



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
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



**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
15th August 2021 Issue No. 29**

Fr Joseph's Homily

The Assumption of Mary 2021

My dear parishioners, the church has always believed that Our Lady was taken up, body and soul, into heaven immediately after her death. What was believed through the centuries was proclaimed as dogma in the year 1950 before thousands of pilgrims who had assembled in St Peter's square for the occasion when Pope Pius XII solemnly declared that the immaculate Mother of God, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.

According to ancient tradition, the Archangel Gabriel was sent to Our Lady a little before her death to announce to her that she would soon depart from this life and be joined to her Son in heaven. The apostles assembled around her before she could breathe her last. Mary, turning her eyes on them, blessed them, it is said, the apostles saw the Savior accompanied by the angels coming to receive her soul. Her mortal remains were laid in a tomb. One of the apostles who was not present when Mary closed her eyes on this world, arrived three days later. For his benefit the tomb was reopened – the sepulcher was found to be empty and white lilies, the symbol of her purity, had sprung up in the place where her body had been laid. The apostles were thus given to understand that Mary was taken up into heaven, body and soul.

Mary is enthroned on high and crowned with a crown of twelve stars. But what does Mary do from her lofty throne? She intercedes for us and pleads our cause. She fills her hands with heavenly favors and distributes pardons, blessings and graces. The Queen of clemency and bounty that she is, her power and goodness has no bounds and in return for her goodness what does she ask of each one of us but our love for her Son! We ask and pray to our blessed mother to help us during this challenging time.

Fr Joseph Lu Xin

PARISH CALENDAR

AUGUST

- 14/15th The Assumption of the Virgin Mary
- 21/22nd 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 22nd Sun 9am Baptism
- 24th Tue Baptism Preparation Meeting - Fr Joseph, Bernadette & Naomi
- 25th Wed CONFIRMATIONS - 7pm
- 26th Thur CONFIRMATIONS - 7pm
- 27th Fri CONFIRMATIONS - 7 pm
- 28th Sat CONFIRMATIONS - 11 am
- 28/29th 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
National Migrants Day
11am Baptisms

SEPTEMBER

- 2nd Thur Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
7pm Parish House
- 4/5th 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Priest Retirement Fund Collection
All Masses
- 11/12th 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Child Protection Sunday
Reconciliation 6pm & 11am
Baptism - 11am

ROSTERS

Counters Month of August 2021

Mon. Des Delahunt, Christine Sellar & Pam Dryden

Flowers August 2021

21st Pat Harman

Church Cleaners Month of August

Aug Margaret Kim & Esther Ngaihte

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

Ministers of Eucharist Coordinators for August

No Coordinators required during Covid

Readers and Commentators - 21/22nd Aug

6.00 pm George Nantes & Michael McLindon
9.00 am Florencia Marcella & Muzeena D'Almeida
11.00am Charlotte Wightman & Volunteer

Musicians - 21/22nd Aug

6.00pm No Music
9.00am Shelly & Co
11.00am Loutoa Group

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday & Thursday 9.30 am
NO 9.30am Mass During Lockdown

Readings for Next Week - 22nd Aug

Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18; Eph 5:21-32;
Jn 6:60-69

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, Jack Dwyer.

† Remembrance Diary †

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

14/8 to 20/8

Dorothy Murfitt, Leo Trappel, Albert Victor Parkinson, Dulcie Harnetty, Norman Baron, Judith Vanderhaar, Bill Bonuda, Charles Azzopardi, Herbert Cody, Elizabeth Mary Rowan, Margot Cooney, Giovanna Crivelli, Harry Munnery, Bernard Kerin, John O'Neill, Sr. Dympna Malone, Ian Gunst, Brian Lee, Ellen James, Blandyna & Family Ehrenkreutz, Margaret Corker, Elisabeth Gatens, Frank Covino, Maria Carboni Sini, Sr. Mary Rose O'Dwyer, Eileen Lockwood, Audrey Smith, Graciano Catungal.



Almighty ever-living God, who assumed the Immaculate Virgin Mary, the Mother of your Son, body and soul into heavenly glory, grant we pray, that, always attentive to the things that are above, we may merit to be sharers of her glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Seeing Things Afresh

Welcome to *Proclaim*, a regular newsletter to help keep parish leadership teams informed and inspired as they proclaim and live out the joy of the Gospel.

There are so many things we fail to properly notice. Caught in familiar routines, we can neglect everyday blessings, or fail to critically examine many of the assumptions that shape our lives. It takes dramatic change, sometimes, to shake us awake and to help us see things afresh—and dramatic change has certainly been in abundant supply in recent times.

What priests mean to us—Melbourne Catholics reflect

It's been a tough year for all, including for our priests, who have been on the front line during these times of upheaval, guiding and caring for us and our parish communities. With Priest Appreciation Day and Vocations Awareness Week celebrated the month, we recently spoke to Melbourne parishioners about what they appreciate about their priests. No answer was the same, demonstrating just how many reasons we have for appreciating the priestly vocation and the tireless service of our Melbourne priests. So to our priests—thank you from all of us!

Our priests have been on the front line through these times of upheaval, adapting,



persisting and absorbing much of the impact as they have guided and cared for us and our communities. We take the opportunity to [reflect on what our priests mean to us](#) and to express our appreciation for their gracious presence in our lives.

Click on this link, or copy and paste into your browser <https://melbournecatholic.org/news> for more

The gift of change, and what our human brains do with it

In his inspiring prayer intention video for August, Pope Francis invites us to embrace change and renewal, and even to see crisis as evidence of a living, breathing Church. While change can be exciting, though, it can also feel daunting, so psychologist Bernard Marusic—in the first of a two-part series—helps us to understand what is happening in our brains and our lives when we are confronted with new challenges, showing us how, by trusting in God and making considered choices, we might better [negotiate and appreciate the gift of change](#)

Columban Far East Magazine - July 2021

Wuhan's international community of Catholics continues to wait for the day when it can resume its weekly celebration of the Eucharist at Holy Family Catholic Church. The celebration in English or French is particularly important for those who do not speak Chinese. This ongoing wait is shared by international communities in several of China's major cities, the civil authorities exercising caution about large gatherings of people from other countries. However, in an approach that seems to be based on alternative logic, all are welcome to attend the liturgies in Wuhan that are celebrated in Chinese.

<https://www.columban.org.au/media-and-publications/the-far-east-magazine/archive/2021/the-far-east-july-2021/alternative-logic>

PARISH UPDATES

To see all current mass times and updates on attendance rules in place, please take the time to look at the Parish website.

Simply type into google SPJE Parish then click onto website, scroll down the page and you will see the current advice.



Parish Child Safeguarding Team

If you have any concerns please contact the following team members

Brian Twining

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

PARISH MOBILE

A gentle reminder that the parish mobile number is for use if you are unable to contact the parish office or for Church registration when required to book.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

If assistance is required, please contact

1 800 305 330
Mon – Fri 10 am-3 pm



St Peter Julian Eymard Parish Memorial Garden

Our church has a lovely memorial garden. It is a place to remember your loved ones that have departed.

The memorial wall is neatly tucked in the corner of church on the left.

Memorial Garden Policies are available in the church foyer if you wish to order a plaque for your loved one.



DO YOU FEEL LIKE BEING CALLED TO SERVE?

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers.

COME & SEE! Due to Covid restrictions the information session date has been moved into September. No longer on Saturday 14 August.

The Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on Saturday 4 September, 10:00 -11.45 am at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), East Melbourne.

For further information contact Deacon Kevin Pattison: Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au

For more information:

Watch: Melbourne's Deacons <https://youtu.be/q2RhNDbtTS0>

Watch: Pope Francis' 2020 Prayer Intention for Deacons <https://youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY>

Read More: [Brochure] <https://www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate>

Contact: Office of the Permanent Diaconate (Phone) 03 9412 335 (Email) diaconate@cam.org.au

