volunteer req.

Musicians - 3 & 4th September

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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL



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

**Priest Retirement Fund
 Special Collection this weekend**

Fathers Day Appeal.
 The traditional day for the annual collection for the Priests Retirement Foundation.
 This appeal creates one of the four main income streams for the Foundation enabling us to support the retired priests of the Archdiocese.
 All contributions of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

“Caring for those who cared”

Envelopes are available in the church pews

LADIES LUNCH GROUP

Our next Ladies Lunch will be on
Tuesday 6th September
At Chirnside Park Country Club
68 Kingswood Drive ,
Chirnside Park
We will meet at 12 pm for 12.30 lunch
Enquiries/RSVP
Nancy Gough 0411 137 251
Philomena Turner 0417 208 077

March for the Babies 2022

Please keep this date free – **8th October**
and come to show your support for the unborn Join us
for the 2022 March for the Babies.
We'll be gathering in Treasury Gardens at 12:30pm and
walking to Parliament House at 1:00pm.
Come and help us celebrate life, EVERY life, great or
small, born or unborn.
Show your Support: Wear Pink and/or Blue

FATHERS DAY PRAYER

*GOD MY FATHER, on this day set aside to honour
fathers, I place myself before you in thanksgiving.
Thank you for the precious lives you have placed
under my care and responsibility.*

*I carry a joyful burden, and I pray the load will
never be so heavy that I forget the pleasures of
my role, nor so light that I forget the magnitude of
my duties.*

*Give me knowledge and wisdom to usher my
children toward responsible adulthood-and a true
and mature faith in you.*

*Give me courage to make difficult decisions. Help
me guide my children with a discipline that is fair
and centred on Christ.*

*Grant me the humility to admit my own failings as
a father and the ability to ask forgiveness.*

*Most important, draw me ever closer to you-
remain my rock, my strength, and a perfect model
of selfless fatherhood.*

Amen. Happy Father's Day

IT'S BACK

Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle

This is advance notice that the Parish and the 2 Schools will once again be participating in the Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle. After a couple of years due to Covid and the retirement of Fr Kevin Dillon, (the previous Organiser), the Raffle has been aptly resurrected by Resurrection Parish, Keysborough, thanks to Fr Brian Collins and to the CCPR CoOrdinator, Hedy Carvalho.

Tickets will be available shortly in the church foyer for collection by parishioners. Church Foyer ticket sales will also commence during September, at most masses, until 2nd November. The raffle will then be drawn early December.

With regard to the schools, we will be asking families to request a book to sell, rather than distributing a book to each family as in past years.

In this way we hope to have a 100% sale of all tickets.

The prizes are fabulous:

- 1st Prize: Kia Picanto S 1.25ltr Auto
- 2nd Prize: Coles/Myer Gift Card - to the value of \$5000
- 3rd Prize: Coles/Myer Gift Card - to the value of \$2000
- 4th Prize: Coles/Myer Gift Card - to the value of \$1000
- 5th & 6th Prize: Coles/Myer Gift Card - to the value of \$500

Tickets are \$2.00 each so they are extremely good value.

If you have any queries, I can be contacted on 0403 568 302
or by email: rafflespje@gmail.com

Marg Vallence / CoOrdinator
SPJE Parish Mooroolbark Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle 2022.

National Child Protection Week

4 - 10 September 2022



Safeguarding Essentials Online Training

The long-awaited *Safeguarding Essentials* online training module, for all clergy and volunteers is available.

Safeguarding Essentials is a 30-minute online training module for all clergy and volunteers within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne.

This accessible and engaging resource provides clergy and volunteers with foundational knowledge and a clear understanding of their duty of care and expectations in relation to safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable persons from all forms of abuse and harm.

- This will be an annual requirement for everyone to complete individually online.
- At the completion of the training participants will receive a certificate of completion, and the parish will be sent notification that the module has been completed successfully.

How to access the training

To access the online training go to: www.safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org

To login, each volunteer or clergy member will need:

- Working with Children Check ID
- Email address.

To register, volunteers will need to select their parish [Mooroolbark] from the dropdown menu as their Primary Organisation of Service.

You will need to have an up to date browser.

The WWCC ID is used to record who has registered and successfully completed the training. Participants' privacy is protected in accordance with the [CAM Privacy Policy](#).

**All volunteers are required to complete this training annually.
If needing help the office will be able to assist.**