



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

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Normal Mass Times at SPJE
Weekday Masses - Tuesday - Friday: 9.15 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



ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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

15h SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A
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Fr Joseph Homily

Most of us find ocean water very cold when we plunge into it, but we stay in the water because we know that in a short while, we will get used to the cold. The same thing is true of a cold water shower. We can endure the sudden flow of cold water because we know that we will soon be used to it. Of course, we do not want to take a cold water shower in the cold winter in Melbourne, but we can do so in the summer season of Melbourne. The point is that we can endure pain if we know that it is not going to last long.

Hope is a great help. Christian hope is the certainty that pain is going to end and that our joy will be forever. In today's Second Reading (Roman 8:18-23), St Paul says, *"I consider the sufferings of the present to be as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed."* St Paul is saying that because of his hope in tomorrow, he can bear with anything which the Lord may give to him today. Because we are certain that glory will be ours tomorrow, we can be cheerful givers today. When we plunge into an ocean's cold water we must keep our attention focused on one minute after the plunge. So too when we enter our trials and sufferings in this life, we must keep our attention focused on the joys of the life to come. In other words, when we relate to our current situation of 2nd lockdown in Melbourne, we must focus on the joys of the life to come after this disappointing and frustrating situation 2nd lockdown and our eventual victory over this pandemic.

Jesus is the goal. *"Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus"* (Hebrews 2:1). *He is not only the goal but The Way. We must walk with Him. He is The Light. There will be no stumbling with him.*

PARISH UPDATE

As you are aware with the recent news of stage 3 restrictions with 6 weeks lock down.

It is with much disappointment for us all that the church will be closed and all weekend Masses have been suspended until further notice.

Only Funerals will be allowed in the church with a maximum of 10 people.

Please take care & stay safe everyone.

Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle (*Mother Teresa and Me: Ten Years of Friendship*)

“Mother Teresa glided past us, her bare feet making feather-light sounds on the floor. Her wrinkled hands were clasped tightly and held close to her heart. I could sense an awesome presence as she passed by. I momentarily lifted my eyes to take a little more in. Her height – or lack thereof – took me by surprise. This spiritual giant stood not much taller than my 6-year-old daughter.... Mother Teresa came straight toward me and 2-year-old Jessica, secure in my arms so she couldn't run around the convent. Mother Teresa's surprise approach was direct yet gentle. 'Is this the baby who was singing at Mass?' she asked me. 'Yes!' I replied. It seemed as if everything moved in slow motion as Mother Teresa of Calcutta, dressed in her simple white sari trimmed in Blessed Mother blue, reached out her worn, loving hand to touch my daughter and pat her back. In fact, I think my heart stopped for that moment...That first encounter with this saint...penetrated my heart and etched an unforgettable message that remains to this day. I think that, in a certain sense, standing next to Mother Teresa was like standing near Jesus Christ himself. I had the sense of feeling wildly exhilarated and deeply calmed all at once.”



Readings for Next Week – 19th July 2020

Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27;
Mt 13:24-43



We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;

Trish Fenton, Annette Andrewartha, Julia & Mabel Dana, Matthew Arrowsmith, Rose Robert, Lorraine Downie, Trish Leahy, Jean Blencowe, Nancy Greco.

✠ Remembrance Diary ✠

We remember those who have died especially **Ottillie Porter (Karen Broughton's mother)** and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time

11/7 to 17/7

Francis O'Leary, Kevin Trappel, Victor Lyons, Louis Matthews, Joan Cameron, Gerda Bakker, Lum Poyang Yee, Michelle Bleumink, Judy Shaw, Clare Joiner, Veronica Gormon, Hugh Boyd, Sarah Scanlon, Paul Krix, Mary Walters, Sydney Monks, Freida Van Beek, Jamaes O'Leary, Rebecca Wallis, Josef Tront, Claude Mullavey, Jim Hanlon, Janie Roberts, Marija Jelenc, Iolanda De Leo, Antonetta Piccolo, Mary Rose Barlow-Barker, Sr Aileen Vear.

THANKSGIVING PROGRAM

Parish Still needs your help !

During this difficult time, parishioners are encouraged to continue to support the Parish financially. This support is essential to the ongoing weekly expenditure of our Parish. Thanksgiving envelopes can be dropped off at the Parish Office. **(left side of front door)**. If you wish to donate via electronic funds you may wish to set up direct debit from your bank to the church account (please phone or email the office for the parish bank details) If you prefer Credit Card payments this can be arranged by phone or email to the Parish Office. Please leave your name and phone number and Adriana will contact you.

Fr Joseph acknowledges your generosity and thanks you for your continued financial support of our parish.

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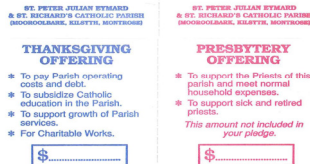
<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

11am MASS ON SUNDAY

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

The new Financial Year envelopes will be available from the parish from
Tuesday 7th July.

Parishioners who wish to receive their envelopes are asked to email the parish office, mooroolbark@cam.org.au or phone the office on 9723 4275, to arrange to collect or have them delivered.



CHILD SAFETY OFFICERS

We are delighted to advise Fr Joseph has appointed Michael Mc Lindon and Meg Wright as our parish Child Safety Officers.



NEWSLETTER

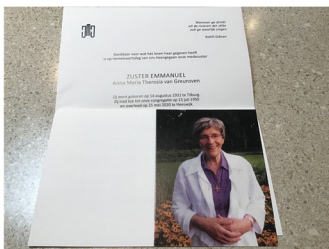
If you know of someone who is not receiving a newsletter please email the parish office and we will include them on our weekly email list.



STAY HOME

What a quote: "The virus doesn't move, people move it. We stop moving the virus stops moving, the virus dies. It's that simple."

Sister Emmanuel R.I.P.



A letter has been received by Carol Haynes from the Sisters Of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Provincial House in Holland advising of the death of Sister Emmanuel.

Sister Emmanuel taught at SPJ in the 1970s and 80s. She was a founding member of Mary's Hill Convent, and we feel sure that many will remember her as a wonderful teacher of their children.

THE COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2020

3 x ALL NEW SUZUKI BALENO TO BE WON!!!



The Raffle Draw Date is now September.

HOWEVER

All books must be returned so they can be taken to the organisers by early August. I am going to start contacting people who have not returned books which is a very time consuming job

If you need to return your book [sold or unsold] please place them in the letter slot at the Parish House front door in an envelope marked Raffle, by the end of July or contact me.

**Marg Vallence
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A Reflection – 15th Sunday of the Year _ Matthew 13. 1-23



Basically, the Good News from Matthew that we hear/ read today (why not read it aloud?) is a simple farming tale, leading towards what we often call the Sermon on the Mount or Beatitudes – in a sense the Summit of Jesus' outline of the disciples' call & life choice. But this teaching journey begins with Jesus the Rabbi/ Teacher, sitting in a boat so all could see & hear & ask. The people were familiar with the elements of his story, a part of everyday life & would have recognized it as an affirmation of God's abundant care – even in the midst of sufferings & persecution. You might recall that the Matthew account is directed to the disciples at Antioch some 40 or more years after the Pentecost event & following the total destruction of the Temple. While their memory was the suffering & fear of Roman oppression, their present was of systemic anger of the Synagogue, those survivors who had fled the Fall of Jerusalem in the year 70CE. The Jewish followers of The Way of Jesus were banned by the Pharisee leaders of the Synagogues as heretics & so liable to be banished from the community, denying them membership & status, livelihood, family, friendships & care & threatening persecution, even imprisonment or death – we might remember that this was Paul's pre-Damascus occupation! At the same time, in Rome the disciples were hunted out as "atheists" – deniers of the Emperor's divinity & so political threat, leading to centuries of state martyrdom, including Peter & Paul in their turn.

Clearly, Matthew's Good News had to be a Word of encouragement & strength & assurance; of promise & power. Not just of "good things in come", a sort of "pious pie in the sky". Rather, it was to be a revolutionary Word & Challenge: a New Way to live as believers & as community in order to make a New World: - & we're still stumbling on that Way & Mission. Can you think of what parable-story Jesus might tell in our world of uncertainly, fear, hurt & question? How can we be daily Good News for ourselves, our families & community; our wider world? Can I/we hear Jesus saying to me/ us? – ¹⁶...blessed are your eyes, for they see, & your ears, for they hear. ¹⁷ Truly I tell you, many prophets & righteous people longed to see what you see, but did not see it, & to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.". Can we hear Jesus' personal words of promise & power & know we are graced to be that Good News in times that can be pretty miserable.

Stay safe & go well _ remembering that "Those who are marked with the cross of Christ go gaily in the dark" (GK Chesterton)

Michael McLindon