



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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

28th April 2024 Issue No: 14

PARISH CALENDAR

APRIL

27/28th Fifth Sunday of Easter
Visiting Priest
Baptism - 9am
29th Mon Eucharist Reflection Day -
9.30am Liturgy

MAY

4/5th Sixth Sunday of Easter
Visiting Priest
Catholic Care Appeal
FIRST EUCHARIST -St Richards
School - Week. 1
6pm & 11am Mass
7th Tue Ladies Lunch - 12 noon -
Chirnside Park Country Club
Baptism Information Meeting
7pm Church Bernadette & Naomi
8th Wed Musicians - 7.30pm Church
11/12th The Ascension of the Lord
Visiting Priest
Mothers Day
18/19th Pentecost Sunday
Fr Joseph returns
Church Monthly Collection
FIRST EUCHARIST - SPJE
6pm & 11am Mass
22nd Musicians - Church - 7.30pm
23rd Faith Development Meeting
10am
25/26th The Most Holy Trinity
Baptism - 11am

Reflection 5th Sunday of Easter

In today's gospel, Jesus uses the parable of the vine and its branches to explain the unity between him and the believers.

In order to understand this parable clearly, we need to know the importance of the grapevine. It was a prized possession in the ancient Middle East because it provided a reliable beverage since water was generally not safe to drink.

Vine trees offered a source of relaxation and plenty of sweet, succulent fruits for hot summer days. Much care was taken when planting and maintaining the vine.

Jesus used the connection between the vine and its branches to describe the relationship between him and us. He is the true Vine and we are the branches.

In baptism we are united to him. As branches drive saplings from the tree and grow, our souls drive existence from Jesus, nourished by the word and the Holy Eucharist. Just as branches cannot survive without the Vine, none of us can be productive and alive without Jesus.

Today we are asked to reflect on our spiritual progress.

*How is my relationship with Christ going?
Am I still believing and living in Him?
Am I bearing any good fruit as a Christian?*



Marg Vallence , Parish Pastoral Council

St Peter Julian Eymard Parish Mooroolbark Parish

Parish Priest
Fr. Joseph

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Normal Mass Times at SPJE

Weekday Masses
Tues & Wed : 9.30 am
Rosary after Tuesday morning Mass
No weekday Mass during Fr Joseph's Leave

Saturday: No morning Mass
Saturday: 6.00 pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 9.00 am
Sunday: 11.00 am

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.15 pm
by arrangement with Priest.
Sacraments (Baptism, Weddings)
Ring Parish Office 9723 4275

ROSARY

While Fr Joseph is on leave, we will continue to pray the Rosary together on Tuesday Mornings at 9.30, after a short Holy Communion service.

This Week's Readings - 28th April 2024

Acts 9:26-31: Ps 21:26-28, 30-32:R.
I Jn 3:18-24: Jn 15:1-8:

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill, especially

**Adrian Klep, Maria Cordedda,
Ignatius Suan Lian Thang, Abigail, Alan,
Allison & Aidan Cruz Family.**

† Remembrance Diary †

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

27/4 to 3/5

Theresa Devery, Theresa Carroll, Mary Graves, Guadoso Diamant, Eugene Brouwers, Phyllis Broadley, Joe Rodgers, Althea de la Harpe, Chris Shalders, Bill Egan, Josephine Mullavey, Leslie Delzoppo, Sheila McCallum, Michael Kierce, Piet Commandeur, Anne Fitzgerald, Brian Egan, Mary Campbell, Prisca Williams, Antoinette Azzopardi, Robert McCooey.



We welcome to our Parish through
Baptism

Huxley Caxton Noy

As he receives the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament celebrated this weekend, may his faith guide him throughout his life.

ROSTERS

Counters - Month of May

Jan Phippard & Philomena Turner

Flowers - Month of May

Margaret Kim

Cleaning - Month of May

Margaret Kim

*(Please collect church key from parish office
Monday, Tue, Thur & Friday, 9am - 3.30pm)*

Readers & Commentators - 27/28th April

6.00pm Michael McLindon & Volunteer req
9.00am Vanessa Walker & Tim Newcomb
11.00am Jun Romero & Volunteer req

Readers & Commentators - 4/5th May

6.00pm Craig Hume & Mitchell Mazarella
9.00am Muzzena D'Almeida & Volunteer req
11.00am Auna Wernert & Geraldine O'Hare

Musicians - 27/28th April

6.00pm No Music
9.00am No Music
11.00am No Music

Musicians - 4/5th May

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

ANNIVERSARY MASS INTENTIONS

A gentle reminder that any mass intentions for death anniversaries we kindly ask that these be submitted to the parish office by no later than 12 noon on the Friday prior to weekend Masses.



Ladies Lunch May

Chirnside Park Country Club
68 Kingswood Drive Chirnside Park

Tuesday 7th May

Meet at 12 noon for lunch at 12.30pm

Contact Philomena Turner 0417 208 077 or
Nancy Gough 0411 137 251



CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

Next weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal (previously held during the month of August). As the Catholic Church's mission in action, CatholicCare Victoria delivers programs and services to support families, children, young people and individuals to help everyone reach their full potential. The services include counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Donations from our parish community help CatholicCare Victoria support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community and empower everyone to live life to the full.

Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families in our community.

You can donate using the appeal envelope available in our parish, donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.