



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 Xin Lu

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

Parish Office
234 Hull Road (PO Box 2) Mooroolbark 3138
Telephone: 9723 4275

**Parish Mobile: 0493 071 811 - For emergency
and church registrations**

<http://pol.org.au/mooroolbark/Home.aspx>
Email: mooroolbark@cam.org.au

Parish Hall - Contact Parish Office

SPJE Parish School
Reay Road, Mooroolbark 3138
Telephone 9725 0595 Fax 9723 9255
School Principal – Mr. Greg Thomas
<http://www.spjemooroolbark.catholic.edu.au>

SPJE - Outside School Hours Care
Telephone: 8215 9206

St. Richard's Parish School
672 Mt. Dandenong Rd Kilsyth, 3137
Telephone 9728 4378 Fax 9728 6272
School Principal - Mr. Marcus Gill
<http://www.srkilsyth.catholic.edu.au>

Normal Mass Times at SPJE

Weekday Masses
Tues: 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

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time
11th September 2022 Issue No. 33

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY

STILL CLINGING ?

Towards the end of the American Civil War, when it was clear that the North would be victorious over the South, someone asked President Lincoln how he was going to treat the rebellious Confederates.

Lincoln answered, "I am going to treat them as if they had never been away."

After thousands of Union soldiers had died, after thousands of wives had lost their husbands, after thousands of children had lost their father, and after thousands of Northern soldiers had been permanently crippled, Lincoln was able to say, "I am going to treat them as if they had never been away."

Lincoln was not a regular churchgoer, yet few regular churchgoers could match his ability to forgive. His answer shames most of us.

For some very little offense, or for just some imagined offense, many of us are unable to forgive. Is there anyone who could match Lincoln's ability to forgive ? There is.

The father in today's gospel (Luke 15:1 - 32) who had been abandoned by his son and who had given this son his son's inheritance which was almost immediately wasted. The father, by his action, forgave. He surely could have said, "I am going to treat him as if he had never been away."

And we?

Do we still cling to some trifling offence?



**SEPTEMBER 2022
PARISH CALENDAR**

SEPTEMBER

10/11th **24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Safeguarding Sunday
 Reconciliation Commitment Mass
 St Richards - 6pm & 11am
Monthly Church Collection - all Masses

15th Thur Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
 5.30pm Parish House

17/18th **25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 17th Sat. Private Baptism - 10 am
 18th Sun. Baptism - 11 am
 Private Baptism - 12.30 pm

23rd Fri Football (Public Holiday)
24/25th **26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 Baptism - 11 am

OCTOBER

1/2nd **27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 Monthly Church Collection - All Masses

Sat Private Baptism - 12 noon
 DAYLIGHT SAVING

ROSTERS

Counters - Month of September

Paul & Marianne Redfern

Flowers - Month of September

Margaret Kim

Church Cleaners - Month of September

Francis Braganza & Laurel Simpson

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

Readers and Commentators - 17 & 18th Sept

6.00 pm Dympna Beard & Angela Stainwall
 9.00 am Karen Broughton & volunteer req.
 11.00am Charlotte Wightman & volunteer req.

Musicians - 17 & 18th September

6.00 pm T.B.A.
 9.00 am T.B.A.
 11.00am T.B.A.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL



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

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday 9.30am mass

Readings for Next Week - 17/18th September

Amos 8:4-7: Ps 112:1-2, 4-8:
 1 Tim 2:1-8: Lk 16:1-13:

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;

*James Brien, Eleanor Thompson,
 Brenda Corrigan, Vic Garcia,
 Pam Stephens, Judith Fitzgerald,
 Max Pisotek, & Heidi Franz*

† Remembrance Diary †

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

10/9 to 16/9

Gladys Pierce, (baby) Teresa Rose Jones,
 Phemie Harris, Claire & John Kelly, Leonard
 Collins, Dennis Burley, Walter Taylor, John
 Hicks, Nancy Hamilton, Simon Watson, Gerald
 Farrell, Mary Corrigan, Celestina Savastio,
 John Nyhuis, Bernard McLindon, John Veips,
 Joseph Ekanayake, Monica Lawson, Bruce
 Campbell, Ken Wells, Benjamin Kleinman,
 Richard Thompson, Ida Fuller, Paul Mallard,
 Josephine Barrett, Maria Naudi, Violet Horner,
 Patricia Carroll, Anne O'Brien.

**Priest Retirement Fund
 Special Collection**

Thank you to all who generously donated to
 the appeal last weekend.

Amount raised: \$912.45

**PRIESTS RETIREMENT
 FOUNDATION**



Caring for those who cared

IT'S BACK

Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle

This is advance notice that the Parish and the 2 Schools will once again be participating in the Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle. After a couple of years due to Covid and the retirement of Fr Kevin Dillon, (the previous Organiser), the Raffle has been aptly resurrected by Resurrection Parish, Keysborough, thanks to Fr Brian Collins and to the CCPR CoOrdinator, Hedy Carvalho.

Tickets will be available shortly in the church foyer for collection by parishioners. Church Foyer ticket sales will also commence during September, at most masses, until 2nd November. The raffle will then be drawn early December.

With regard to 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 \$2000
- 4th Prize: Coles/Myer Gift Card - to the value of \$1000
- 5th & 6th Prize: Coles/Myer Gift Card - to the value of \$500

Tickets are \$2.00 each so they are extremely good value.

If you have any queries, I can be contacted on 0403 568 302
or by email: rafflespj@gmail.com
Marg Vallence / CoOrdinator

SPJE Parish Mooroolbark Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle 2022.

***ALL VOLUNTEERS IN ANY ROLE AT SPJE PARISH
ARE REQUIRED TO UNDERTAKE THIS TRAINING.***

PLEASE HELP THE PARISH MEET ITS LEGAL OBLIGATIONS

Safeguarding Essentials Online Training

Safeguarding Essentials is a 30-minute online training module for all clergy and volunteers within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne.

This accessible and engaging resource provides clergy and volunteers with foundational knowledge and a clear understanding of their duty of care and expectations in relation to safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable persons from all forms of abuse and harm.

To access the online training go to: www.safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org

To login, each volunteer or clergy member will need:

- Working with Children Card ID Number
- Email address.

To register, volunteers will need to select their parish [Mooroolbark] from the dropdown menu as their Primary Organisation of Service

If needing help the office will be able to assist.

Safe and Supported

**SAFEGUARDING
SUNDAY 2022**
SEPTEMBER 11



In the Catholic Church, Safeguarding Sunday occurs at the end of National Child Protection Week. It complements the wider Australian commemoration but has a distinctive emphasis. Safeguarding Sunday was affirmed by the members of the Church's recent Plenary Council, who in the decrees expressed "our profound sorrow that children and young people and vulnerable adults have been abused by clergy, religious and lay workers of the Catholic Church, and that religious leaders have failed to act sufficiently to prevent or respond to abuse". That focus naturally leads to the desire to make amends to the people who were abused and to ensure that in all the relationships with children within the Church they will be safe. The processes and protocols support that commitment to say "Never Again" to abuse. National Child Protection Week looks more broadly at the need of children for protection. Its theme this year is "Every child in every community needs a fair go". It asks us to reflect on the support that children need to grow into confident and trusting adults, free from abuse of every kind. This perspective brings home to us the horror of what was done in the Catholic Church by setting it in the broader need for protection in the Australian community as a whole. Our effectiveness in safeguarding children depends on changing deep-rooted attitudes, particularly to recognise our own sinfulness and failure to protect children and to be attentive to the vulnerable people in our Church community. The Mass readings focus on this. We must also, however, make safe the environment in which they live. We do this by ensuring that they are listened to, are accompanied, that they are not vulnerable to predators and that protocols of conduct with children are strictly observed. The Plenary Council "calls on all Catholics to commit to ensuring that Church environments are safe and respectful". The ways of keeping safe must be imprinted on hands and feet, on fences and in timetables, as well as on minds. For children, being given a fair go means that they will be safe in the company they keep and in the activities they do. For adults who accompany them, ensuring that they have a fair go means constant care to keep them safe.



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE



A STATEMENT FROM ARCHBISHOP TIMOTHY COSTELLOE SDB, RESIDENT OF THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

The death of Queen Elizabeth II, after a long reign marked by extraordinary constancy, fidelity, courage and service, will bring great sadness to many people in Australia, including members of the Catholic community. As the Queen enters into the great mystery of eternal life with the Lord, we will pray for the repose of her soul and for the support and comfort of her family, her nation and the wider community of the Commonwealth. Queen Elizabeth was never reticent about acknowledging her Christian faith. Her annual Christmas message invariably focused on Jesus Christ as a model of humble and generous service. It was a model she strived to emulate throughout her long life.

May she rest in peace.

September 9, 2022