



# 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

**Parish Office**  
234 Hull Road (PO Box 2) Mooroolbark 3138  
Telephone: 9723 4275

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**Parish Hall - Contact Parish Office**

**SPJE Parish School**  
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**School Principal – Mr. Greg Thomas**  
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**SPJE - Outside School Hours Care**  
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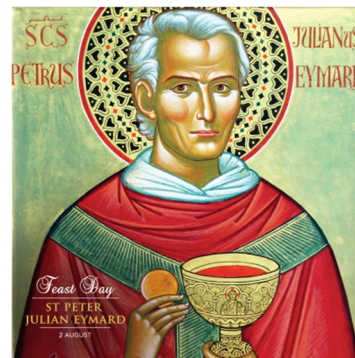
**St. Richard's Parish School**  
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**School Principal - Mr. Marcus Gill**  
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**Normal Mass Times at SPJE**

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

**19th Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
**7th August 2022      Issue No. 28**



On August the 2nd we celebrated our patron saint's Feast Day. St. Peter Julian Eymard is an inspiration to all of us, it is through his works that our parish vision statement is enacted.

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and Spirit-filled Parish Community***

It was clear from an early age that Peter wanted to be a priest. After he entered the seminary, illness forced him to leave. But he persisted and was finally ordained when he was 23. A few years later he heard some Marist Priests preach. The Marist order is dedicated to Mary, the Blessed Mother. Their message appealed to Father Eymard, and he eventually joined their congregation. He traveled through Europe, giving retreats and missions. As time passed, he felt very drawn to Jesus through the Eucharist and decided that they needed to make this their focus. In 1856, Father Eymard founded *te Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament*. *The men who joined the congregation guarded the Blessed Sacrament 24 hours a day and soon attracted lay persons to do the same. This practice of prayer and devotion before the Blessed Sacrament became known as Eucharistic devotion. At the age of twelve before his First Holy Communion Peter wrote this beautiful prayer.*

*My dear Jesus,  
I thank you for the grace  
which you have given me  
that you have come to dwell in my heart.*

**AUGUST 2022**  
**PARISH CALENDAR**

**AUGUST**

**6/7th**      **19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Monthly Church Collection - all Masses**  
 Baptism - 11am  
 8th Mon      Mass St Richards 9.15-11.00am  
 11th Thu      Parish Pastoral Council Meeting  
 5.00 pm (Parish House)

**13/14th**      **20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Catholic Care Collection**  
 - All Masses  
 Baptism - 6pm  
 Baptism - 9am, 11am

**20/21st**      **21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Baptism - 6pm  
 Baptism - 11am

**27/28th**      **22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Social Justice Sunday**  
 Baptism - 11am

**SEPTEMBER**

**3/4th**      **23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Weekday Mass Times**

**Tuesday 9.30 am**

**Readings for Next Week - 13/14th August**

**Jer 38:4-6,8-10; Ps 39:2-4,18**  
**Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53**

**Prayers for the Sick**

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;

*James Brien, Eleanor Thompson,  
 Patricia Fenton, Patricia Koblar,  
 Brenda Corrigan, Vic Garcia,  
 Pam Stephens, Hyacinth Pereira,  
 Judith Fitzgerald, Max Pisotek, Priya &  
 Heidi Franz*

**† Remembrance Diary †**

We remember those who have died and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.  
**6/8 - 12/8**

Gerda Driessen, John Collins, John 'Jack' O'Brien, Keith Gray, Michael Beary, Rim Hoppener, Teresa McCluskey, Ida Britton, Anito Montego, Elinor Barnes, James Walsh, John Commane, Ronald Martini, Mario Riccardi, Rudiger Lutterberg, Sister Madeline Ryan OSU, Justin Edward, Marinus Leusenkamp, Bob Anguey, Felix Goodwin, Margaret Lane, Renee De Jong, Mary Maffescioni, Nellie Garland, Noeline Hewardine, Reg Watson, Jenny Morrish, Angus Campbell, Edna Cleary, Marlene Campbell, Sheila Wheatley, Mary Wycisk.

**ROSTERS**

**Counters - Month of August**

Christine Sellar, M&J Prendergast

**Flowers - Month of August**

Philomena Turner

**Church Cleaners - Month of August**

Margaret Kim & Esther Ngaihte

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

**Readers and Commentators - 13/14th August**

6.00 pm      Pat Harman, Iris Gale  
 9.00 am      Lilette De La Harpe, Lilijana Stride  
 11.00am      Auna Wernert, Volunteer

**Musicians - 13/14th August**

6.00 pm      Paul & Co  
 9.00 am      Elisabeth  
 11.00am      Shelly & Co

**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

*Olivia Williams*

As he receives the Holy Spirit through the  
 Sacrament celebrated this weekend, may his faith  
 guide him throughout his life.

## A Reflection

A priest walked into a bar and made an announcement. "Anyone who wants to go to heaven, please stand up now." Everyone stood except for one man who continued to sip his drink at the bar. The priest said to him, "Sir, don't you want to go to heaven when you die?"

The man looked up and said, "When I die? Yes. But I thought you were gathering a group to go now." In today's gospel, the Evangelist Luke brings together several of Jesus' parables that focus on the call to persevere and to be vigilant as we await the final end-time drama.

As Christians, we inhabit a strange situation where we must live out our busy, work-a-day lives while always conscious that Jesus will one day return and utterly transform the world as we know it. The very ordinariness of our lives is always threatened by a possible outbreak of the extraordinary. As Luke's Jesus warns us, his return will come on "a day and at an hour we do not expect" (Luke 12:40)

Like the man in the story above drinking quietly in the bar, however, we are not quite prepared for that final day to happen any time soon. While each day we pray the words of the Our Father, "may your kingdom come", we silently add the caveat, "but not right now". We have plans and dreams yet unrealised; tasks unfinished; and hopes unfulfilled. If the second coming of Jesus is imminent, it would prove inconvenient.

This reaction is, in part, due to fear – fear of the unknown. Jesus told us very little about the when and the what of the end times. Indeed, in Mark's Gospel (13:32) Jesus says that not even he was privy to the exact timetable of the last days. We are told that we must remain at our posts, be on guard, and be ready for Jesus' return.

But generations have passed since the time of Jesus, and little has changed. War and want, pandemics and politicking, disease and death continue to define our world. So, it isn't simply fear that has led to trepidations about the end, it is also weariness; we have grown weary of waiting for Jesus' return.

Today's gospel suggests that because of this weariness, our focus has turned from the return of Jesus' return and the coming of the God's kingdom to the acquisition of worldly wealth and the attainment of personal success.

We must ask ourselves, have we lost sight of what ultimately matters in life? If so, then it may be time to reboot and to renew; to reconsider our priorities and reorder our plans and dreams, tasks and hopes. We may not know the day or the hour when Jesus will return. But 'right now' is the perfect day and hour to reflect on our goals, our achievements, and our values to determine if they are helping or hindering our faith journey.

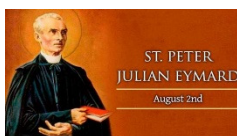
*Ian J Elmer*  
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## CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

Next weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. As our parish's social service agency, CatholicCare Victoria delivers over 60 programs and services including counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care in hospitals and prisons, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Donations from our parish community help CatholicCare Victoria support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community and empower everyone to live life to the full. Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help provide caring support for people when they are at their most broken. You can donate using the appeal envelope available or online at [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au) or call (03) 9287 5513.



## SPJE FEAST DAY HAMPER RAFFLE



1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Hampers PLUS a Bonus Prize

Winners will be drawn at 11.00am Mass on the weekend of 7<sup>th</sup> August,  
Winners will be contacted

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## Social Justice Sunday

The Church in Australia marks Social Justice Sunday on August 28. In their Social Justice Statement, *Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse*, the Australian bishops speak out about the scourge of domestic and family violence.

They call for relationships to be marked by equality and reciprocity rather than domination and violence, respect and freedom rather than coercion and control. Access the Statement and related resources at

[www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)



**St. Richard's**  
Catholic Primary School Kilsyth

PLEASE JOIN US  
FOR THE OFFICIAL NAMING OF OUR SCHOOL HALL  
WHICH WILL NOW BE KNOWN AS THE:

## **MARY MACKILLOP HALL**



CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF MARY MACKILLOP MASS  
FOLLOWED BY MORNING TEA

**MONDAY THE 8TH AUGUST, 2022**  
**TIME: 9:15 - 11:00AM**

**RSVP RUDY VAIL**  
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672 MT. DANDENONG ROAD KILSYTH.

### **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

**An opportunity to spend a weekend improving your communication.**

This experience gives you the tools to keep your passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living.

The weekend we offer is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

**Please check our website for more details.**

We have two options: An on-line/virtual weekend: **19 -21 August 2022** in the comfort of your own home, or a non-residential parish based weekend: **22- 23 October 2022** in Niddrie.

(Book early to avoid disappointment)

Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or  
Email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au) Website: [wwme.org.au](http://wwme.org.au)