



# 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

## **Ascension Sunday** **21st May 2023      Issue No 16**

Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus charges his disciples to make disciples of all nations and promises to be with them forever.

Today's Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew's Gospel quickly moves from the disciples' discovery of Jesus' empty tomb, to Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, to the commission that Jesus gives his disciples in today's Gospel.

The Final Commission, as this Gospel is sometimes called, is given on the mountaintop. Throughout Scripture, the most important events happen on the mountaintop, and Matthew has used this motif throughout his Gospel. Earlier in Matthew's Gospel, Peter, James, and John had seen Jesus transfigured on the mountaintop (Matthew 17:1-8). Also in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus taught the crowds from the mountaintop in what we now call the Sermon on the Mount.

Here we are told that the eleven disciples go the mountaintop in Galilee, as Jesus had instructed through Mary Magdalene and the other Mary (cf. Matthew 28:9-10). They see Jesus, and both worship and doubt at the same time. Jesus approaches them and commissions them to baptize and teach, "to make disciples of all nations." It is a task which Jesus had previously prepared his disciples for; recall that Jesus had sent the twelve apostles to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal (cf. Matthew 10:1-15). However, earlier the Twelve were sent only to the House of Israel; in this Final Commission, the eleven are told to go to "all nations." The mission of Jesus is now to be taken to all people; the task now is to baptize and to teach. Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in the name of the Trinity, one of the clearest attestations found in Scripture for baptism in the name of the Trinity. In the Acts of the Apostles and in the Letters of Paul, baptism is more frequently offered "in the name of Jesus." The ending of Matthew's Gospel can be understood as the beginning of the Church. Jesus commissions his disciples to continue to teach in his name and to bring others into the community of disciples through baptism. The Gospel ends, as it had begun, with the promise that Jesus will continue to be Emmanuel, "God with us" (cf. Matthew 1:23), for all eternity.

## PARISH CALENDAR MAY

**20/21st Sat.** **The Ascension of the Lord**  
WEDDING - 12.30pm  
Parish Mass Count Week. 3  
FIRST EUCHARIST - Week 3 -  
6pm & 11am

25th Thu FDT Meeting - 10am SPJE School

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting -  
5.30pm Church Foyer

**27/28th Pentecost Sunday**  
FIRST EUCHARIST Week. 4  
Special Monthly Parish Collection  
All masses  
Mass Count - Week. 4  
Baptism - 9am & 11am

## JUNE

3/4th **Most Holy Trinity**

## Weekday Mass Times Tuesday & Wednesday 9.30 am Mass

## Readings for Next Week - 27/28th May

**Acts 2:1-11: Ps 103:1,24,29-31,34:  
1 Cor 12:3-7,12-13: Jn 20:19-23:**

## 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.

## 20/5 to 26/5

Eileen Gildea, James Leahy,  
John & Helena Graafmans, Linda Steane,  
Raffaele Malvaso, Roy Downie, Angelo Cincotta,  
Frank Anderson, Giovina Cellante, Gwen Johnson,  
Maria Casotti, Ernst Franz, Linda Young,  
Vittoria Cuzzupi (first anniversary),  
Richard Quinless, Sarah & Frederick Boyd,  
Alan Boyd, Betty Trappel, Isabella Care,  
Joseph Riley & Michael Carroll.

## 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 - 27/28th May

6.00 pm Dympna Beard & Angela Stainwall  
9.00 am Tim Newcomb & Volunteer  
11.00am Jun Romero & Volunteer

### Musicians - 27/28th May

6.00 pm Paul & Co  
9.00 am Filipino Group  
11.00am Shelly & Co

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL



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

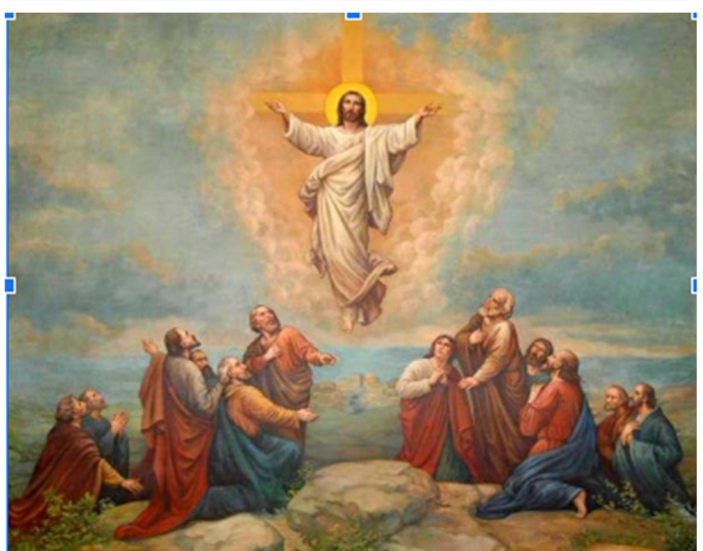


Image accompanies the Reflection on front page  
Reflection provided by Marcus Gill  
Principal - Saint Richards School

**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 Vallence on 0403568302** should you wish to discuss this advice further.



**FIRST EUCHARIST**

We welcome all the children this weekend as they receive the sacrament of First Eucharist.

May they receive many blessings.



*New safeguarding video message from Archbishop Peter A Comensoli*

In a newly released video message, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli expresses his gratitude to clergy, employees and volunteers within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne for their commitment to safeguarding.

Archbishop Comensoli encourages clergy, employees and volunteers to continue to build a culture of safety, reminding us that safeguarding is everybody's responsibility and that upholding the dignity of all people is integral to the Gospel message.

Parishes are encouraged to share this message with their staff, volunteers and the community.

**[Click here to view the message](#)**

<https://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding>

***'Passion on the Big Screen – A Day @ the Movies with Peter Malone msc' (in-person event),  
Saturday 17 June 2023, 10 am – 3.30 pm (AEST)***

*We often refer to Jesus as the Word made Flesh. But Colossians 1 proclaims Jesus as the Image of the Invisible God. Religious images have always been part of spirituality, The 20<sup>th</sup> century saw moving images emerging on screens, cinemas, television and new modes of streaming. How can we relate to these images as vision for our spiritual lives? Images, symbols, visual metaphors, Christ-figures? We appreciate Lectio Divina. Here we respond to Visio Divina, movie clips, their challenge. Facilitated by Peter Malone msc ~ author, lecturer, founding member of The Film Critics Association and priest. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost: \$60 (BYO lunch). Book and pay via website [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne), email [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne) or tel 03 9890 1101.*

*In the spirit of reconciliation, Heart of Life acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia, and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.*



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## **Don't Just Stand There: Do Something**

*(Mark 16: 15 - 20)*

The Ascension of Jesus is an event recorded three times in the New Testament: at the end of Luke, the beginning of Acts, and here, in what's called the longer ending of Mark. (Early manuscripts record several different endings to his gospel.) In each version of the Ascension story, Jesus has different final instructions for the disciples – the ones in “longer Mark” being the most colourful. But in every account we have, Jesus tells the disciples to go and be witnesses of the gospel they have received. On this point, all three speak in one voice. It would seem this mission is non-negotiable.

How we do that is up to us. If we want to knock on doors or preach in the park, suit yourself. If you feel drawn to foreign missions, the prayer of the church will support you. Maybe the least missionized corner of the world is right where you are. Do you have good news to share?

*When you show up, is it “good news” for those around you? How do you demonstrate the gift of faith that's been given to you?*

### **Pray**

God of heaven and earth, we celebrate the Christ who came to live as one of us. We welcome the Christ who would stop at nothing – not even death – to proclaim God's love for all people. We celebrate the Christ who rose from death to show that there is no end to God's love. And we celebrate the Christ who, in leaving this earth, entrusted to us the task of continuing this work. Amen.

### **Ponder**

Allow someone's testimony of faith to speak into your life: read a biography of a holy person. Allow your testimony to speak to someone else. Practice the virtues of faith, hope, and charity until they become the “new normal” for you. *“Go into the world. Go everywhere and announce the message of God's good news to one and all”.*

## **Mothers Day Morning Tea**

