



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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Parish Secretary
Mrs. Adriana De Leo

Parish Assistant
Mr. Brian Twining

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

Weekday Masses
Tues & Thurs: 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

Parish QR Code



23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
5th September 2021 Issue No. 32

The Messianic Secret refers to a motif primarily in the Gospel of Mark in which Jesus is portrayed as commanding his followers to maintain silence about his

Messianic mission. As this week's gospel story develops, the concern for secrecy can be understood.

The crowd react to this miracle with overwhelming amazement, and Mark has them use words that come from the prophet Isaiah, 'Then the eyes of the blind will be opened and the ears of the deaf unsealed.' (Isaiah 35:5)

Jewish hopes for a saviour were often understood in political/military terms, a King like David who would free them from their enemies. Jesus is not interested in their definitions of his ministry; Jesus follows God's wishes for a 'kingdom' of peace, justice and relationships of love, rather than a political 'kingdom'.

These relationships draw people together into a new type of family or kinship group. The reign of God that Jesus ushers in will not satisfy those who want power and rule here on earth.

The first place Jesus' 'kingdom' must claim is the individual's heart. The image of 'kingdom' as a community of men and women living in loving relationships continued in the early Church. Often in the letters of Paul, John and James, these writers address the community as 'brothers and sisters'. The Christian community, as children of the one God, are brothers and sisters to each other. Within such a community distinctions of race or social status should not apply – all are children of God, all are equal. This idea was very foreign in society at that time where there were very clear distinctions between people in both the Roman society and within Judaism. Both these groups had slaves, and both groups tended to honour signs of wealth and prestige.

This attitude towards non-Jews would have been shocking to the Jewish society at that time, but Jesus' vision is not determined by categories such as Jew, gentile, free, slave, woman, man, righteous, sinner. Jesus ignores such labels and reaches out to the needs of a fellow human. Dare we do the same

With acknowledgement to Mary Coloe PBVM
Rudy Vail - Deputy Principal/Religious Education leader
St. Richards Primary School

PARISH CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

4/5th	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7th Tue	Baptism Preparation Meeting - 7.30pm Iris Gale via Zoom
11/12th	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Child Protection Sunday</i> Reconciliation 6pm & 11am Baptism 11am
17th Fri	School Closure
18/19th	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
19th Sun	Baptisms 9am & 11am Baptism Private 12.15pm
25/26th	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ROSTERS

Counters Month of September 2021

Mon. Paul & Marianne Redfern

Flowers September 2021

TBA

Church Cleaners Month of September

Laurel Simpson & Francis Braganza

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

Ministers of Eucharist Coordinators for September

No Coordinators required during Covid

Readers and Commentators

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

Musicians

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

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday & Thursday 9.30 am

NO 9.30am Mass During Lockdown

Readings for Next Week - 12th Sept

Is 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;

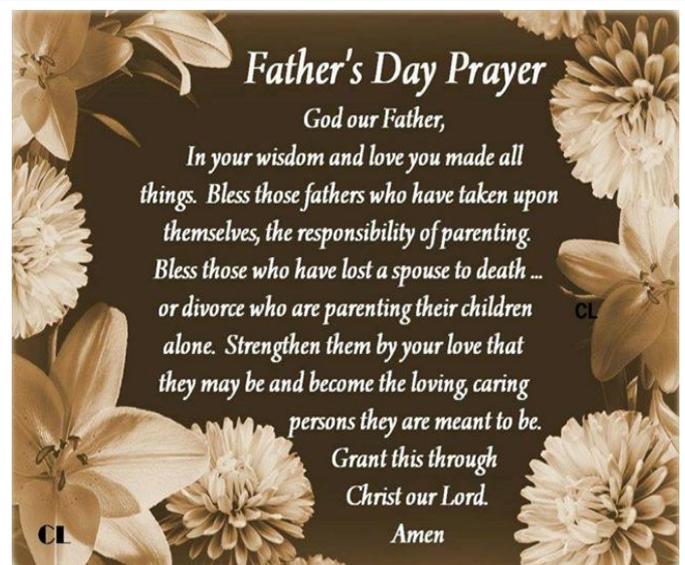
Frances Hau, Rose Robert, Eleanor Thompson, Patricia Fenton, Joan Bourke, Patricia Koblar, Sue Hoogenboom, Kris Hibbert, Agata Rajic, Shirlene de la Harpe

† Remembrance Diary †

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

4/9 to 10/9

Harry Quarmbly, Jean Bowman, Adrian Clark, Rosemary Ekanayake, Monsignor Francis Lyson PE AM, Thelma Whitehouse, Leigh Matheson, Angela Raudino, Matija Jelenc, Jennifer Watson, Charles James 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, Gladys Pierce, (baby) Teresa Rose Jones, Phemie Harris, Claire & John Kelly, Leonard Collins.



Fr Joseph's Homily

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

What is the significance of Jesus putting his fingers into the man's ears in this Sunday's Gospel?

St Gregory the great, a church father from the 6th Century, comments on this miracle: "The Spirit is called the finger of God. When the Lord puts his finger into the ears of the deaf mute, he was opening the soul of man to faith through the gifts of the Holy Spirit."

The people's response to this miracle testifies to Jesus' great care for others.

He has done all things well, no problem or burden was too much for Jesus' careful consideration. The Lord Jesus treats each of us with kindness and compassion and he calls us to treat one another in like manner.

The Holy Spirit who dwells within us enables us to love as Jesus loves.

Do you show kindness and compassion to your neighbours and do you treat them with considerateness as Jesus did? Fill me with your Holy Spirit and inflame my heart with love and compassion. Make me attentive to the needs of our church and others that I may show them kindness and care. Make me an instrument of your mercy and peace that I may help others find healing and wholeness in you".



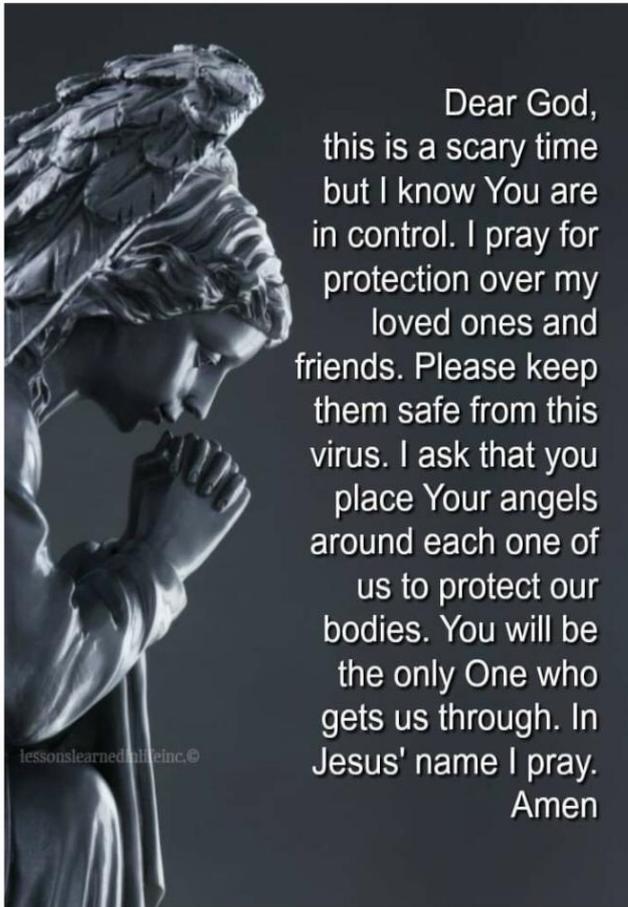
THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

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During this time of our lockdown, you may wish to drop of your Thanksgiving Envelopes to the Parish Office.

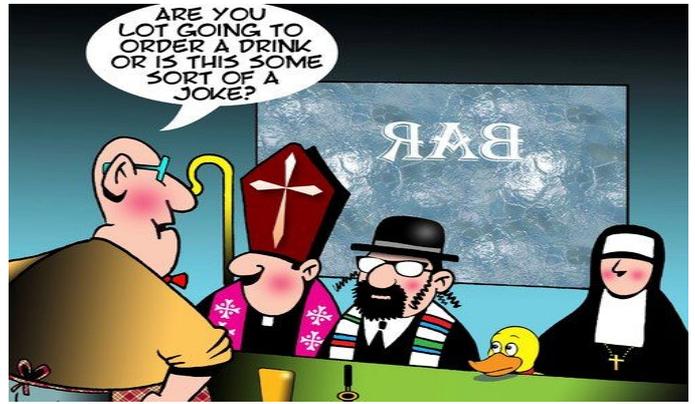
(letterbox on left side of the front door).

Fr Joseph acknowledges and thanks you for your continued financial support.



Dear God,
this is a scary time
but I know You are
in control. I pray for
protection over my
loved ones and
friends. Please keep
them safe from this
virus. I ask that you
place Your angels
around each one of
us to protect our
bodies. You will be
the only One who
gets us through. In
Jesus' name I pray.
Amen

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Parish Child Safeguarding Team

If you have any child safety concerns please contact the following team members

Brian Twining

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Or request a call back on the Parish Office
phone 9723 4275

PARISH UPDATES

To see all current mass times and updates on attendance rules in place, please take the time to look at the Parish website.

Simply type into google SPJE Parish then click onto website, scroll down the page and you will see the current advice.

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'Treasuring Our Later Years' (Reflection series via ZOOM), 6 x Wednesdays, 22 September to 27 October 2021, 12.45pm-3pm.

Facilitated by Nicole Rotaru rsm, this series offers participants the opportunity to explore new possibilities that ageing offers daily. It will include input, conversation and the opportunity to depth and integrate reflections and learnings through personal reflection and creative expressions. Topics covered include: ageing; spirituality; relationships; meaning; gratitude; death. Cost \$180 for the series, or \$30 per session. Bookings and payment via Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation website at www.heartoflife.melbourne For more information, contact email: secretary@heartoflife.melbourne or tel: (03) 9890 1101.



A weekly series bringing 'light' to this time of lockdown...

Well and truly done with sourdough starters? Not interested in another DIY project? To help fill the void during lockdown, each week we'll suggest some inspiring content to bring 'light' to this difficult time. Pop on the kettle and check out the recommendations below.

PODCASTS FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING

Quality podcasts navigating marriage and family life

Parenting as a team

This podcast from the Messy Family Project gives some great practical advice on how couples can be truly in sync with one another and parent together with unity, respect and God's grace. Listen at: www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving1

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BIBLE

Resources to help you explore the Bible

How to read the Bible

Getting started: In this short video, Fr Mike Schmitz shares several reasons we should pick up our Bible again, see it with fresh eyes and allow it to transform our lives. Watch at: www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted1

Going deeper: In this video, Bishop Robert Barron looks at different approaches to understanding Scripture and how we can use them to hear God speaking to us today. View here: www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper1

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