



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

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Fr. Joseph

Parish Secretary **Parish Assistant**
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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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
16th April 2023 Issue No. 11

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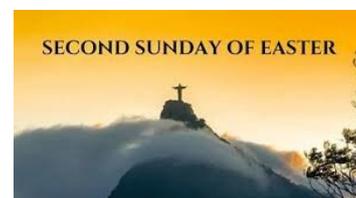
There are many things that we don't understand.
But this doesn't stop us from believing.
Most of us don't understand the workings in the motor of a car. But we believe in the person who sells us the car or the reliable mechanic who repairs the motor.

We don't understand Einstein's Theory of Relativity. But, together with thousands of people, we believe in it and use it in countless ways.

We believe that God is perfect and without limitations, and because of this, we are not surprised that many things concerning God are beyond the understanding of our limited intellects. Our finite and limited minds cannot fully grasp the infinite and unlimited God. There was once a man who said, "I don't have anything to do with things I don't understand. "His friend asked him to explain how a black and white cow, eating green grass, could make white milk and cream which could be turned into yellow butter. The man couldn't give a reply. "Well then, "his friend said, "you had better not put butter on your morning toast, since you don't understand how a black and white cow could produce yellow butter."

In today's gospel (John 20:19-31), Jesus says to doubting Thomas, "Blest are they who have not seen and have believed."

Are there things that we don't understand about God and about his ways? Plenty. We shouldn't be surprised that no limited human man can fully understand the unlimited God.



PARISH CALENDAR - APRIL

- 15/16th Sat.** **2nd Sunday of Easter**
Private Baptism - 10am
Baptism - 6pm
- 19th Wed** **FUNERAL** - Godfrey Kensley
11 am
(No 9.30 am - Morning Mass)
- 22/23rd** **3rd Sunday of Easter**
Private Baptisms - 12.30pm
- 25th Tue** ANZAC DAY (public holiday)
- 29/30th** **4th Sunday of Easter**
World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Guest Speaker - all Masses
(Persecution of the Church)
Baptisms - 11am
- MAY**
- 2nd Tue** Baptisms Preparation Meeting -7 pm
Bernadette & Naomi
- 6/7th** **5th Sunday of Easter**
FIRST EUCHARIST - 6pm & 11am
Week 1.

ROSTERS

Counters - Month of April

Jan Phippard & Eileen Goltz

Flowers - Month of April

Pat Harman

Church Cleaners - Month of April

Jun Romero Family

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

Readers and Commentators - 22/23rd April

- 6.00 pm Dympna Beard & Angela Stainwall
9.00 am Lillete de la Harpe & Lilijana Stride
11.00am Charlotte Wightman & Volunteer

Musicians - 22/23rd April

- 6.00 pm Paul & Co
9.00 am No Music
11.00am No Music

ST VINCENT DE PAUL



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

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday
9.30 am Mass

Readings for Next Week - 22/23rd April

Acts 2:14, 22-33: Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11:
1 Pet 1:17-21: Lk 24:13-35:

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill,
especially,
**Pope Francis, Kay Williams, Anna Van Reymers
Dael, Colleen Watson, Ignatius Suan Lian Thang,
Joseph Raborar De Sagun, Colleen Watson ,
Anna Van Reymersdael & Jan Delzoppo.**

† Remembrance Diary †

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

15/4 to 21/4

Walter Sailah, Matthew Stapleton, Cath Phippard,
Lesley Mutton, Patricia Walsh, Janine Smith,
Margarita Musayon, Francis Wilson, Helen
Colacarro, Donette D'Rozario, Mary Wharton, Janet
Lamers, Mick Maloney, Rita Bambach, Phillip
Cawood, May & Bill Healy, Theresa Frisina, Ann
Marie Bloomer, Suzanne Pollard, Raynor Gray, Ben
Slagtman, Kimiora McElhinney, Carol Braganza,
Michael Harnetty, Freddy Chavez, James Collins
Jnr, Antonia Marin, Mary Mills, Adrian Van Osta,
Dulcie James, Fr Gerald Cudmore, John Potter,
Doreen Parslow



BAPTISM

We welcome to our Parish through
Baptism

***Cara Meehan, Emmett, Spencer &
Lydia Jegers.***

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

PROJECT COMPASSION

Thank you to those who donated to Project Compassion.

Please return your donation boxes
Either in the collection bag or basket at the front
of Altar.

CHILDSAFETY

A REMINDER ONLINE TRAINING IS
REQUIRED FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS

To access the training use this link in your
browser

You will need access to your email to register.
<https://safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org/>

A REFLECTION 2nd Sunday of Easter -YEAR B 15th – 16th April 2023



We so recently reflected that the Gospels of the Lenten Season took us on a Listening Journey, being invited to listen in on a series of conversations of Jesus with various women & men, to consider (& apply) their own experience of conversion. These Sundays of Easter take us on a similar Journey, though now beyond the Empty Tomb, inviting us to experience (& again apply!) Jesus' encounters with groups of apostles & disciples & truth seekers; variously incredulous, hesitant, doubting, grieving, overwhelmed, ecstatic. "He is risen, as he said! Alleluia!! Alleluia!!!"

Would you, can you, believe it? Yet these stories are accounts of those who did, men & women confronted, greeted, healed, assured, challenged, inspired, by their personal or communal encounter with Jesus whom they now proclaim as the Christ – Risen & Anointed Saviour - who was & is now forever their Friend, Brother, Saviour. "He is risen indeed! Alleluia!" And each telling of the story asks me, "Who do you say that I am?" Jesus' greetings & assurances are, "Peace", "My peace I give you", "I am with you always", "You are my witnesses", "Go out & teach the Good News I have given you" "I will send My Spirit", "Some will hate you and revile you....but do not ask how or what you should say, for it is the Spirit of your Father who will speak in you".

The accounts we hear these Sundays come from the Gospels – Good News – attributed to John, Luke, Matthew, Mark, from the Acts of the Apostles (again Luke), & from the First Letter ascribed to John and Paul's to the Ephesians. These are historical reports from the different communities of Believers, telling what they witnessed in previous decades and that they wanted to pass on "to the ends of the earth": The conclusion of John's states, "There are many other signs that Jesus worked & the disciples saw, .but. not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, & that believing you may have life through his name."

This Sunday we hear especially from Thomas: "Unless I see the wounds and put my fingers in, I will not believe!" Was he miffed or feeling hoodwinked – or was it just too hard, too much hurt, as it seemed with the disciples on the road to Emmaus? Truly – practically – unbelievable!?! Thomas, whose nickname was "the Twin", went down in history as "Doubting Thomas", but I would suggest should be better named, "Believing Thomas". A Jewish proverb holds that "Doubt is the Mother of Truth" & for Thomas, doubt became a privilege, an invitation leading to deeper embrace with a blinding moment of faith realized: "My Lord & my God". And through him, our promise & assurance; "You believe because you can see me, Happy are those who do not see me & yet believe."

Which sounds very much like us, you & me. The messianic proclamation had moved from "Come & See" in the public years to "See & Touch" in affirming the Risen Lord. It affirms the Father's faithfulness to the Covenant of Mercy; the Son's fidelity to his mission of oneness with Humankind; the Holy Spirit's abiding faithfulness to being present in each of us and our community called Church. To our faithfulness in daily loving, openness & service – "Love one another as I have loved you...by this will all know you are my disciples." Thomas recognized Jesus as the Christ in the Wounds of Christ. Can I know, believe & strive to recognize that I serve Jesus the Christ in the wounds & wounded-ness of myself, of my life & of my world. And there are so many wounds awaiting the embrace of Christ, through me. And in that embrace, I am healed.

*Every Easter Blessing & Best Wishes,
Michael McLindon,
Companion on the Journey.*

