



# 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**      **Parish Assistant**  
Mrs. Adriana De Leo      Mr. Brian Twining

**Parish Office**  
234 Hull Road (PO Box 2) Mooroolbark 3138  
**Telephone: 9723 4275**

**Parish Mobile: 0493 071 811 - For emergency  
and church registrations**

<http://pol.org.au/mooroolbark/Home.aspx>  
Email: [mooroolbark@cam.org.au](mailto:mooroolbark@cam.org.au)

**Parish Hall - Contact Parish Office**

**SPJE Parish School**  
Reay Road, Mooroolbark 3138  
Telephone 9725 0595      Fax 9723 9255  
**School Principal – Mr. Greg Thomas**  
<http://www.spjemooroolbark.catholic.edu.au>

**SPJE - Outside School Hours Care**  
Telephone: 8215 9206

**St. Richard's Parish School**  
672 Mt. Dandenong Rd Kilsyth, 3137  
Telephone 9728 4378      Fax 9728 6272  
**School Principal - Mr. Marcus Gill**  
<http://www.srkilsyth.catholic.edu.au>

## **Normal Mass Times at SPJE**

Weekday Masses  
Tues: 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

**16th Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
**17th July 2022      Issue No. 25**

## **REFLECTION**

The heart of this week's Gospel is all about hospitality which has also been the theme of the gospel over the last few weeks. Luke returns to this theme over and over again to reinforce not only the importance of welcoming the message of Jesus, but also the extravagantly generous hospitality and welcome that God extends to all people.

In this passage we have Jesus who is dining at the house of Martha as she busies herself trying to be a good host and serving her guest, while her sister, Mary, simply sits and enjoys the company of Jesus. Martha complains about her sister's apparent laziness and finds herself chastised by Jesus. On the surface the gospel passage appears problematic. Martha is doing the right thing: providing hospitality for her guest. Yet it is Mary whose actions are affirmed.

Like in the parable of the Good Samaritan last week, the gospel writer reminds us that being preoccupied with one's duty – even in service of God – is not what God desires. Martha has forgotten that the guest is also a gift! Having welcomed and shown appropriate hospitality to her guest, Martha should have then accepted the gift of the guest, that is, the company and presence of the welcome guest. Instead she continues to busy herself with serving while her sister shows true welcome: accepting the gift of the guest's company.

As Luke's Gospel so often makes clear, frenetic service, even service of the Lord, can be a deceptive distraction from what the Lord really wants. Good people are always prone to measure their goodness by all they do for the Lord. They forget that nothing that they can ever do could match all they need to receive, and that the Lord's primary intent towards us is to bestow upon us life, love and salvation, rather than to make use of our service.

Daily life can be really busy for many of us. We know that it is not easy to lay aside the responsibilities of our lives in order to sit with Mary at the feet of Jesus. However, we cannot allow ourselves to be held captive by these responsibilities, regardless of how legitimate they may be.

**Rudy Vail**

**Deputy Principal/Religious Education leader**  
**St. Richards Primary School**

## JULY 2022 PARISH CALENDAR

<b>16/17th</b>	<b>16th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>New Thanksgiving Envelopes Begin</b> Baptism - 9am
18th Mon	Baptism Preparation Meeting - 7.30pm Church - Tim Newcomb
21st Thur	Music Practice - Church 7.30pm
22nd Fri	Confirmation Reflection Day Church - Fr Tony Kerin
<b>23/24th</b>	<b>17th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Baptism - 11am
28th Thur	Music Practice - Church 7.30pm
29th Fri	CONFIRMATIONS - 5.30pm CONFIRMATIONS - 7.30pm
<b>30/31st</b>	<b>18th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
30th Sat	CONFIRMATIONS - 2.00pm Baptism Welcome - 6pm
31st	Baptism - 11am

### AUGUST

<b>2nd Tue</b>	<b>FEAST DAY</b>
3rd Wed	Baptism Preparation Meeting - 7.30pm Church Iris
4th Thur	SPJE School Baptism Preparation Meeting - 7pm

## ROSTERS

### Counters - Month of July

Jan Phippard & Eileen Goltz

### Flowers - Month of July

Pat Harman

### Church Cleaners - Month of July

Margaret Kim & Esther Ngaihte

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

### Readers and Commentators - 23/24th July

6.00 pm	Craig Hume & Mitchell Mazarella
9.00 am	Tim Newcomb & Volunteer req
11.00am	Charlotte Wightman & Volunteer req

### Musicians - 23/24th July

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

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL



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

## Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday 9.30 am

## Readings for Next Week - 24th July

Gen 18:20-32: Ps 137:1-3. 6-8:  
Col 2:12-14: Lk 11:1-13

## Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;

*James Brien, Eleanor Thompson,  
Patricia Fenton, Patricia Koblar,  
Brenda Corrigan, Vic Garcia,  
Pam Stephens, Hyacinth Pereira  
& Judith Fitzgerald .*

## ✠ Remembrance Diary ✠

We remember those who have died especially  
**Pam Dryden** and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

16/7 to 22/7

*Riza Marie Aranco, Lawrence Stephens &  
Nancy Takaacs (first death anniversary)*  
Jim Hanlon, Janie Roberts, Marija Jelenc,  
Iolanda De Leo, Antonetta Piccolo, Ruby Fawcner,  
Mary Rose Barlow-Barker, Emmanuel Bartoli,  
Keith Pullin, John Kennedy, Dennis Stockdale,  
Rosa Stevens, Maureen Harris, Nicholas Corken,  
Bill Robinson, Irene Malone, MaryAnn Bruce,  
Mary Carmel Dykes, Alan Morton, Arthur Corker,  
Gerard Kleverkamp, Waldemar Zangmeister,  
Frances Rigby.



## BAPTISM

We welcome to our Parish through  
Baptism

*Harper Molesworth*

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

## Thanksgiving Offering Appeal

The Parish is aware many of you contribute to the thanksgiving but maybe there are some of you who are now in a better position financially to be able to increase your contributions.

For those who have never joined thanksgiving offering programme, would you consider becoming a contributor. Monies received through the Thanksgiving offering envelopes are the income on which the Parish operates.

Budgeting is never easy but sharing the load is.

**During 2021 - 2022 expenditure on church and parish house maintenance & renovations costs totalled \$153,349**

**If you are able to commence contributing through Thanksgiving please complete a census/pledge card available on the table adjacent to Mary Mackillop portrait in church foyer.**

If you prefer, take the card home to complete it and return it next week give to Fr Joseph or drop it into the Parish office. Please contact the Parish Office on 9723 4275 if you wish to increase your offering. *Thank you for your continued support From Fr Joseph and the Parish Leadership Team*



### THANKSGIVING OPTIONS

If you wish to contribute via Credit Card - please contact the parish office 9723 4275 we will set this up for you with your nominated monthly contribution. On the 1st of every month.

**OR**

you may wish to consider to contribute via direct bank deposit/transfer.

Please see parish bank details below.

#### St Peter Julian Eymard Church Bank Details

Account Name: SPJE Church Account

BSB: 083 347

Account No: 53013 7717

Reference details: *please provide your name and related payment e.g. Smith Baptism*

#### St Peter Julian Presbytery Bank Details

Account Name: SPJE Presbytery Account

BSB: 083 347

Account No: 669155805

Reference details: *please provide your name and related payment e.g. Smith & Env. Number*

### Parish Weekly Contributions

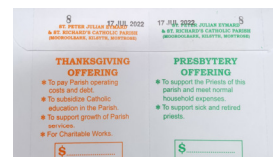
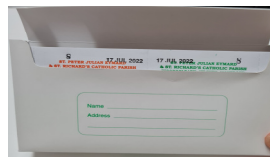
Church weekly average contributions \$1,200

Presbytery weekly average contrib. \$ 422

### NEW THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

Those who are currently on thanksgiving please collect your New thanksgiving envelopes. Available in the church foyer over the next 2 weekends.

After the **19th July** - please dispose of your old envelopes.



## SPJE FEAST DAY HAMPER RAFFLE

The Parish will be conducting a Hamper Raffle in Celebration of our Patron Saint.

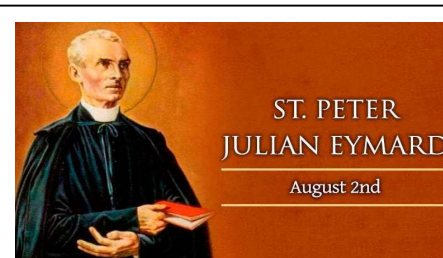
1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Hampers PLUS a Bonus Prize will be on display in church foyer

Tickets will be available for purchase at all masses and the winner will be drawn on the weekend of 7<sup>th</sup> August, which is the weekend following the 2<sup>nd</sup> August Feast Day of St Peter Julian Eymard.

All items in the hamper have been donated and we are very Thankful to those people who have contributed.

Please come prepared to buy a ticket or two or three. Tickets are \$1 each.

We would be very grateful to have volunteers to sell tickets at all masses.



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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY &  
CONGRATULATIONS  
JACK HANNON**

WHO CELEBRATES HIS 103rd birthday this  
Sunday 17th July.



**THANK YOU**

Fr Joseph and the parish pastoral team wish to  
thank all who gave generously to last week's  
monthly church collection.

Amount collected : \$717.25



**Inner Healing through  
Meditation on Jesus  
August 5 – 7, 2022**

(Prayer & Meditation through gentle  
postures and breathing in the Holy Spirit,  
heals body, mind and soul.) Gospel of John  
17:11;

“Holy Father, protect them by the power of  
you name, the name you gave me...  
”Retreat begins at 6pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> of  
August and concludes at 4.00pm on Sunday  
7<sup>th</sup> of August.

Guided by Fr. Gilbert Carlo SVD  
Contact: Janssen Spirituality Centre,  
22 Woodvale Road, Boronia, Victoria 3155.

RSVP Tel: 03 9762 6625 or  
Email: [gilbertcarlo@gmail.com](mailto:gilbertcarlo@gmail.com)



**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 /or can be emailed to you if you wish  
to order a plaque for your loved one.*



**Gently Integrating our Shadow-side Toward Wholeness**

**Saturday 6 Aug 2022, 1pm-4.30pm AEST**, attend via Zoom or in-person. Our shadow-side is not  
some deep, dark pathology within us to be feared. Although we are unaware of our shadow-side oper-  
ating within us, it nevertheless shapes our living, in that our shadow-side expresses itself through dis-  
torted and unhealthy means. If our shadow-side is unknown to us, how can it be recognised and inte-  
grated? Also, how can wholeness and true self be experienced? This reflection event, led by Kaye  
Twining, BTheol, Grad Dip Spir Dir, MA, will offer an understanding of wholeness, true self and  
shadow-side and includes a reflective practice for gently integrating our shadow-side toward whole-  
ness. Cost \$50. Book and pay by 29/7/22 via [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne) Heart of Life Centre for  
Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope Street, Malvern VIC,  
email [office@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:office@heartoflife.melbourne) or tel (03) 9890 1101

## Decisions will flow through to local communities



Australia's historic Plenary Council ended on Saturday with approval of a final statement by the 277 Council members that "The Holy Spirit has been both comforter and disrupter". Source: *Catholic Leader*.

The Council's final six-day assembly in Sydney included tense and difficult moments, especially last Wednesday when the assembly was left in disarray after two motions aimed at promoting women's roles in Church did not pass.

The motions were redrafted and five, reshaped motions relating to the role of women in the Church went to a vote on Friday and passed.

Brisbane Archbishop and outgoing president of the ACBC, Mark Coleridge, who flagged a Plenary Council in 2016, said decisions made after voting on dozens of plenary motions would "have their effect in communities all around Australia".

"These are not decisions made on Planet Mars, they are really quite concrete decisions that will have all kinds of effects seen and unseen upon the communities that make up the Catholic Church around Australia," Archbishop Coleridge said.

"I can't predict in detail what those effects will be, but I know that they'll happen over time."

The final statement said the Council had been an "expression of the synodality that Pope Francis has identified as a key dimension of the Church's life in the third millennium".

Townsville Bishop Tim Harris agreed the Council assembly had been a "powerful and palpable experience of synodality".

"And I think that now we're at the end it's proved to me that what the Pope has asked us to do is the right thing to do... the end of the Plenary is now the beginning of the implementation," he said.

### **FULL STORY**

[Plenary Council decisions to impact Church communities across Australia](#)

(By Mark Bowling, *The Catholic Leader*)

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