



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

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A
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REFLECTION

God wants to inspire us, teach us and give instructions to help us live our lives the right way. But what is the right way for us to live? What is at the heart of Jesus' teaching?

Love.

As simple as that and the Beatles summed it best in 1967 'All You Need Is Love'. Love for God and love for other people. So, when we hear these words of Jesus from our Gospel reading about love, he is speaking at the very heart of what it means for us to be his followers.

Teaching about love is nothing new – it wasn't anything new in Jesus' time, either: every major world religion teaches about the importance of love. Jesus knew that too, which is why he says in Matthew 5:46: "For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have?"

But Jesus, in this passage did teach certain qualities about love that are important for us to understand if we are to grow as faithful disciples. There's three key points about love in this passage, we need to explore.

*Love is:
Unconditional
Demanding and
Action Orientated.*

*Greg Thomas
Principal SPJE School*



PARISH UPDATE

Current Restrictions

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

No weekday or weekend Masses until further notice.

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

Please take care & stay safe everyone .

CONGRATULATIONS

Fr. Joseph and the Parish Leaders would like to congratulate and acknowledge 20 years of service by our Parish Secretary, Mrs. Adriana De Leo on the 16th October.

She is the anchor in our Parish, professional, welcoming and friendly, always with a smile. She is totally supportive of Fr. Joseph, Brian and Parish Leaders, and she does things way beyond her job description.

We hope to have her in the role for many more years.



Thank you Adriana

ALL SOULS MASS

Fr Joseph will Live Stream
All Souls Mass
Monday 2nd November
at 11am
More details to follow



I feel like my body has gotten totally out of shape, so I got my doctor's permission to join a fitness club and start exercising.

I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors.

I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour. But, by the time I got my leotards on, the class was over...



Readings for Next Week – 1st November 2020

Apoc 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12



We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;

Trish Fenton, Annette Andrewartha, Julia & Mabel Dana, Rose Robert, Lorraine Downie, Trish Leahy, Jean Blencowe, Nancy Greco, Danielle Devlin.

✠ Remembrance Diary ✠

We remember those who have died especially **Ian Barker (Judy Munro's Father. Age 101yrs)** and all those whose anniversaries occur about this Time.

24/10 to 30/10

Mary Tuohy, Laurie Lynch, Monica D'Orival, Bill Paton, Rosemary Tynan, Tony Geldens, Constance Elliott, Eva Johnston, Edwina Ligertwood, John Ligertwood, Jim George, (baby) Reilly Fitzgerald, Michael Douthwaite, Kevin McVeigh, Helen Bowie, Caroline Devlin, Len Andrewatha, Jess Freeman, Giuseppe Cincotta, Domenica Mancini.

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 lockdown.

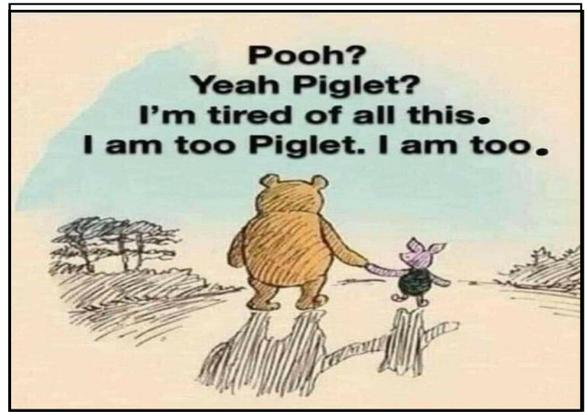
CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE LINK

LIVE STREAM MASS

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

11am MASS ON SUNDAY

The 11 o' clock mass from the cathedral may be seen on channel c31 (press 44)



Catholics in Victoria are upset that Premier Daniel Andrews did not address the unequal treatment of churches in his revised plans to winding back restrictions announced on 18 October.

The easing in restrictions follows weeks of steady decline in the number of COVID cases in the state.

But while restaurants and cafes in regional Victoria are allowed 70 people outdoors and up to 40 people indoors, places of worship will remain closed and outdoor religious gatherings capped at 20 people plus one faith leader.

Minister for Health and Human Services Martin Foley on 19 October told media that "international and local evidence has made it really clear that faith communities are a particular risk group inside".

Melbourne Archbishop Peter A Comensoli said he would "respectfully challenge" Minister Foley's comments, saying there was a lack of transparency around the reasons for the health directives relating to churches.

"For three weeks now I've had direct conversations with both government authorities and with DHHS authorities including senior medical advisors," the archbishop said. "They have never provided any evidence as to why there would be a difference and why religious groups are a particular risk group.

Minister Foley and Premier Andrews's offices have not responded to *The Catholic Weekly's* request for the evidence that faith communities were a greater transmission risk indoors than other indoor groups, or why services could not be held outdoors in greater numbers.

Archbishop Comensoli said that Victoria's people of faith had been treated in a way that is "unfair and difficult for them".

"I think a lot of people particularly within public health are putting forward proposals...in ways that are not transparent, there's no reasoning offered for why there is the disparity between going to a pub and going to your church.

"And there seems to be no moving towards parity as each new stage comes on board."

On Sunday Melbourne Archbishop Peter Comensoli said he was "deeply shocked and disappointed" at the disparity imposed on people of faith.

The Premier's revised restrictions completely ignored "the mental and spiritual wellbeing of many, with public health officials stubbornly silent on the reason why".

"Where is the parity?" the archbishop asked. "The rest of Australia is doing it right. Why not us? Life, family and faith matter." It follows an online petition launched by two Melbourne Catholics, calling on the Government to reopen places of worship in a COVID-safe way. It has gained almost 14,000 signatures and was acknowledged in both houses of parliament.

In September, the Catholic bishops of Victoria wrote to Premier Andrews pointing out the unfairness and inconsistency in the numbers allowed for religious gatherings in comparison to other sectors under the state's roadmap.

"In the most simple of measures, the current restrictions in regional Victoria literally fail the "pub test," they said.

"If people of faith can gather in a restaurant or bar catering for a particular number of patrons (and remove their face covering), they ought to be able to put on their mask, cross the road and worship in their faith community with the same numbers, provided equivalent COVID-safe practices are in place.

Premier Andrews on 19 Monday reiterated his view that "a licensed, heavily-regulated environment like a café or a restaurant or a pub is very different what might happen indoors in a faith setting".

"I'm not criticising His Grace for making comparisons," he said. "There may be a way that those faith groups, not just the Catholic Church but the others, may be able to demonstrate that they can do this safely.

"I know they are obviously not happy with the answer they got."

FR JOSEPH HOMILY
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, 2020

In today's gospel (Matthew 22:34-40), Jesus says that the greatest commandment is, "You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart, with your whole soul, and with your whole mind." There were people in the time of Jesus who did just this. Every word and every action of theirs was for God.

If you were to ask these true Israelites why they sent their children to school, they would tell you, "So that my children can learn to read, and having learned how to read, they can then read the Bible and know God's will and do God's will."

If you were to ask a true Israelite why he/she tried to feed his/her children good food, he/she would answer you, "So that my children can continue to be healthy, so that they can continue to read the Bible and know God's will and do God's will."

This was the reason for every act they did – God. If you were to ask them why they had a roof on their house, they would look at you strangely, wondering why you were asking them such basic questions, but they would answer, "I have a roof on my house so that, come rain or shine, my family can still read the Bible, know God's will and do God's will."

God, God, God was the reason behind everything they did. If we were to ask a similar question to a modern-day parent, we might get an answer like this. "I am sending my child to school so that he might have a beautiful future."

A true Israelite would never give an answer like that. A beautiful future would never enter the mind of a true Israelite as a reason for anything he/she did.

If he played football, it was so that he could relax before going back to searching God's will, so that he might do God's will. For a true Israelite, it was only God, God, God.





St Therese of Lisieux

Living Faith Beads



"Without love, deeds, even the most brilliant, count as nothing." - Therese de Lisieux

St Therese of Lisieux, also called The Little Flower, was known for her simple yet profound faith. She reportedly carried a string of ten beads in her pocket as a means of counting the good deeds that she would perform as a daily devotion to God. St Therese's devotions and spirituality became so popular, she was canonised in less than thirty years after her death.

These 'Living Faith' beads remind us to challenge ourselves to grow in faith by performing acts of love each day. For each good deed performed, slide one bead from its starting position (at the flower) toward the cross. Here's some ideas for some good deeds:

- compliment a friend , pray for someone sick,
 - give in secret to someone in need, serve a family member a snack,
 - help mum or dad with a chore, pray for your parish priest ,
 - help a brother with homework, loan your sister a favourite dress,
 - do your jobs without being asked, write a 'thank you' to your teacher
 - share your toys with a friend, say 'sorry' to someone you hurt
 - pray for someone who has died, thank God for his gifts in your life
 - talk to someone without friends, say 'God bless' to someone
 - give someone a flower, say 'I love you' to each family member
- set the table (and clear it)



**Ready,
Set,
Pray!**

Childrens Liturgy of the Word @Home



The **Ready, Set, Pray!** Children's Liturgy of the Word @ Home video series has been created to provide an engaging space for families to encounter Jesus through the Sunday gospel. Each week includes an invitation for families to gather in their own prayer space, to sing, hear the Gospel, pray and respond creatively through an activity.

. This weekly resource follows the familiar Children's Liturgy of the Word format provided in

many parishes – but moved to an online setting. It can be used by families in their homes, and also by teachers and catechists.

The series consists of 10 weekly sessions of 15-20 minutes duration, which commenced from Sunday 18th October and continues each Sunday until Christmas. We hope this experience of gathering for prayer will encourage families in this time when they cannot gather for parish celebrations of Eucharist. It is produced by Proclaim: The Office for Mission Renewal at the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

<https://bit.ly/ReadySetPray>