



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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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

Fourth Sunday of Easter
8th May 2022 Issue No. 15

Mothers Day Reflection

Mother's Day has been celebrated in Australia on the second Sunday of May since 1924. But, Catholics have been celebrating a sort of mother's day since the first few centuries of the Church. The fourth Sunday of Lent, or Laetare Sunday, traditionally was a time to return to your mother church (home parish) and leave an offering.

Those who practised this custom were said to have gone "a-mothering", and soon it became known as "Mothering Sunday." As the popularity of "Mothering Sunday" grew, it became a day when domestic servants were given leave to be with their families. The day became one of the few times a year where a grown family could gather, as working families often had conflicting schedules. Once the tradition became a day for family reunion, with a reference to mothers in the name, it naturally evolved to include all mothers within the celebration. For children, the long walk back home became a time for picking flowers for mum, and this would grow to the tradition of giving gifts of all sorts to mothers.

In Catholic tradition, the month of May is dedicated to Mary. Chosen by God above all other women, Mary's faith and obedience paved the way for the Incarnation. Her example teaches us faith, obedience, humility and most of all, how to love. As St Thomas of Villanova said, "If in this world any creature ever loved God with whole heart, with whole soul, and with whole mind, she was the creature."

Good and Gentle God, we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women of theory who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings.

Margaret Vallence

PARISH CALENDAR

MAY

7/8th May Fourth Sunday of Easter
Visiting Priest - Fr Michael Knight

7th Sat Baptism - 6pm

8th Sun **Mothers Day**
World Day of Prayer for Vocations

14/15th May Fifth Sunday of Easter
Visiting Priest - Fr Michael Knight
FIRST EUCHARIST - 6 pm
Baptisms - 9 am
FIRST EUCHARIST - 11 am

21/22nd May Sixth Sunday of Easter
2022 Federal Elections
FIRST EUCHARIST (St Rich) 6 pm
BAPTISMS - 9 am
FIRST EUCHARIST (St Rich) 11am
26th Thur Faith Development Meeting - 10am

28/29th May THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
28th Sat Private Baptism - 4.30pm
FIRST EUCHARIST - 6pm
29th Sun **FIRST EUCHARIST - 11am**

4/5th June PENTECOST SUNDAY
Propagation of the faith Appeal
All Masses
4th Sat Private Baptism - 11am
FIRST EUCHARIST - 6pm
5th Sun **FIRST EUCHARIST - 11am**

ROSTERS

Counters - Month of May 2022

Paul & Marianne Redfern

Flowers - Month of May 2022

Philomena Turner

Church Cleaners - Month of May

Xavier & Muzeena D'Almeida

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

Readers and Commentators - 15th May

6.00 pm Craig Hume & Mitchell Mazarella
9.00 am Marinella Mack & Volunteer Req
11.00am Auna Wernert & Volunteer Req

Musicians - 15th May

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

Weekday Mass Times

No weekday masses during
Fr Joseph's leave

Readings for Next Week - 15th May

Acts 14:21-27 Ps 144:8-13:
Rev 21:1-5 Jn 13:31-35:

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;

*James Devlin, James Brien,
Eleanor Thompson, Patricia Fenton,
Patricia Koblar, Brenda Corrigan,
Vic Garcia, Pam Stephens, Hyacinth
Pereira, Judith Fitzgerald &
Bert (Josie Cairns brother)*

✠ Remembrance Diary ✠

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

7/5 to 13/5

Peter Pannowitch, Shelia Smith, John Rees, Luca
Morice, Elvira Placido Pascetta, Peter Vox,
Carmen Caruana, Kevin Collins, Isabel Clancy,
Doris Weeks, Veronica McNeill, Viktor Kowalski
(first death anniversary), Alf Confeggi, Mary
Carmody, Margaretta den Broeder, Christian Van
Den Akker, Bernadette Vear, Rosa La Morticella.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Pope Francis tells us:

There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life
for the Lord ! I would like to say this especially
to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's
call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not
pull your oars into the boat, but trust him.

Let us pray for the young people in our
community, and in our families and circle of
friends. May our prayers help them to be open
to the Lord's call to consecrated life or
priesthood.



BAPTISM

We welcome to our Parish through Baptism.

Zoe Hawkins-Noble

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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

If assistance is required, please contact



1800 305 330
Mon to Fri 10am to 3pm



Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2022. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit lent.caritas.org.au and donate online.

A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*:



This month can you provide transport to help priests and religious reach and nourish the faithful in Tanzania? Your offering will bridge the divide between priests and their people in Tanzania due to the harsh terrain and dangerous travel. By providing a means of transport, the faithful will be able to participate in more frequent Masses and partake of the Sacraments, as well as providing a means of help to the people, including pregnant mothers, to reach medical facilities.

To make an offering to ACN's Project of the Month visit

www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject

ST. PETER JULIAN EYMARD



OPEN DAY
WEDNESDAY 11th MAY 2022

On this Day Tours will start at 9.30am and leave the office every half hour up to 1pm.

For all other tour dates please check the website <https://spje.vic.edu.au/>



Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne – East Melbourne

Communications Administration Support Officer, Communications Office – (East Melbourne/Flexible Working Arrangements)

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Administration Assistant, St Patrick's Cathedral – (East Melbourne/Part time)

Catholic Development Fund – East Melbourne
Executive Manager, Client Experience

Parish Positions

Parish Secretary, St Luke's Parish – Lalor

Personal Secretary – Supporting the communities of St Kilda East and Balaclava

Stewardship Coordinator, Bayside

Parish Secretary, Preston East

Assistant Sacristan - St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melb.

Parish Finance Officer, Nazareth Parish, Grovedale

Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>