



# 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**

### Parish Secretary

Mrs. Adriana De Leo

### Parish Assistant

Mr. Brian Twining

### Parish Office

234 Hull Road (PO Box 2) Mooroolbark 3138

Telephone: 9723 4275

**Parish Mobile: 0493 071 811 - For emergency  
and church registrations**

<http://pol.org.au/mooroolbark/Home.aspx>

Email: [mooroolbark@cam.org.au](mailto:mooroolbark@cam.org.au)

### Parish Hall - Contact Parish Office

### SPJE Parish School

Reay Road, Mooroolbark 3138

Telephone 9725 0595 Fax 9723 9255

**School Principal – Mr. Greg Thomas**

<http://www.spjemooroolbark.catholic.edu.au>

### St. Richard's Parish School

672 Mt. Dandenong Rd Kilsyth, 3137

Telephone 9728 4378 Fax 9728 6272

**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.

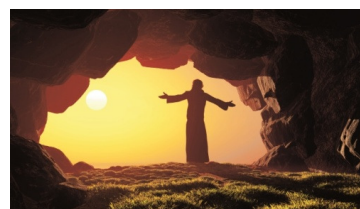
**Sacraments (Baptism, Weddings)**

Ring Parish Office 9723 4275

**32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time  
6th November 2022 Issue No. 41**

## Reflection

Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> November 2022



November is the month set aside to pray for the faithful departed.

We are reminded that our life in this world has an end.

There is death for everybody.

The desire of people is to conquer and control.  
This is the reason why the world ardently tries to avoid death.

But death is inevitable.

Remembering our dear departed also reminds us that despite death, life continues.

Death is not the end of life.

Rather, death is a passage or entry towards eternal life.

There is resurrection and there is eternal life.  
The Gospel teaches clearly about the truth of the resurrection.

God is love. He loves us so much that

He wants us to live with Him forever.

The resurrection is the proof of God's love for us.

He has the power to raise up our mortal bodies after death, and to give us eternal life.

We are in the last weeks of Ordinary Time and soon will transition to Advent.

The readings today lead us towards Advent by calling us to reflect on the deepest meaning of life: our relationship with God and living in God's presence.

*Marg Vallence  
PPC*

## PARISH CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER

#### 5/6th Nov 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monthly Church Collection - All Masses  
BAPTISMS - 6pm & 11 am

7th Mon **FUNERAL - Trish Leahy**  
**SPJE Church - 11 am**  
**Celebrant: Fr Pieter Ferwerda**

9th Wed Advent Liturgy Meeting - Parish House - 7.30pm

9th Wed Baptism Preparation Meeting - 7.30pm Church - Tim Newcomb

12/13th **33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
Baptism - 11am

19/20th **Our Lord Jesus King of the Universe**

## Weekday Mass Times

**Tuesday 9.30am mass**

### Readings for Next Week - 13th November

2 Mac 7:1-2, 9-14: Ps 16:1, 5-6, 8, 15:  
2 Thess 2:16 - 3:5: Lk 20:27-38

### Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;

***Eleanor Thompson, Judith Fitzgerald,  
Max Pisotek, Heidi Franz,  
Marlene Daly & Sharon Jenkins.***

### † Remembrance Diary †

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

#### 5/11 to 11/11

Gregory Pinola (first death anniversary),  
Jennifer Draper, Walter Marshall, Charlotte Spencer, Mavis O'Neill, Arthur Green, Maureen McKay, Edna Morrissey, Monica Stretch, John Shevlin, Gwendoline Ede, Michael Adriaansz, Bryan Gartlan, Frances O'Donnell, Mollie Cox, Liza Chan, Anthony Cassidy, Albert Arman, Bridget Prudden, Frank Van Gorp, John Eymard O'Connor, Isabella Cochrane, Elsie Parkinson, Tess Smith, Adele Steadman, Marjory Sheedy, Anthony McCarrey, Nora Walls, Harry Twining.

## ROSTERS

### Counters - Month of November

Jan Phipphard & Eileen Goltz

### Flowers - Month of November

Anita & Belinda Routley

### Church Cleaners - Month of November

Jun Romero Family

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

### Readers and Commentators - 12/13th Nov

6.00 pm Paul Redfern & Paul Martin  
9.00 am Lisa Read & Tim Newcomb  
11.00am Charlotte Wightman & Volunteer Req.

### Musicians - 12/13th November

6.00 pm Paul & Co  
9.00 am FILIPINO Group  
11.00am ZOMI Group

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL



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



## BAPTISM

We welcome to our Parish through Baptism

***Lenny & Archer Boeck,  
Sage Pelosi***

As they receive the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament celebrated this weekend, may their faith guide them throughout their life.

## BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

During the month of November we remember all those who have passed away. Many of these names are recorded in our Book of Remembrance.

If you would like a new name recorded and have not submitted the name in previous years please place the name of your loved one including first name & surname on the sheet provided. Any new names will be included in the book next year.

*Remembrance book is available in the church foyer.*



## COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE

**All raffle tickets and money are due  
NOW**

to allow for collating and delivery to  
the organisers

I also don't want to have to chase up  
tickets

**A big thank you to those who have  
returned tickets**

**Please text or email me if you need  
assistance in returning tickets**

Prize winners will be notified on the night  
of the draw & will be in the newsletter

I can be contacted on 0403 568 302 or by  
email: [rafflespje@gmail.com](mailto:rafflespje@gmail.com)

Marg Vallence / CoOrdinator CCPR 2022  
SPJE Parish Mooroolbark

## ALL SOULS DAY MASS

Fr Joseph celebrated Mass at Lilydale  
Memorial Park on Wednesday  
2nd November  
for All Souls Day, on behalf of the  
Greater Melbourne Cemetery Trust





## LADIES LUNCH GROUP

Our next ladies lunch will be held on  
**Tuesday 8th November**  
(please note this is the second Tues. because of Melbourne Cup)



**Venue: The Groove Train Chirnside Park**  
Shop pad P4c Chirnside Park  
Shopping Centre

Located near Reading Cinema and Rivers store

Meet 12 pm for 12.30pm Lunch

Enquiries/RSVP Philomena Turner  
0417 208 077



## DORSET HOTEL (Lantern Room)

**Tue. 6th December 2022 - 12 noon start**

\$5 from each lady attending to cover the cost of room hire

Any excess money will be donated to SVDP Christmas Appeal (Mooroolbark)

Please place money in an envelope with your name on the front.

Payable directly to Philomena or dropped off to the parish office during weekdays.

**Confirmation required by: Mon. 21st November**

Enquiries Philomena Turner - 0417 208 077



## St Peter Julian Eymard Parish Memorial Garden

For those parishioners who might be aware. Our church has a lovely memorial garden. It is a place to remember your loved ones that have departed.

The memorial wall is neatly tucked in the corner of church on the left.

If you wish to purchase a plaque or would like more information, please contact the parish office for more information.



## Safe programs, activities and events

Parishes, agencies and entities of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne (CAM) recognise that child safety requires a proactive approach that systemically identifies and assesses risk on an ongoing basis to minimise opportunities for child abuse or harm to occur.

Situational risk prevention focuses on specific behaviours and practices within a parish, agency or entity that permit or promote specific outcomes. In relation to child safety, physical and social environments within an organisation can be designed or altered to minimise the risk of child abuse structured and the way in which programs, activities and events are run impacts the safety of children and young people.

A focus on 'how we do things' and 'where we do things' in a parish, agency or entity is important in promoting the safety of children and young people.

### Risk Management

Risk management is a formal and structured approach to the identification and management of risk. The Archdiocese is committed to ensuring that child safety risk management processes are implemented within parishes, agencies and entities to prevent, detect, reduce and/or remove potential child safety risks.

### Practice and Behavioural Guidelines

Practice and Behavioural Guidelines have been developed to guide the planning and delivery of programs, activities and events involving children and young people and situations that may arise in the course of our work with children and young people.

## Listen to "In every crisis there is opportunity"

The municipality of Opol in the province of Misamis Oriental overlooks the picturesque Macajalar Bay on the north-west coast of Mindanao, the southern-most island of the Philippines, but its scenic outlook betrays the poverty and desperation of the people who live there.

However, the proximity of the province to the provincial capital of Cagayan de Oro has proved a lifeline to those of this struggling rural population with the resolve and determination to improve their lot in life.

The steady trickle of migrants into the city may have added to its urban sprawl, but the enterprising nature of the newcomers has contributed much energy and creativity to its life. The women have scoured the streets for any opportunity they can find to earn a living. Able-bodied men have boosted construction gangs, driven taxis and lugged freight to complement the meagre earnings of their families. With courage and determination, they have slowly built new settlements on rented land and persisted in improving their homes despite the absence of secure tenure.

However, the level of support received from local authorities has in no way matched the optimism and verve demonstrated by these energetic migrants from rural areas. Bureaucracy and political patronage manifested themselves in the lack of provision of necessary infrastructure, resulting in limited electricity and water supplies, obstructed access to markets, education and other essential services. This has severely affected not only the work these industrious migrants have been able to access, but also contributed to a worrying level of poverty and illiteracy.

Divine Mercy Village is a case in point. Many of its residents are survivors of Typhoon Sendong, which ravaged the area in 2013. They did their best to meet the needs of their families, and with support from parishes in the archdiocese of Cagayan de Oro, religious congregations, civil society organisations, government agencies and international donors got back on their feet and began life anew.

However, another calamity was to beset them, and while not as dramatic as the typhoon, the disquieting emergence of the coronavirus pandemic was equally as daunting. To curb the spread of the virus, the government issued health protocols and instructions: use of facemasks, social or physical distancing, curfews and a ban on liquor.

These restrictions hit those who eke out their living from day to day the hardest, but rather than sitting quietly and feeling anxious about the future and the risk of infection, the residents of Divine Mercy Village, especially the women and young people, began exploring new ways to survive.

### Putting Food on the Table

Irene Jimenez, a resident of the Divine Mercy Village, knew what it was like to live in critical times. She had experienced the destructive winds of Typhoon Sendong and understood the threat the pandemic posed to the food supply and the health of her family.

The ever resourceful woman began promoting what was termed *square-foot gardening*. Tilling the soil in the small space outside her home allowed her to create a four-by-two-foot plot in which she planted vitamin-rich Malabar spinach (*alugbati*).

Come harvest time, she reaped more than her family needed and picked up 55 pesos (\$1.44) from the sale of her *alugbati*. Not a big amount, but enough to confirm success and inspire her neighbours to join the venture, resulting in various kinds of produce beginning to sprout around the perimeters of the homes clustered in the area.

People got on the bandwagon knowing that eating organically grown food would contribute to the health of their families. They also swatted up on the nature of the coronavirus to dispel feelings of fear and anxiety, helping their community to become more cohesive.

Watching the gardens thrive gave people reason to smile and laugh again, and Irene tucked the proceeds of her first crop into her treasure box as a kind of good luck charm. For her, the vegetable garden represented the hope in her heart that there would always be food on her family table.

I see this as an example of the oft'-quoted maxim, "to see is to believe." Her neighbour, Joel Tabornal, had been sceptical of Irene's efforts. He told her she was wasting her time, but his wife, Conception, was impressed.

Conception did not allow the cynicism of her husband to deter her and set about doing what she believed would assure her family a supply of free fresh vegetables. She went big in her venture, planting out a nine-square-foot patch. It flourished and once Joel had seen, he believed. He now tends the garden himself.

Petrolina Arana and her husband live beside an idle piece of land and saw the prospect of generating an income. With the consent of the owner of the land, they tilled and planted, even adding a small fishpond with tilapia, a popular delight in many parts of the world. The income they derive helps the family to live more comfortably and by sharing some of their produce with the owner of the land, the relationship between the squatters and the landowner improved. Indeed, in every crisis there is opportunity.