



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

Parish Priest
Fr. Joseph

Parish Secretary **Parish Assistant**
Mrs. Adriana De Leo Mr. Brian Twining

Parish Office
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Office Hours:
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Parish Hall - Contact Parish Office

SPJE Parish School
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School Principal – Mr. Greg Thomas
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School Principal - Mr. Marcus Gill
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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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER **30th April 2023 Issue No. 13**

REFLECTION

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is often referred to as Good Shepherd Sunday, as all Readings have a central theme of a shepherd and or protector. This weekend our Gospel reading explores the theme of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. This passage builds on the idea that Jesus is the Good Shepherd and we his followers are those he protects. The relationship between the sheep and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognise their shepherd and will not follow a stranger. The primary focus of the shepherd is to lead their sheep from pastures to a common gated area. This one shepherd protects all the sheep, they move among the sheep and the sheep follow only their shepherd.

Central to this theme is the idea that the Church is a community of believers who are led and guided by Christ. The metaphor of the sheep and shepherd is meant to evoke a sense of care and protection, as well as a shared sense of purpose and belonging among the members of the Church. This theme is closely tied to the idea of Jesus as the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. It emphasises the idea that believers can trust in Jesus to protect and care for them, even in the face of danger or hardship. This theme highlights the sense of security and peace that comes from trusting in Jesus as one's shepherd and protector.

Greg Thomas
Principal SPJE

PARISH CALENDAR - APRIL/MAY

29/30th 4th Sunday of Easter
Monthly Church Collection
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
3rd Wed **FUNERAL - 11.00am**
Lorraine Waters
4th Thur **FUNERAL - 10.30am**
Anna Van Reymers
5th Fri Eucharist Reflection Day
9am Mass at Church
6/7th **5th Sunday of Easter**
Parish Mass Count Week. 1
FIRST EUCHARIST - 6pm & 11am
Week 1.
13/14th **6th Sunday of Easter**
13th Sat Private Baptism - 11am
Parish Mass Count Week, 2
FIRST EUCHARIST - Week. 2

ROSTERS

Counters - Month of May

Christine Sellar & Karen Broughton

Flowers - Month of May

Anita Routley

Church Cleaners - Month of May

Laurel Simpson & Francis Braganza

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

Readers and Commentators - 6/7th May

6.00 pm Craig Hume & Mitchell Mazzarella
9.00 am Volunteers
11.00am Auna Wernert & Volunteer

Musicians - 6/7th May

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

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

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday & Wednesday
9.30 am Mass

Readings for Next Week - 6/7th May

Acts 6:1-7: Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19: 1 Pet 2:4-9
Jn 14:1-12:

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, especially
Anna Van Reymers & Lorraine Waters
and all those whose anniversaries occur about this
time.

29/4 to 5/5

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 McCooney, Bernie McCann, Bertha
Cieslikowki, Dorothy Smith, Catherine & Alfred
Brandle, Anna Muller, Rita Monks.



BAPTISM

We welcome to our Parish through
Baptism

Jack Fijalski & Angela Delahoy

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



LADIES LUNCH GROUP

Our next Ladies Lunch will be on
Tuesday 2nd May

At ORA D ORO RESTAURANT
28 Hewish Rd Croydon

We will meet at 12 pm for 12.30 lunch
Enquiries: Nancy Gough 0411 137 251
Philomena Turner 0417 208 077

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 your 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.



Good Shepherd Sunday World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

30 April (Fourth Sunday of Easter)

Today is the World Day of Prayer for
Vocations. Pope Francis tells us: There can be
no greater joy than to risk one's life for the
Lord! I would like to say this especially to you,
the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If
he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your
oars into the boat, but trust him. Let us pray for
the young people in our community, and in our
families and circle of friends. May our prayers
help them to be open to the Lord's call to
consecrated life or priesthood.

UPDATE ON PARISH WORKS/ MAITENANCE

- Trees in parish grounds trimmed back in
February.
- Tree audit to all remaining trees
- Asphalt in the car park will be repaired.
Painting around the church doors and
windows
- Painting to the Cross on the church roof



**WORK IN
PROGRESS**

“Learn to light a candle in
the darkest moment
of someone's life.
Be the light that helps
others see; it is what
gives life its deepest
significance.”

— Roy T. Bennett


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