



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 - for May
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 ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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Gospel Reflection for the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord

Our gospel last Sunday hinted at the Christ's ascension, this Sunday, in both the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel of Luke we have two accounts of the Ascension. The earthly mission and ministry of Jesus are now over and he is now returning to sit at the right hand of God. Jesus trusts his friends and followers to carry on his work of proclaiming and spreading the Kingdom of God.

In the first reading, they are told that *will be baptised with the Holy Spirit* and in the gospel he tells them they are *witnesses* (to this) and that they will be *clothed with power from on high*. He knows that they will need help encouragement and strength for the task that lies ahead of them. This promise points and leads us directly to Pentecost which we celebrate next Sunday. Jesus knows that these men and woman will need all the help they can get as they spread the good news of his resurrection.

Today as the church, we too are called by Christ and sent out just as these first Christians were. We are asked to proclaim the Kingdom of God, and like them, we too are strengthened by the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul tells us in Romans 5.5, *'God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.'* We are Christ's witnesses today in our homes with our families and with our neighbours in our parish community. We are called and challenged by Christ not only to hear the good news of the gospel, but to do whatever we can to share it with others we meet. We do this through the quality of our daily lives in how we speak to each other and treat each other. As St. Francis of Assisi reminds us, *'we must use every means possible to proclaim the gospel and if we have to, we will have to use words.'*



PARISH CALENDAR

MAY 2021

- 15/16th **The Ascension of the Lord
Chaplaincy Sunday - Special
Collection - all Masses**
FIRST EUCHARIST Grade 4
6pm & 11am Mass
Baptism - 9am Mass
- 19th Wed SVDP Meeting - church foyer
10am - 12 noon
English Classes - church foyer
7pm - 8.30am
- 20th Thur **FUNERAL - 11am
Victor Kowalski
NO 9.30am MASS**
- 22/23rd **Pentecost Sunday**
22nd Sat **Service for Helen Reading -
11am**
FIRST EUCHARIST 6pm &
11am
- 23rd Baptism - 9am
Private Baptism - 12.30pm

ROSTERS

Counters Month of May 2021

Mon. Paul & Marianne Redfern

Flowers May 2021

22nd Cora Tungol

Church Cleaners Month of May

D'Almeidia Family

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

Ministers of Eucharist Coordinators for May

6.00 pm George Nantes

9.00 am Karen Broughton

11.00am **Volunteer Required**

Readers and Commentators - 22/23rd May

6.00 pm Paul Redfern & Paul Martin

9.00 am Karen Broughton & Volunteer Req.

11.00am Elizabeth Acabado & Volunteer Req.

Musicians - 22/23rd May

6.00pm Shelly & Co

9.00am No Music

11.00am Paul & Angela

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday 9.30 am

Readings for Next Week - 23rd May

Gen 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8, 16-20 or Ezek
37:1-14 or Joel 3:1-5; Rom 8:22-27

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;

*Frances Hau, Rose Robert, Danielle Devlin,
Eleanor Thompson, Joan Bourke, Patricia
Koblar, Sue Hoogenboom, Kris Hibbert.*

† Remembrance Diary †

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

15/5 to 21/5

Alice & James Lee, Vera Klepac, Maria Mesa, Mary
O'Donnell, Victor O'Brien, Michael Lim, Margaret
Campbell (First death anniversary), Brenda Ward,
Catherine McArdle, Gerrit Brinkhuis, Lindsay
Goodall, Gerard Van Der Horst, Elizabeth Reid,
Marcus Redfern, Anna Veips, Joseph Lowell,
Kathleen Haoust, Agnes McLindon, Clara-Maria
Worton, James Daffey, Mick Hawkins, John &
Helena Graafmans, Raffaele Malvaso, Linda Steane,
Roy Downie Eileen Gildea, James Leahy, Ida
D'Silvia, Angelo Cincotta, Frank Anderson, Gwen
Johnson, Maria Casotti, Giovina Cellante.

BAPTISM

We welcome



to our Parish through Baptism.
Noah & Isaiah Montebello

As they receive the Holy Spirit through the
Sacrament celebrated this weekend, may their
faith guide them throughout their life.

HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY

The parish community congratulates
Leon McKiernan
on his 90th birthday
God bless you on your special birthday.



CAN YOU HELP

Do you have a spare IPAD or TABLET?

The parish is required to ensure all parishioners who attend Mass register using a QR Code. A Tablet/Ipad will help the parish assist those unable to do so.

The state government has introduced this new requirement which takes affect on the 28th May 2021.

Please see Fr Joseph
or Adriana at the Parish office.

LADIES LUNCH GROUP

Our next Ladies Lunch will be on
TUESDAY 1ST JUNE

AT THE LILYDALE INTERNATIONAL HOTEL

471 Maroondah Hwy Lilydale

We will meet at 12pm for 12.30 lunch

To book please contact Nancy Gough 0411 137 251 or Philomena Turner 0417 208 077 if unable to attend please let us know as we will need to confirm numbers



PARISH OFFICE MOBILE

The parish office now has a mobile
number

0493 071 811

Please call this number should you be
unable to get through on the landline
number 9723 4275.

CHAPLAINCY APPEAL 2021

15/16th May

This weekend is the Chaplaincy Appeal. Donations from our parish community will help the Chaplaincy programs to support the most vulnerable people in our community.

Your support and generosity will ensure that Catholic chaplains can continue to faithfully meet the emotional and spiritual needs of the vulnerable, isolated and marginalized in our community by providing pastoral and spiritual support.

Parishioners are encouraged to offer prayers and financial donation to help provide continued spiritual and emotional comfort to the individuals and families in Victoria facing loneliness, illness, pain and grief and death.

Please give generously. www.ccam.org.au
or call (03) 9287 5513.

Envelopes will be available in the church pews

FIRST EUCHARIST

16th May 2021

We welcome and congratulate the following children from St Richards Primary School who will receive the sacrament of First Eucharist this weekend.

Cooper Cauteruccio

Macy Cooper

Matisse Cultrera

Sophie Hill

Nicholas Menzies

Emily Napolitano

Hayley Parker

Aiden Roberts

Domenic Soccio

Kristen Stubbs



ST VINCENT DE PAUL

If assistance is required,
please contact
1800 305 330

Mon – Fri 10 am-3 pm

STATEMENT BY HIS EMINENCE CHARLES CARDINAL BO, PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERATION OF ASIAN BISHOPS OF CONFERENCES

Fourteen years ago, in 2007, Pope Benedict XVI published his letter to the Church in the People's Republic of China, and designated 24 May, the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, as an annual Worldwide Day of Prayer for the Church in China.

On behalf of the Church throughout Asia, as President of the Federation of Asian Bishops Conferences, I would like to call on the faithful to extend that to a Week of Prayer for the Church in China and the peoples of China, from Sunday 23 May until Sunday 30 May.

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the peoples of China have faced increasing challenges, which impact us all. It is right that we should pray not only for the Church but for all persons in the People's Republic of China. We should ask Our Lady of Sheshan to protect all humanity and therefore the dignity of each and every person in China, in the words of Pope Benedict XVI's prayer, "to believe, to hope, to love." In fact, we are reminded that "the whole of the Church's social doctrine, in fact, develops from the principle that affirms the inviolable dignity of the human person."

Many parts of the world are currently challenged, including my own country of Myanmar at this time, but in a spirit of solidarity it is right to focus not only on our own challenges but to pray also for others, in the clear knowledge that their well-being is closely linked to ours.

In proposing this Week of Prayer I am expressing my love for the peoples of China, my respect for their ancient civilization and extraordinary economic growth, and my hopes that as it continues to rise as a global power, it may become a force for good and a protector of the rights of the most vulnerable and marginalized in the world. Pope Francis rightly reminds us that "there is also a deeper hunger, the hunger for a happiness that only God can satisfy, the hunger for dignity. I am calling for prayer for each person in China that they may seek and realize the full measure of happiness that our Creator has given to them.

So I urge the faithful, throughout the world, to join me in prayer for the Church and the peoples of China, from 23-30 May, and especially to join with Pope Francis, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI and the whole Church to ask, in the words of Benedict XVI, the "Mother of China and all Asia" to support the faithful, that "they never be afraid to speak of Jesus to the world, and of the world to Jesus", and "always be credible witness to this love, ever clinging to the rock of Peter".

Fraternally yours, Charles Bo - President of FABC



For further information on the Global Prayer for the Church and Peoples of China, contact Dr. Andrew Bennett at <https://globalprayerforchina.org/contact/>