



**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

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Normal Mass Times at SPJE
Weekday Masses - for May
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



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9th May 2021 Issue No. 15

HOLY CONFUSION

If a loving son were asked this Question, "Shall we honour you or shall we honour your father?" Every loving son would prefer that his father be honoured.

Likewise, if a loving father were asked, "Shall we honour you or shall we honour your son?" Every loving father would prefer that the honour be given to his son.

That is the way it is with Jesus and his Heavenly Father.

In today's gospel (John 1 5:9-1 7), Jesus says to us, "Anything that you ask my father he will give you, but he wants you to mention my name."

Did you notice how Jesus emphasized the goodness of his Father, and downplayed the need for mentioning his name?

Jesus prefers that his Father be glorified more than He be glorified.

Now let's listen to how the Father would say these same words, "I will give you whatever you ask for, but must be sure to first mention to me my son's name." Do you see how the loving Father downplays his role and prefers that the other receive the praise and the glory?

Let us imagine that when we go to Heaven and approach Jesus he will say to us, "Have you greeted my mother yet? Go to my mother first." Then when we go to his mother she tells us to first go back to her son.

Perhaps there will be a bit of holy confusion when we first go to Heaven. Each person in the Holy Trinity wanting us to go first to the other two.

That's the way it is with lovers.

Fr Joseph

love
each other
as I have
loved you.
John 15:12

PARISH CALENDAR

MAY 2021

8/9th May	Sixth Sunday of Easter
8th Sat	WEDDING & Baptism Church - 2.30pm St Richards First Eucharist - 6pm
9th	Mothers Day Baptism - 11am
10th	English Classes - 9am-11.30am
12th	English Classes - 7pm-8.30pm
15/16th	The Ascension of the Lord Chaplaincy Sunday - Special Collection - all Masses FIRST EUCHARIST Grade 4 6pm & 11am Mass Baptism - 9am Mass
19th Wed	SVDP Meeting - church foyer 10am - 12 noon English Classes - church foyer 7pm - 8.30am
22/23rd	Pentecost Sunday
22nd Sat	Service for Helen Reading - 11am FIRST EUCHARIST 6pm & 11am
23rd	Baptism - 9am Private Baptism - 12.30pm

ROSTERS

Counters Month of May 2021

Mon. Paul & Marianne Redfern

Flowers May 2021

15th Visi Maka

Church Cleaners Month of May

D'Almeidia Family

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

Ministers of Eucharist Coordinators for May

6.00 pm George Nantes

9.00 am Karen Broughton

11.00am **Volunteer Required**

Readers and Commentators - 15/16th May

6.00 pm Craig Hume & Mitchell Mazarella

9.00 am Florencia Marcella & Muzeena

D'Almeida

11.00am Auna Wernert & **Volunteer Required**

Musicians - 15/16th May

6.00pm Shelly & Co

9.00am no music

11.00am Paul & Angela

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday & Thursday 9.30 am

Readings for Next Week - 16th May

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 4:1-13 or Eph 1:17-23;
Mk 16:15-20

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;

*Frances Hau, Rose Robert, Carmelita & Keith
Arrowsmith, Danielle Devlin, Eleanor
Thompson, Joan Bourke, Patricia Koblar,
Sue Hoogenboom, Carmelita & Kris Hibbert.*

✠ Remembrance Diary ✠

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

8/5 to 14/5

Sheila Smith, John Rees, Luca Morice, Elvira
Pascetta, Peter Vox, Carmen Caruana, Kevin
Collins, Isabel Clancy, Doris Weeks, Veronica
McNeill, Alf Confeggi, Mary Carmody, Margaretta
den Broeder, Christian Van Der Akker, Bernadette
Vear, Rosa La Morticella, Nancy Commene,
Margaret Russo, Lynda Smyth, Elizabeth &
Michael Gannon, Anthony Lizzi, Michelle Brown.

BAPTISM

We welcome
to our Parish through Baptism.



Phoenix Rebeiro & Jake Vojnovic

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

“HONOUR & PRAISE TO OUR GOD”

A Mother's Day Prayer

Loving God, we pray:
For new mothers, coming to terms with new responsibility;
For expectant mothers, wondering and waiting;
For those who are tired, stressed or depressed;
For those who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family;
For those who are unable to feed their children due to poverty;
For those whose children who have physical, mental or emotional disabilities;
For those who raise children on their own;
For those who have lost a child;
For those who care for the children of others;
For those whose children have left home;
And for those whose desire to be a mother has
Not been fulfilled.
Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep
And tender,
And that they may lead their children to know
And do what is good,
Living not for themselves alone, but for God and
For others.
Amen.



Happy
Mother's
Day

HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY

Congratulations and best
wishes to
Anita Plesko on her 100th
Birthday.



(mother of Magda Pisotek and Tony Plesko)
A life well lived, so loved by her family and many
friends.
God Bless Anita

FIRST EUCHARIST 8th May 2021

We welcome and congratulate the
following children from St Richards Primary
School who will receive the sacrament of
First Eucharist this weekend.

*Alicia Arndt
Charli Beck-Collins
Luke Iakovidis
Monique Ihle
Indiana Martens
Charlotte Shaw
Cooper Sully
Mila Tzilves*



CHAPLAINCY APPEAL 2021

Next weekend is the Chaplaincy Appeal in the Archdiocese
of Melbourne. Each year a special collection is conducted
in all parishes for the purpose of supporting the vital work
of our Catholic chaplains. The chaplains support
thousands of Victorians every year in hospitals, prisons
and youth centres, and those living with HIV/AIDS.
Chaplains provide a listening ear. A compassionate
presence, along with assistance to cope with emotional
pain and loneliness.

Please give generously. www.ccam.org.au
or call (03) 9287 5513.

PARISH OFFICE NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM

The parish has changed to a new telephone system
The phone will ring approx. 10 times before the answering machine
picks up.

The parish phone number has not changed .
It is being re-directed to the new phone system.





Sr Cecilia Cuizon with the students at The Community of Hope Special Education Centre.

The challenge to love them as they are

Columban Missionary Sister Cecilia Cuizon is the Director of the Hope Special Education Centre in Ozamiz, the Philippines. She writes about the centre's work with children and young adults with disabilities.

The Community of Hope Special Education Centre is a religious and charitable organisation run by the Columban Sisters. It delivers services to children and young adults with disabilities in Ozamiz City and its neighbouring towns in Misamis Occidental aimed at making a difference to their lives. The love of God becomes a reality for them as they see their own transformation.

Leslie is a student with autism and an intellectual disability. She also has a potassium deficiency. Eating bananas and more exposure to the sun are not enough anymore. The medication she gets at the centre strengthens her muscles to enable her to stand and walk. She was only ten years old when she was referred to *The Community of Hope Special Education Centre* by the principal of her school. She was defiant and disobedient with her teachers as she hated school. She was being bullied both in school and in the community. They felt that she was different from them.

The centre's social worker drew up a rehabilitation plan for Leslie. The intervention includes pre-academic one-to-one intervention and *Activities for Daily Living (ADL)* which covers simple, practical and appropriate livelihood skills training. Socialization among her peer group has helped her develop her self-confidence.

Every year, the centre organizes a *Youth Summer Camp*. It is the one time of the year that she experiences psychological and emotional security. During this event, some young people volunteer to accompany our students. They accompany our students and show them care and appreciation for their gifts and talents. Our students feel that they are loved, appreciated and have a sense of empowerment.

At present, the centre is giving service to 125 children and young adults with disabilities. They receive physiotherapy and other rehabilitation services. Their smiles reflect

Her mother wanted to give her a good education in preparation for her future. She worked hard selling cakes to add to her husband's meagre income. He was an alcoholic and had no regular job. Later he died of depression. Her older children got married and had families of their own. She was sickly and died when Leslie was only thirteen years old. Leslie was the youngest in the family of four.

With her parent's death, she suffered intensely. She was moved from one relative to another. At one time she stayed with her older married sister who has three children and whose husband did not have a definite income. It did not work. Leslie was back to her old problematic behaviour. God, who is rich in mercy and compassion, touched the heart of her paternal married aunt who decided to take her as part of her family. At present, she is living with them. Her aunt has become her legal guardian and it is with Leslie's aunt that we are carrying out the rehabilitation process.

the compassionate love of God for all people without distinction. Sr Cecilia says, *"Our call and challenge is to love them as they are and to act according to what is appropriate."*

Over the years the centre has served more than 1,000 children and young adults who suffer from autism, cerebral palsy, down syndrome, club foot, cleft palate, hearing impairment and an intellectual disability. Thanks to the programmes at the centre, some have been able to find work in the local community. Sr Sophia, who manages the livelihood skills training programme says, *"With faith and trust in God, we are very grateful that we can continue to offer these services. Thank you, God, for choosing and giving us the privilege to love, cherish and journey with these students. God is indeed good!"*

Columban Sr Cecilia Cuizon, a Columban Sister is the Director of The Community of Hope Centre in the Philippines.