



# St Peter Julian Eymard Catholic Church Mooroolbark Parish

*We are a Welcoming, Eucharistic and Spirit Filled Community*

SPJE IS A CHILD SAFE ENVIRONMENT

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE WURUNDJERI PEOPLE, THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THIS LAND

**Parish Priest**  
**Fr. Joseph**

**Parish Secretary**      **Parish Assistant**  
Mrs. Adriana De Leo      Mr. Brian Twining

**Parish Office**  
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**Office Hours:**

**Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri - 9.00am - 3.00pm**  
*(Office unattended on Wednesday)*

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

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**14th May 2023      Issue No. 15**

**John 14:15-21. Reflection**

The first Christian community felt a great sense of loss and confusion when Jesus left. They questioned what it meant to love Jesus now that they could not see Him and He no longer walked with them.

Have you ever mourned the loss of someone close to you? Have you spent time away from family or friends? You miss them. It can be lonely at times. You may even keep a small item of theirs with you as a reminder of them. These small items are a little part of them that can help bring comfort to you.

Jesus did something similar for us. Before He died, He told His disciples that He was going to send them a special helper. He said that He would be physically gone, and they would not see Him, but that He was not leaving them forever. Jesus said He would give His spirit to comfort them. The Holy Spirit is like a helper who will always be with us, and through the Holy Spirit we can feel connected to Jesus and God the Father.

This message was not just for the disciples, but also for us. Although we cannot see God with our eyes, we know that His Spirit lives in us, and we can feel that. The Holy Spirit helps us to pray, guides us, and comforts us.

*Aedin Braun*  
*RE Leader SPJE Primary School*  
*(catholic-link.org)*

## PARISH CALENDAR - MAY

- 13/14th** 6th Sunday of Easter  
13th Sat Private Baptism - 11am  
Parish Mass Count Week, 2  
FIRST EUCHARIST - 6pm & 11am  
Week. 2  
Mothers Day
- 20/21st** The Ascension of the Lord  
Sat. WEDDING - 12.30pm  
Parish Mass Count Week. 3  
FIRST EUCHARIST - Week 3 -  
6pm & 11am
- 25th Thur FDT Meeting - 10am T.B.C.  
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting -  
5.30pm (St Richard's School)
- 27/28th** Pentecost Sunday  
FIRST EUCHARIST Week. 4  
Parish Mass Count - Week. 4  
Baptism - 9am & 11am

## ROSTERS

### Counters - Month of May

Christine Sellar & Karen Broughton

### Flowers - Month of May

Margaret Kim

### Church Cleaners - Month of May

Laurel Simpson & Francis Braganza

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

### Readers and Commentators - 20/21st May

6.00 pm Pat Harman & Iris Gale  
9.00 am Lilijana Stride & Lisa Read  
11.00am Charlotte Wightman & Volunteer req

### Musicians - 20/21st May

6.00 pm Shelly & Co  
9.00 am No Music  
11.00am Zomi Group

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL



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

## Weekday Mass Times Tuesday & Wednesday 9.30 am Mass

### Readings for Next Week - 20/21st May

Acts 1:1-11: Ps 46-2-3, 6-9:  
Eph 1:17-23: Mt 28:16-20

### Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill,  
especially,

**Jan Delzoppo, Ignatius Suan Lian Thang,  
Robbie Howarth, Mateo Bandiling.**

### † Remembrance Diary †

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

### 13/5 to 19/5

Bernadette Vear, Rosa La Morticella,  
Margrettia den Broeder, Christian Van Den Akker,  
Nancy Commane, Margaret Russo, Lynda Smyth,  
Elizabeth & Michael Gannon, Anthony Lizzi,  
Michele Brown, Alice & James Lee, Vera Klepac,  
Maria Mesa, Mary O'Donnell, Victor O'Brien,  
Michael Lim, Margaret Campbell, Brenda Ward,  
Catherine McArdle, Gerrit Brinkhuis,  
Lindsay Goodall, Gerard Van Der Horst,  
Elizabeth Reid, Marcus Redfern, Anna Veips,  
Joseph Lowell, Kathleen Haoust, Agnes McLindon,  
Clara Maria Warton, James Daffey, Mick Hawkins.



## BAPTISM

We welcome to our Parish through  
Baptism

### *Layla & Hudson Fados*

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

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS  
CONFERENCE

STATEMENT REGARDING AN ABORIGINAL  
AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER  
VOICE TO PARLIAMENT

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples have lived in this land for many thousands of years. Their custodianship, however, is not recognised in the Australian Constitution. This is an omission which needs to be rectified.

A constitutionally enshrined Indigenous Voice to Parliament is proposed as a way to achieve this.

We acknowledge that a Voice is not the only possible way of recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in our Constitution, but it is the way requested by those who gathered at the historic meeting at Uluru.

This could be a significant step towards a more just and equitable Australia. The wording to change the Constitution and establish the Voice is currently being discussed. We will soon have the opportunity to examine the precise wording and we will be asked to vote on the proposal towards the end of the year.

We want to encourage all Australians to educate themselves as well as possible concerning the proposal to establish the Voice. This is an important moment in the history of the nation, and it can help us to move towards a deep and just reconciliation. It also offers a mechanism to improve the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

We urge all Australians to engage in the debate productively, respecting each other and accepting that people may, in good faith, have differing concerns and perspectives. We are an open democracy, and this is a moment to use our democratic institutions to produce a high-quality debate shaped by a genuine concern to do justice and bring healing to First Nations Peoples. We ask those drafting the changes to the Constitution to work together in a spirit of cooperation, so that the proposal presented to the Australian people will appeal to a wide range of the population.

To guide all Australians at this important time, we encourage everyone to read and discuss the Uluru Statement from the Heart, which we endorsed in 2021 and the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia endorsed in 2022.

In particular, we recommend that Catholic parishes, schools and agencies arrange opportunities for people to come together to read and discuss the Uluru Statement.

Access the Uluru Statement at:

<https://ulurustatement.org/the-statement/view-the-statement/>

Media contact: [media@catholic.org.au](mailto:media@catholic.org.au)

**FIRST EUCHARIST**

We welcome all the children over the next 4 weekends as they receive the sacrament of First Eucharist.

May they receive many blessings.



**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

The parish wishes to congratulate  
**JUDY & BRUCE MUNROE**  
on their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary,  
this week

**Save the Date - 30th July 2023**  
**55th Anniversary of St Peter Julian**  
**Eymard Church in Mooroolbark.**

Father Joseph and the Parish Leadership Team wish to advise that we will celebrate our Church's 55th Anniversary on **Sunday 30th July 2023.**

A Multicultural Mass will be celebrated at 11.00am followed by lunch in the Parish Hall.

Parishioners will be asked to bring a plate of food to share, that showcases the cuisine of their country of birth.

We will also have a Feast Day Raffle that will commence in early July and drawn on the day. More information will be provided regarding raffle tickets, donations and prizes.

**Watch this space** as more advice will be provided in the coming weeks.

In the meantime, please contact **Bernadette Brown on 0447743138** or **Margaret Vallenge on 0403568302** should you wish to discuss this advice further.



## DADIRRI - DEEP LISTENING

Listening is essential to mutual understanding, which, in turn, is essential for relating to one another. Mutual understanding can be the gateway to harmonious living, to working together for the common good.

These days, the art of listening is being talked about and promoted in various ways. Modern secular currents promote 'deep listening'. Naz Beheshti, in an article titled Reclaim the Lost Art of Deep Listening published by Forbes Magazine (20 January 2020), writes: "As an executive coach, I practice the art of listening to best serve my clients. I help leaders cultivate deep listening skills to enable them to reach their full potential. This work draws from an understanding of the power of non-verbal communication to developing a firm foundation of mindfulness and emotional intelligence."

Indigenous groups that rely on listening to gather and store their traditional knowledge are also reminding modern, technologically advanced, urban societies of the value of listening, an art that, to a large extent, has been lost in many parts of the world. The Indigenous Australian mindfulness practice of dadirri comes from the Nauiyu Daly River area. Dadirri means 'deep listening'.

Many of us today have learned meditation, or nature connection, from different schools - but dadirri offers an unbroken lineage of deep listening that has been passed down for generations and is an intrinsic part of life. Various religious traditions, including Christianity, have mystical traditions that emphasise contemplation, a quintessential aspect of which is a form of deep listening.

Religious forms of deep listening relate specifically to God. Sometimes this is about God present in nature, in specific places or monuments or within ourselves; sometimes it is about God understood as totally other. Pope Francis has delved into Christianity's tradition of deep listening and emphasised its place in humans relating to other humans and all that is.

Deep listening in its contemplative sense has become an integral aspect of the synodal way, a way that moves us to become a life-giving and unifying force. This is essential if the Church (in a broad sense) is to truly be the light of the world and fit for the purpose of renewing the face of the earth.

FR PETER WOODRUFF

Columban Fr Peter Woodruff lives and works in Australia.

THE FAR EAST MAGAZINE May 2023

Leon and Aley Holewa are hosting a six week spiritual development opportunity for fathers at their home on Tuesday 30th May and the following 5 months

### **Catechesis Opportunity - Growth as Dad's**

Aley and Leon are blessed to be hosting Dr. Andy Mullins at their home.

Unit 2/ 7 Masefield Avenue, Mooroolbark

Tuesday 30 May 7:15pm - 9.00pm, (with another 5 talks occurring on a monthly basis)

Topic (s): The great vocation of parents. Privilege and gratitude. Creating 'bright and cheerful homes'. Practically living the virtues as men and young dads (drawing inspiration from St Josemaria).

Speaker: Dr. Andy Mullins - previous Headmaster of Redfield College and Wollemi College in Sydney, has lectured at the John Paul II Institute for Marriage and Family and the Australian Defence Force Academy.  
Author of 'Parenting for Character' and a new book 'Parenting for Faith'.

Feel free to call if you would like to chat more about it. Kind regards, Leon 0425 852 20