



# 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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**Fr. Joseph**

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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

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**20th August 2023    Issue No 29**

## Reflection

Today's scriptures all address the question of who belongs to the People of God.

Isaiah makes clear that anyone can belong: it is faithful service of the Lord, not ethnicity, class or caste, that qualifies.

Paul also affirms that all are included - his mission to the pagans is not intended to exclude his fellow Jews from Christ's salvation but to help them see that it is offered to everyone.

The persistence of the Canaanite woman in the Gospel further demonstrates that deep faith is not the prerogative of any particular ethnicity.

We may be left wondering why Jesus failed to show her the compassion we see in so many other encounters, but the dialogue about children's food and house-dogs makes it very clear that this Canaanite woman—a foreigner—has a rightful place as a follower of this amazing Rabbi, Jesus of Nazareth.

May we always rejoice in the diverse community of faith to which we belong

*Daily Reflections*  
*God's Word 2023*

## PARISH CALENDAR AUGUST

**19/20th** 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Fr Brian Kelty  
Church Monthly Collection

**26/27th** 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Fr Brian Kelty  
Social Justice Sunday

### SEPTEMBER

**2/3rd** 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Welcome back Fr Joseph  
Priest Retirement Fund Collection-  
All Masses

5th Tue Baptism Preparation Meeting -  
7pm Bernadette & Naomi

6th Wed Reconciliation Family Night—6pm

**9/10th** 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Reconciliation Commitment Mass  
6pm & 9am

## Weekday Mass Times

**No Weekday Masses**

## This Week's Readings - 19/20th Aug

Is 56:1,6-7; Ps 66:2-3,5-6,8;  
Rom 11:13-15,29-32; Mt 15: 21-28

## Prayers for the Sick

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

**Stephen O'Neill, Harry Janssen,  
Max Pisotek, Ignatius Suan Lian Thang,  
Mateo Bandiling, Cora Fitzsimons & Reji**

## ✠ Remembrance Diary ✠

We remember those who have died  
and all those whose anniversaries occur about  
this time.  
**19/8 to 25/8**

**Maria Carboni Sini, Maria Reilly (First  
Anniversary), Sr Mary Rose O'Dwyer,  
Audrey Smith, Eileen Lockwood,  
Graciano Catungal, Margaret Briglia,  
Mary Whyte, Ann Merbis, Xavier Clemann,  
Carmel Azzopardi, Lucy Allen, Frank Scundi,  
Syd Stephens, Veronica Ferrari,  
Dorothea Hannan, Fr Geoff James S.J,  
Gladys Sullivan, Medecisimo Tejero,  
Robert McCardle, Annie Eileen Hart,  
Gilbert Whyte, Josephine Barabaro-Sant &  
Lidia Correia.**

## ROSTERS

### Counters - Month of August

Maurie & Joan Prendergast

### Flowers - Month of August

Philomena Turner

### Church Cleaners - Month of August

Francis Braganza & Laurel Simpson

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

### Readers & Commentators— 19/20th August

6.00 pm Craig Hume & Mitchell Mazarella  
9.00 am Karen Broughton & Lilette de la Harpe  
11 am Jun Romero & Volunteer req.

### Readers & Commentators— 26/27th August

6.00 pm Paul Redfern & Paul Martin  
9.00 am Lilijana Stride & Tim Newcomb  
11 am Auna Wernert & Volunteer

### Musicians— 19/20th August

6.00 pm No Music  
9.00 am Filipino Group  
11.100am Zomi Group

### Musicians—26/27th August

6.00 pm Paul & Co  
9.00 am No Music  
11 am No Music

## Parish Child Safeguarding Team

If you have any child safety concerns please  
contact the following team members

**Brian Twining**

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**Meg Wright**

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Or request a call back on the Parish Office  
phone 9723 4275

## Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle

The Parish and the 2 Schools will once again be participating in the Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle

Tickets will be available shortly in the church foyer for collection by parishioners who are registered for Thanksgiving. Church Foyer ticket sales will also commence shortly, at most masses, until end of October. The raffle will then be drawn early December. Regarding the schools, we will be asking families to request a book to sell, rather than distributing a book to each family as in past years. In this way we hope to have a 100% sale of all tickets.

### The prizes are fabulous

1st Prize: Kia Picanto S 1.25ltr Auto  
2nd Prize: Coles/Myer Gift Card - to the value of \$5000  
3rd Prize: Coles/Myer Gift Card - to the value of \$3000  
4th & 5th Prize: Coles/Myer Gift Card - to the value of \$1000  
6th & 7th Prize: Coles/Myer Gift Card - to the value of \$500  
Tickets are \$2.00 each or \$20 per Book.

If you have any queries,  
I can be contacted on 0403 568 302  
or by email: [rafflespie@gmail.com](mailto:rafflespie@gmail.com)

Marg Vallence / Coordinator  
SPJE Parish Mooroolbark/CCPR 2023

### YES OR NO?!

#### An Invitation to Connect with Aboriginal Spirituality

Join us at the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry in exploring Social Justice and Aboriginal Spirituality, in the light of the Uluru Statement of the Heart and the Voice Referendum.

Up to four representatives from Parishes in the Melbourne Archdiocese are invited to spend a day at the **Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, 434 St Georges Rd, Thornbury**

on one of the following dates:

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023**  
**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023**  
**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

As there are limited places available, kindly **reply**, indicating your interest and preferred date of attendance

**at your earliest convenience or by 5<sup>th</sup> September,**  
[odette.locastro@cam.org.au](mailto:odette.locastro@cam.org.au)

The program for the day (details available on request) will commence at 10 am, and conclude at 2.30 pm. Lunch will be provided.

All are most welcome!

From **Sherry Balcombe - Coordinator.**

## Bishops' statement calls for 'new engagement' with First Nations Peoples

Australia's Catholic bishops have called on the nation to seek 'a new engagement' with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in their annual Social Justice Statement being launched today.

Since the 1940s, the bishops have published annual statements that urge the Catholic community to reflect and act on social, economic and ecological issues. The statements are published as a focal point for Social Justice Sunday, which will be marked on 27 August this year.

This year's statement, *Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples*, will be launched in western Sydney on Thursday morning by Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, chair of the Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service.

'One of the objectives of this statement is that we want Catholics to understand that Catholic social teaching and Catholic social action are not simply theoretical and academic exercises,' he will say.

'We hear what God is saying to us about justice by being with our sisters and brothers on the peripheries of society.'

While the Social Justice Statement is a teaching document of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, a large part of this year's statement was written by members of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council. It is part of the message's exhortation to 'listen'.

'Listening is hard. Hearing about young people taking their lives, about so many people ending up in jail, of children still being taken away from their parents and grandparents and about the ongoing racism is tough,'

Bishop Long will say.

'It must be so much more difficult for these people to tell us about their painful experiences. We are deeply grateful to those who shared their stories of pain with us.'

The theme for this year's statement was chosen in May 2022, well before the Voice to Parliament referendum was mooted and before the timing of a vote was proposed. While the bishops don't suggest how people should vote, Bishop Long says, 'Whatever the outcome of this year's referendum, we ask the Church in Australia to make efforts to lead the way for our fellow Australians' in pursuing reconciliation.

'Our attitudes and actions towards First Nations peoples need to be grounded in justice, love and humility,' he will say.

'We need to listen with deep respect and learn from them about what needs to be done to improve their situations. We need to walk with them, day by day, and work with them to bring about change for the better—for their people and for all of us.'

'Strengthening our relationship with our First Peoples is integral and indeed critical to the strengthening of the whole nation.'



## ***National Child Protection Week: 3 – 9 September 2023***

### **Overarching message: ‘Every child in every community needs a fair go’**

This year National Child Protection Week will continue to champion the message

***‘Every child in every community needs a fair go’.***

This message captures the essence of National Child Protection Week which aims to promote a safe and supported life for every child, now and into the future.

Many of our supporters may choose to continue to focus on this overarching message.

However, many of our partners tell us that they value having a fresh annual theme to focus their local conversations each year.

### **2023 theme: ‘Where we start matters’.**

In 2023, the message that ‘Every child in every community needs a fair go’ will be complemented with the theme ‘Where we start matters’.

*Where we start* our lives in terms of where we live, the resources available to us, and the opportunities presented to us make a significant difference to our life outcomes.

*Where we start* as a service sector in offering children and their families support and assistance makes a significant difference to life outcomes.

*Where we start* as decision makers in addressing large complex policy problems such as child abuse and neglect, also has a significant personal, social and economic outcomes.

We invite you to use this theme to explore and talk about the many ways that ‘where we start matters’ for children, young people and their families.

Of course *where we start isn’t where we finish*.

The aim of Child Protection Week is to bring together partners to focus on addressing the significant harms being experienced by children in Australia. By working collectively to change the trajectory of these children and families, we can reduce the number of children who may come in contact with the child protection system. The time to act is now.

You can use this theme in ways that are most relevant to those you work with.

For instance, this could include focusing on:

- Supporting parents to access services so that all families have the opportunity to give every child a great **start**
- Supporting organisations to be safe and child-focused so they can give every child a great **start**
- Supporting communities and making sure that every neighbourhood has what it needs to give every child a great **start**