



# 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**  
Mrs. Adriana De Leo

**Parish Assistant**  
Mr. Brian Twining

**Parish Office**  
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**Parish Hall - Contact Parish Office**

**SPJE Parish School**  
Reay Road, Mooroolbark 3138  
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**School Principal – Mr. Greg Thomas**  
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### **Normal Mass Times at SPJE**

Weekday Masses  
Tues & Thurs: 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

### **Parish QR Code**



**24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**12th September 2021 Issue No. 33**

**Pope Francis prayer to Our Lady, Health  
of the Sick,**

**to implore her protection during the Covid-19  
coronavirus pandemic**

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as  
a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus'  
pain, with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the  
Roman People, know  
what we need.

We are certain that  
you will provide, so  
that, as you did at Cana  
of Galilee, joy and  
feasting might return  
after this moment of  
trial.

Help us, Mother of  
Divine Love, to  
conform ourselves to  
the Father's will and to  
do what Jesus tells us:



He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and  
bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross,  
to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy  
Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the  
test – and deliver us from every danger,

O glorious and blessed Virgin.

## PARISH CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER 2021

11/12th 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Child Protection Sunday*

Reconciliation 6pm & 11am

Baptism 11am

17th Fri School Closure

18/19th 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

19th Sun Baptisms 9am & 11am

Baptism Private 12.15pm

25/26th 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Social Justice Sunday

National Say for Migrants & Refugees

Baptisms 11am

### OCTOBER 2021

2/3rd Oct 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SVDP Collection - All Masses

## ROSTERS

### Counters Month of September 2021

Mon. Paul & Marianne Redfern

### Flowers September 2021

TBA

### Church Cleaners Month of September

Laurel Simpson & Francis Braganza

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

### Ministers of Eucharist Coordinators for September

No Coordinators required during Covid

### Readers and Commentators

6.00 pm

9.00 am T.B.A.

11.00am

### Musicians

6.00pm

9.00am T.B.A.

11.00am

## Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday & Thursday 9.30 am

**NO 9.30 am Mass During Lockdown**

## Readings for Next Week - 19th Sept

Wis 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16 - 4:3;  
Mk 9:30-37

## Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;

*Frances Hau, Rose Robert, Eleanor  
Thompson, Patricia Fenton, Joan Bourke,  
Patricia Koblar, Sue Hoogenboom, Kris  
Hibbert, Agata Rajic, Shirlene de la Harpe*

## † Remembrance Diary †

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

11/9 to 17/9

Dennis Burley, Walter Taylor, John Hicks,  
Nancy Hamilton, Simon Watson, Gerald  
Farrell, Joan Farrell, Mary Corrigan, Celestina  
Savastio, John Nyhuis, Bernard Mc Lindon,  
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,  
Judith McKellar, Agatino Giuffrida.

## Parish Child Safeguarding Team

If you have any child safety concerns please  
contact the following team members

**Brian Twining**

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**Meg Wright**

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**Michael Mc Lindon**

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Or request a call back on the Parish Office phone  
9723 4275

## *Fr Joseph's Homily*

*24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B, 2021*

In the church of Our Lady of Copenhagen, there is a famous statue of Jesus sculptured by Danish sculptor Bertel Thorvaldsen. One day, a visitor was heard to remark that he couldn't appreciate the statue which many people were talking about. One of the guides overheard the visitor and he said to him, "the sculptor meant the statue to be viewed one one's knees." When the visitor knelt down and looked upon the statue he was fascinated by its attraction to him.

Many of us know all about Jesus from what we have read in books and heard in class or in homilies, but unless we "get on one's knees" in prayer or in close personal conversations with Jesus, we will only know about Jesus, we will not really know Jesus as a personal friend and constant companion.

Many of us speak about Jesus as we would speak about a well-known figure that we have learned about in history books, but fewer people can speak to us about Jesus as we can speak to others about a best friend whom we share our life with almost every day.

Christianity does not mean to be able to recite the Ten Commandments, or memorized prayers, or the Apostles Creed. Christianity is about knowing Jesus personally and intimately, and we can only do this on our knees (in prayer, or in conversation, not necessarily kneeling).

In this Sunday's Gospel (Mark 8:27-35), Jesus asked Peter for his own personal opinion of Jesus (not what others said Jesus as) and Peter was able to speak from his own personal contact with Jesus.

Maurice Blondel, a French philosopher, someone who knew Jesus intimately, once said, "Never speak of Jesus from memory (from what you learned in school). Never speak of him as someone absent (for he is always present to us)." And St. Paul (2 Timothy 1:12) did not say, "I know what I have believed." He said, "I know whom I have believed." From experience, not from study.

Let us get to know Jesus, especially during this Pandemic, more intimately as our constant companion and draw spiritual strength and nourishment from Jesus as many of us have felt the fatigue impacts on us.



**A weekly series bringing 'light' to this time of lockdown...**

Well and truly done with sourdough starters? Not interested in another DIY project? To help fill the void during lockdown, each week we'll suggest some inspiring content to bring 'light' to this difficult time. Pop on the kettle and check out the recommendations below.

### **PODCASTS FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING**

*Quality podcasts navigating marriage and family life*

#### **Unity in marriage (part 1)**

In this podcast, Catholic counsellors, Dr Bob Schuchts and Jake Khym discuss how marriage is a union of two broken people, and yet when the love of God is invited in, unity is made possible. Listen at [www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving2](http://www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving2)

### **GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BIBLE**

*Resources to help you explore the Bible*

#### **Exploring the Gospels**

As Christians, we have four accounts of the life of Jesus, called Gospels. How should we read them?

Getting started: This video by a Franciscan priest looks at how it's possible to understand different Gospel accounts and stories about Jesus. Watch at [www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted2](http://www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted2)

Going deeper: This year, we are reading Mark's Gospel at Mass. This video provides an introduction into the crafting and structure of the Gospel and the portrait of Jesus presented. View here [www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper2](http://www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper2)

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The Parish of Saint Peter Julian Eymard and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:

[www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday)

#### PRAYER

Gracious God, you love and care for all of your children, especially the smallest and most vulnerable.

We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at risk who have been sexually abused, and whose trust and innocence have been destroyed.

Help us to hear their cries of pain and to take responsibility for those whose lives have been broken.

Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded by abuse, and the failure to be heard.

We pray that with the help of your grace communities and families will find understanding and support, so that now and in the future their wounds may be healed and they may find lasting peace.

Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our children and adults at risk, giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience to seek out assistance when required.

We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

Amen

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## A REFLECTION 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of YEAR B - 12 September 2021



***“If You want to be a Follower of Mine, Take up Your Cross Each Day And Follow Me.....I am the Way the Truth & the Life”***

How often do I make the Sign of the Cross.? And focus on each word and gesture? How often do I hear the name of Jesus called out in anger or fear and perhaps turn it into a prayer for that person and their need? Do I count the Crosses in my day?– do I feel desperate, or take them up with faith and hope in Jesus’ word – the One who is the Word , who “came to set us free”?

Do you remember the last time you walked the Stations of the Cross? Perhaps in our church a couple of Good Fridays ago? Or walking & praying them through the streets of Mooroolbark, or as my children might say, MoozaB? Were you conscious of walking the Way of the Cross, known also as the Sorrowful Way? And walking it step with a global gathering of Disciples? You may even “So the Stations” as a personal prayer - though it can never be really personal; we are always in the company of “the saints”, as St Paul called striving, faithful believers,

Dating from the 11<sup>th</sup> or so century, the devout practice was encouraged & developed by Francis of Assisi and his followers. Growing out of earlier devotional practices of reliving & walking the last hours and steps of Jesus’ life ,for those who could not undertake the pilgrimage to Jerusalem from all points of Christendom: we might have a sense of this ,who cannot now visit our own Stations at SPJE! The artistic depiction of the Stations is a marker of Catholic Churches of the West shared with other Christian Churches. As you know, whether or not you could successfully name the stages for a Trivia Night, there are 14 stations or events marked, from Jesus being sentenced before Pilate, mocked & torture; then his encounters with “Veronica”, “the women of Jerusalem”, Mary his mother, and Simon of Cyrene; to the final stages of crucifixion, death and placing in the Tomb. More recently, many versions revisit the Tomb, with a 15<sup>th</sup> station of the Resurrection. all single and singular events.

Many years ago, I was struck by the Three Falls of Jesus, the only repeated events. Why??? Then it struck me that the Stations, our personal and communal prayer, were a Journey of Accompaniment: of Jesus accompanying us, accompanying me. Three times he falls; three times Jesus gets up – eventually helped by the conscripted Cyrene. We fall, our Church falls, and we fall often. Jesus is with us –“I am with you always” as ready helper; all the way and every time. Can we remember this as we fall & get up again...and again...and again. And can our beloved and often falling Church remember the rising again, especially in Child Protection Week, on Safeguarding Sunday and as we prepare for the opening of the Australian Plenary Council next month?

“We adore you., O Christ, & bless you. For by your Cross, you redeem – heal and save – our World:

***Michael Mc Lindon,  
SPJE Safeguarding Team with Meg & Brian.***