



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

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Assumption of Mary Feast Day August 15

One glance at a television news show will tell you that some people do not value human life. But this is not news. During the Holocaust of World War II, millions of people were tortured and killed. This terrible tragedy led many people to wonder about human life. How valuable is a single human life? How valuable are the lives of the elderly, the unborn, the terminally ill? Are their lives worth as much as those of people who are healthy and active, working, and raising families?



The feast of Mary's Assumption is a preview of what our lives will be. At the end of her earthly life, Mary was assumed, or taken up, into heaven body and soul. She did not have to wait for the end of the world, as we do. God granted her this special privilege because of her sinlessness and her fullness of grace.

The Church has always believed in Mary's assumption into heaven. But on November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII focused the attention of the whole world on the Assumption of Mary as a dogma and mystery of our faith. This mystery shows us that God wants every human person, body and soul, to be in glory forever, just as Mary is now. This dogma shows how important every single human life is. Pope Plus XII hoped that by thinking about Mary's Assumption, people all over the world would develop a deeper respect for their own lives and their own bodies. He also hoped that people would grow in respect for the lives of others.

*Stay Safe, optimistic, vigilant and most importantly
connected!*

Marcus Gill- Principal

PARISH UPDATE

As you are aware this week we enter into stage 4 restrictions for another 6 weeks.

The church is closed until it is safe to re open.

No weekday or weekend Masses until further notice.

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

Please take care & stay safe everyone.

OUR WORLD

“The plain fact is that the planet does not need more successful people. But it does desperately need more peacemakers, healers, restorers, storytellers, and lovers of every kind. It needs people who live well in their places. It needs people of moral courage willing to join the fight to make the world habitable and humane. And these qualities have little to do with success as we have defined it.”

David W. Orr - Ecological Literacy: Educating Our Children for a Sustainable World.



Readings for Next Week – 23rd August 2020

Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20



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, Bernard Vallence & Christine Sellar.

✠ Remembrance Diary ✠

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

15/8 to 21/8

Charles Azzopardi, Herbert Cody, Elizabeth Rowan, Margot Cooney, Giovanna Crivetti, Harry Munnery, Bernard Kerin, Joh O'Neill, Sr. Dympna Malone, Ian Gunst, Brian Lee, Ellen James, Blandyna & Family Ehrenkreutz, Margaret Corker, Elizabeth Gatens, Maria Carboni Sini, Sr Mary Rose O'Dwyer, Eileen Lockwood, Audrey Smith, Graciano Catungal, Margaret Briglia, Mary Whyte, Carmel Azzopardi.

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).**

Please note there is no need to submit multiple envelopes; where possible, one envelope with multiple weekly donations is acceptable.

Please indicate the amount of money, contained in each side of all envelopes, on the front

Alternatively, you may wish to contribute via EFT or Credit Card. Please phone or email the parish office for details.

Fr Joseph and parish staff wish to pass on their heartfelt thanks to all parishioners who are continuing to support the church financially during this very difficult time of pandemic and now stage 4 lockdown.

COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2020

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



**Draw Date: 26 September 2020 at
7.15 pm**

**Publication of Winners Date:
30 September 2020**

**In Herald Sun and Geelong Advertiser
The Dining Room Table is now clear**



All sold tickets have been sent by Australia Post
to the organisers in Rowville.

My Thanks to everyone who purchased a ticket
or two.

Thanks Adriana & Sue for notices in the
newsletter.

Special thanks to the staff of both schools,
especially Tanya, Amy, Caroline, Fiona &
Sharon.

To all those people who assisted with selling
Tickets in the church foyer at mass, especially
Bob, Wies, Mike and Angela

To Bernadette and Dympna
who verified all the figures

To my husband, Terry who helped me
scrunch over 3000 tickets.

**Good luck to everyone who has participated
in this Parish Fundraiser
[the only one for the year]**

Marg Vallence - 0403 568 302



THANK YOU MARGARET

**Fr Joseph would like to acknowledge and
give a huge thanks to Margaret Vallence
who has worked tirelessly and done a
fantastic job with the Car Raffle
Fundraiser for our parish.**



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE LINK

LIVE STREAM MASS

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

11am MASS ON SUNDAY

PARISH 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.**



Congratulations to Peter & Mary Guinan who
will celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary
this Sunday 16th August.

May your day be full of wonderful memories and
well wishes from family and friends.

**Light in the darkness: Taking time
out for a suffering world
(31st August)**

On the eve of Spring, the Victorian Council of
Churches invites all Christians to unite in prayer
for our world. As the last light of the last day of
winter fades on Monday 31st August, all are
encouraged to stand in their front garden, spend
some time in silence and light a candle to
remember all those who have lost their lives to
the Coronavirus or to violence this year.
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FR JOSEPH HOMILY
20th Sunday of the Year A, 2020

In today's gospel (Matt 15:21-28), A Canaanite woman (a non-Jew) approached Jesus, begging him to help her daughter who was possessed by a devil. Jesus ignored the woman, saying, "My mission is only to the lost sheep of Israel." But the woman would not take "no" for an answer. "Help me, Lord!" she cried. But Jesus answered, "It is not right to take the food off the children and throw it to the dogs." In effect, Jesus was comparing the woman to a dog. But the woman would not be stopped. She accepted being compared to a dog and insisted, "Please, Lord, even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from their master's table." All she wanted were the extras. She did not want to take anything that was meant for others.

Jesus was floored by this woman's ability to rebound from a hurt. He was amazed at this woman's willingness to swallow her pride for the sake of her daughter. Jesus finally responded, "Woman, you have great faith. Your wish will come to pass."

We have so many things to learn from this gospel dialogue. The woman swallowed her pride. She allowed herself to be compared to a dog. She would not give up. The persistence of this woman could be compared to ants at work. Put obstacles in their path and they will go around the obstacles, over the obstacles, under the obstacles, but they will never go back.

The former United States president, Calvin Coolidge once said, "Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence and determination. Talent is not enough; there are many unsuccessful people with talent. Genius is not enough, unrewarded genius is so common. Education is not enough; there are many educated beggars. Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence and determination." This Canaanite woman loved her daughter and she believed in the power of Jesus, Her persistence and determination were proof of her faith. It should be clear that God does not need to be pressured. God gives grace to everyone. But worthiness seems to be necessary. Faith makes us worthy of God's grace.

In this case, the Canaanite woman expressed her faith through her persistence and determination.

Jesus did not miss it and rewarded her for that. In the context our current Stage 4 lockdown, we do need this kind of persistence and determination to face our current challenges. Let us pray: 'Lord Jesus, may our faith make us worthy of Your grace.

Amen.'

