



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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER **7th May 2023 Issue No. 14**

REFLECTION

In today's gospel (John 14:13-21), and in John, chapter 16, John has Jesus speaking to his apostles at the Last Supper, as if they were an only child and Jesus was their only parent who must go away for a short while.

He says, "I will not leave your orphans: I will come back to you." He assures the apostles that he is preparing gifts for them: "I am going now to prepare mansions for you... and then (very soon), I shall return for you"

He assures the apostles that the advocate-protector (Holy Spirit) who will come in his brief absence, will tell them all they have forgotten and all they have to know. If the apostles have any questions while he is gone, the one who takes his place will tell them all they want to know. "He will lead you to the complete truth."

The apostles soon forgot all this, in the panic of the Lord's Passion and Death, but remembered it again when they saw the Risen Lord.

They would forget it for a second time when Jesus would leave them at his Ascension into Heaven, but it would also come back to them a second time, once the Holy Spirit came to them on Pentecost Sunday.

"It is good that I go, said Jesus, "because unless I go, the Spirit will not come to you" Is it good now, that Jesus doesn't walk the face of the earth? It is, for Jesus said it was good for him to go. Why? The Holy Spirit, who is equal to the Son, is just as powerful as the Son of God, and his special power or charism, is to distribute the fruits of the harvest. Jesus' power, or charism, was to win the fruits of the harvest.

We have all heard of beer distributors or book distributors. These people don't make beer or books, but the work of the manufacturers is incomplete without the work of distributors. Jesus has won the fruits of our salvation. Now the Spirit must distribute that fruit.

PARISH CALENDAR - MAY

6/7th	5th Sunday of Easter Parish Mass Count Week. 1 FIRST EUCHARIST - 6pm & 11am Week 1.
13/14th 13th Sat	6th Sunday of Easter Private Baptism - 11am Parish Mass Count Week, 2 FIRST EUCHARIST - 6pm & 11am Week. 2 Mothers Day
20/21st Sat.	The Ascension of the Lord WEDDING - 12.30pm Parish Mass Count Week. 3 FIRST EUCHARIST - Week 3 - 6pm & 11am
25th Thur	FDT Meeting - 10am T.B.C. Parish Pastoral Council Meeting - 5.30pm (St Richard's School)
27/28th	Pentecost Sunday FIRST EUCHARIST Week. 4 Parish Mass Count - Week. 4 Baptism - 9am & 11am

ROSTERS

Counters - Month of May

Christine Sellar & Karen Broughton

Flowers - Month of May

Volunteer Required

Church Cleaners - Month of May

Laurel Simpson & Francis Braganza

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

Readers and Commentators - 13/14th May

6.00 pm	Paul Redfern & Paul Martin
9.00 am	Karen Broughton & Lilette de la Harpe
11.00am	Elizabeth Acabado & Reilly Acabado

Musicians - 13/14th May

6.00 pm	Recorded music
9.00 am	Filipino Group
11.00am	Zomi Group

ST VINCENT DE PAUL



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 - 13/14th May

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17: Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20:
1 Pet 3:15-18: 1 Pet 4:4:13-16

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
Nicholas Morton and all those whose
anniversaries occur about this time.

6/5 to 12/5

Bernard Lazzaro, Mavis Kennedy, Peter Pannowitch,
Sheila Smith, John Rees, Luca Morice,
Elvira Placido Pascetta, Peter Vos, Carmel Caruana,
Kevin Collins, Isabel Clancy, Doris Weeks,
Veronica McNeill, Wiktor Kowalski, Alf Confeggi,
Mary Carmody,

Listening to the wisdom of the people of God

In his pastoral letter on [*Take the Way of the Gospel*](#),
released at Pentecost in 2021, Archbishop Peter A
Comensoli wrote that his words marked 'the beginning
of a way of thinking and acting that will involve us
all - bishops, clergy and laity.

It will be a journey of listening and learning and
walking together. Bring it to prayer; begin to talk with
one another; open your hearts to where the Lord is
calling us; reach out to your neighbours in faith.'

It is in this spirit that the *Take the Way of the
Gospel* journey continues in 2023 with a series of
regional consultation sessions. These will provide an
opportunity for clergy and laity in parish communities
to come together, learn from each other and inform
the process that will help reorient our communities of
grace towards missionary renewal.

FIRST EUCHARIST

We welcome all the children over the next 4 weekends as they receive the sacrament of First Eucharist.

May they receive many blessings.



IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry.

Any questions and provide an itinerary and application form, and may be contacted at national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or on 89124818. More information attached to the newsletter & also available on the church noticeboard.

UPDATE ON PARISH WORKS/ MAINTENANCE

- 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**

CHILDSAFETY

A REMINDER ONLINE TRAINING IS
REQUIRED FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS

To access the training use this link in your
browser

You will need access to your email to register.
<https://safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org/>

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.

