



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

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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

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
16th July 2023 Issue No 24

REFLECTION

Embracing the Parable of the Sower: Cultivating Hearts for God

The Parable of the Sower holds profound significance for Catholics today as it reflects on our relationship with the Word of God. Jesus uses the imagery of a sower scattering seeds on various types of soil to illustrate how people receive and respond to His teachings.

In this parable, the sower's act of scattering the seed reflects a seemingly random and wasteful approach. Some seeds fall on unfavorable ground – the path, rocky soil, or among thorns – where they fail to flourish. However, this apparent waste serves a purpose. The sower recognizes that each seed that lands on good soil will yield an abundant harvest, multiplying its own quantity by a hundredfold, sixty, or thirty. The remarkable productivity of the seeds in good soil outweighs any losses, rendering them insignificant. Thus, the sower can scatter the seed casually and freely.

For Catholics, this parable underscores the importance of cultivating receptive hearts and removing barriers that hinder our embrace of God's teachings. It calls us to actively engage with Scripture, allowing it to shape our thoughts, attitudes, and actions.

Furthermore, we are encouraged to share the Gospel, recognizing that responses will vary. Some may reject or misunderstand, while others may initially show interest but struggle with commitment. Despite the challenges, we are called to persevere, placing our trust in God's grace and the potential for transformative change. In essence, the Parable of the Sower urges Catholics to examine their hearts, respond to the Word of God, and actively proclaim the Gospel. It invites us to seek a deep-rooted faith that bears fruit in our lives and positively impacts the world. By embracing the teachings of this parable, we create fertile ground within ourselves for the Word of God to thrive.

Rudy Vail Deputy Principal/Religious Education
St. Richards Primary School

PARISH CALENDAR JULY

15/16th 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
19th Wed No morning Mass
20th Thu Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
5.30pm (Parish House)

21st Fri **CONFIRMATIONS -**
5.30 & 7.30pm

22/23rd 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monthly Church Collection
Baptisms —11am

27th Thur Baptism Preparation Meeting -
7.30 pm Church—Tim Newcomb

29/30th 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Baptisms —6pm & 9am
55 Year Anniversary Mass -
11 am, followed by lunch in the
Parish Hall.

AUGUST

2nd Wed Feast of St Peter Julian Eymard

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday

NO MASS ON Wednesday 19th July

This Week's Readings - 15/16th July

**Is 55:10-11: Ps 64:10-14:
Rom 8:18-23: Mt 13:1-23**

Prayers for the Sick

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

**Max Pisotek, Ignatius Suan Lian Thang,
Mateo Bandiling & Reji.**

✠ Remembrance Diary ✠

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

15/7 to 21/7

Freida Van Beek, James O'Leary, Rebecca Wallis,
Josef Tront, Claude Mullavey, Jim Hanlon, Janie
Roberts, Marija Jelenc, Iolanda De Leo, Antonetta
Piccolo, Lawrence Stephens, Ruby Fawcner, Mary
Rose Barlow-Barker, Emmanuel Bartoli, Keith Pullin,
John Kennedy, Denis Stockdale, Rosa Stevens,
Maureen Harris, Nicholas Corken, Bill Robinson, Irene
Malone, MaryAnn Bruce, Mary Dykes, Alan Morton,
Riza Marie Aranco.

ROSTERS

Counters - Month of July

Paul & Marianne Redfern

Flowers - Month of July

Volunteer required

Church Cleaners - Month of July

Margaret Kim & Esther Ngaihte

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

Readers and Commentators - 15/16th July

6.00 pm Craig Hume & Mitchell Mazarella
9.00 am Tim Newcomb & Volunteer
11.00am Charlotte Wightman & Volunteer

Readers and Commentators - 22/23rd July

6.00 pm Paul Redfern & Paul Martin
9.00 am Muzeena D'Almeida & Karen
Broughton
11.00am Jun Romero & Volunteer required.

Musicians - 15/16th July

6.00 pm Paul & Co
9.00 am No Music
11.00 am ZOMI Group

Musicians - 22/23rd July

6.00 pm No Music
9.00 am Filipino Group
11.00 am No Music

NEW THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES



We wish to advise those worried about their
address (**suburb**) being incorrect on your box
of envelopes.

This was due to a system error.

Please be assured the data is correct in the
parish database. Apologies.

**The following envelopes box's are waiting
to be collected.**

*Velhuis, Anthonicz, Breier, D'Souza,
Fenton, Inglese, C. John, L. John, J.
Ngaihte, P. Ngaihte, Nevins, Rozario.*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Congratulations Jack Hannon
who celebrates 104 years on Monday
17th July 2023.



The Relic of St John Bosco will be with us
for a Mass to be celebrated at Our Lady
of Perpetual Help Church in Ringwood on
Sunday afternoon (12pm), 6th August
2023. Please join us! — at Our Lady of
Perpetual Help

55 Years Anniversary MULTICULTURAL MASS & LUNCH

We are only 3 weeks away from our 55th
Anniversary of Church in Mooroolbark and the
Multicultural Mass & Lunch on **30th July**, we
now need to get an understanding of how many
people will be attending to the lunch and what
food you will bring to share.

This day is considered a wonderful and exciting
opportunity to bring our parish community
together, welcome new parishioners to our
parish family and enjoy the rich cultural
diversity that we are privileged to have in
Mooroolbark.

It will be a fun day, with music, many
conversations, reminiscing, lots of laughter,
delicious food and the drawing of our raffle.

The working group has met on two occasions to
plan the day including the celebration of Mass
and cuisines from a range of cultures as well as
the logistics needed to prepare the Church and
Parish Hall for this event.

Members of the working group will be
available after each Mass in the foyer and can
answer any questions you may have about this
day of celebration.

You are also welcome to contact:

Bernadette Brown on 0447 743 138

or

Margaret Vallence on 0403 568 302.

COLUMBAN MAGAZINE

Far East Columban magazines available
in the church foyer if you wish to read
about the work of the Columban's

You might also like to consider to
subscribe to this magazine regularly.



MULTI CULTURAL / FEAST DAY RAFFLE

11 FABULOUS PRIZES

**A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE
WHO DONATED ITEMS**

3 more weekends to buy tickets

**The Raffle will be drawn at the luncheon on
30th July**

Raid those money boxes - Tickets are \$1 each.



**We would be very grateful to have volunteers to
sell tickets at all masses.**

VGCCC – Declaration Number 62230 - 21/3/2022
0/3/2032



ST VINCENT DE PAUL

If assistance is
required, please contact
1800 305 330

Mon to Fri 10am to 3pm



A LETTER TO ALL SPJE PARISHIONERS

We are a Welcoming Eucharistic
and Spirit Filled Parish Community

Dear Parishioners,

I write to you on behalf of Fr Joseph, and the SPJE Parish Leadership team.

Some of you may have heard from friends and relatives that Parishes around Melbourne have been conducting Renewal Programmes, at the behest of the Archdiocese.

Renewal of our Faith is very rewarding for everyone.

Part of the suggested programme is also a renewal of financial commitment in the form of conducting a Thanksgiving Campaign.

When I wrote to you last year, I said that the Leadership team had considered conducting a Campaign with the purpose of increasing contributions and attracting newcomers to the support of SPJE Church. I further said that after much deliberation and attributed to the past years affected by covid and financial hardship being suffered by some families, it was decided that conducting a Campaign was not in the best interests of the parish and our community.

We are still of the same opinion.

HOWEVER,

The Parish still needs to bolster Church income which has diminished in recent years. Holding our Monthly Collections, our participation in the upcoming Combined Parishes Car Raffle, and conducting Hamper Raffles (one of which will be held to coincide with the upcoming Multi Cultural mass and luncheon) helps but more support would be wonderful.

If you are a newcomer to the Parish, or if you have never contributed to the Church, please be assured your contributions would be much appreciated.

If you, as a dedicated St Peter Julian Eymard parishioner, could manage to increase your weekly church contribution, that would also be very much appreciated.

To alter or join the SPJE Thanksgiving, please contact the parish office on 9723 4275 or mooroolbark@cam.org.au, noting that the office is closed Wednesdays.

Pledge cards are available in the church foyer beside the newsletters.

Thanking you for your continued support.

Marg Vallence

Chairperson Parish Finance Committee

On behalf of Fr Joseph and the SPJE Parish Leadership Team.