



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 April
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



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

25th April 2021 Issue No. 13

Reflection Good Shepherd Sunday



In the church calendar, the 4th Sunday of Easter is known as “Good Shepherd Sunday”.

Today also marks ANZAC Day.

There is a particular synergy between the readings for today and ANZAC day.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd who will lay down his life for his sheep.

In a similar way, we remember all people who sacrificed themselves so that we could live free.

While their deaths might be seen as tragic, Jesus' death is not. It is the incarnation of God's mercy and love for us. God does not love us because we are good.

There is nothing we can do to earn God's love and mercy, because God loves us first! Our response is to listen for God's voice, to follow where God leads, to be one flock under one Shepherd.

Our relationship with the Good Shepherd is a gift waiting to be unwrapped, waiting for us to answer his call. waiting to bring us to God.

*Marg Vallence
With acknowledgement to Dr Debra Snoddy*

PARISH CALENDAR

APRIL 2021

24/25th	Fourth Sunday of Easter World Day of Prayer Anzac Day Baptisms 9am & 11am
26th Mon	English Classes - church foyer 9am - 11.30am English Classes - church foyer 7pm - 8.30pm
29th Thur	Parish Council Meeting - 7pm
MAY 2021	
1/2nd	Fifth Sunday of Easter Mass Count - Week. 1 FIRST EUCHARIST Grade 4 6pm & 11am 9am Baptism
4th	Ladies Lunch - 12 noon The Ringwood Club Baptism Preparation Meeting - Church Foyer - 7.30pm
5th	English Classes - Church Foyer 7pm - 8.30pm
8/9th May	Sixth Sunday of Easter
8th Sat	WEDDING & Baptism Church - 2.30pm St Richards First Eucharist -6pm
9th	Mothers Day Baptism - 9am & 11am

ROSTERS

Counters Month of May 2021

Mon. Paul & Marianne Redfern

Flowers May 2021

1st May Philomena Turner

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 - 1/2nd May

6.00 pm Dympna Beard & Angela Stainwall

9.00 am Lilette de la Harpe & Lilijana Stride

11.00am Charlotte Wightman & Volunteer Req.

Musicians - 1/2nd May

6.00pm CD's

9.00am STRUM

11.00am Shelly & Co

Weekday Mass Times May 2021

Tuesday & Thursday 9.30 am

Readings for Next Week - 2nd May

Acts 9:26-31; Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;

*Gerald Guinan, Frances Hau, Rose Robert,
Carmelita & Keith Arrowsmith, Danielle Devlin,
Eleanor Thompson, Joan Bourke, Patricia
Koblar, Sue Hoogenboom & Victor Kowalski,
Carmelita & Keith Arrowsmith.*

† Remembrance Diary †

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

24/4 to 30/5

John Walsh, Charles Lockwood, Bill Scudds, Levina
Van Meurs, Richard Klepac, Molly Thompson,
Leonardo Sini, Margherita Cordedda, Lorenzo
Carbon, Theresa Devery, Theresa Carroll, Mary
Graves, Guadiso Diamant, Eugene Browsers, Phyllis
Broadley, Joe Rodgers, Althea de la Harpe, Chris
Shalders, Bill Egan, Josephine Mullavey, Leslie
Delzoppo.

BAPTISM

We welcome
to our Parish through Baptism.



Oliver Di Nardo & Archer Harvey

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

Baptism Update

As we welcome families and visitors here for our baptisms. You are reminded that our Church is a place of worship and the right of our parishioners to celebrate the peaceful solemnness of Holy Mass should be respected at all times.

Children are not allowed to sit or play on the steps of the Altar or in the aisles of the Church, as this poses a distraction to Father Joseph and our parishioners in delivering and responding to the Liturgy of the Word and the Holy Eucharist. Please keep conversations until Mass has ended and you are outside the Church.

Mobile phones must be on silent or switched off and not to be used during Mass. The baptismal family may nominate one family member to take a photo, at the time of the baptism only.

Father Joseph is happy to return to have photos taken at the end of Mass.

Should small children become unsettled or distressed during the Mass, please retreat to the back of the Church to allow our service to continue without further interruptions or distractions.

DONATIONS Glen 20

Many thanks to those who have previously donated Glen 20 to sanitize our Church.



We are now running very low. If you are able to donate, please drop off to the parish office or at Mass. Thank you.

LADIES LUNCH GROUP

Next Ladies Lunch will be on **Tuesday 4th May** at **THE RINGWOOD CLUB**.

Cnr Oban Rd and Maroondah Hwy Ringwood

We will meet at 12pm for 12.30

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 have to confirm numbers.



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

An opportunity to spend a weekend improving your communication.

Come and learn how to keep/rekindle the passion in your relationship and how to keep your love growing! The weekend we offer is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

The next residential weekend is on **21 -23 May 2021 in Wantirna South**

(Book early to avoid disappointment)

Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

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PARISH OFFICE NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM

The parish has changed to a new telephone system
The phone will ring approx. 10 times before the answering machine picks up.

The parish phone number has not changed.
It is being re-directed to the new phone system.



Cardinal Tagle: refugees, migrants create communities that care and share

Centro Astalli, the Italian branch of the Jesuit Refugee Service, presented its Annual Report 2021 at a virtual event on Tuesday.

By Robin Gomes



Refugees and migrants are often blamed for problems in host societies but the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) shows they capable of forming caring and sharing communities. Filipino Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, the prefect of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, made the comment during a virtual event that the Centro Astalli, the Italian branch of JRS, organized today to present its Annual report 2021.

The Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) was established in 1980 to accompany, serve, defend and advocate the rights of refugees and displaced people across the globe. In this regard, the Centro Astalli, the JRS counterpart in Italy, assisted over 17,000 refugees and asylum seekers last year through its 8 centres across the country. The report, which provides figures for 2020 - the 40th year of JRS - outlined the main difficulties refugees and asylum seekers encounter in the hope of protection, acceptance and integration in the country.

Besides Cardinal Tagle, others who spoke at the presentation of the Centro Astalli Annual Report 2020 were David Sassoli, President of the European Parliament; a migrant woman from the Democratic Republic of the Congo; and Centro Astalli president, Jesuit Father Camillo Ripamonti.

According to the report, the pandemic highlighted the gaps in the country's health and welfare systems, where resources have been cut with no fresh investment for years.

On its 40th year, JRS continued to accompany refugees in 56 countries around the world during the pandemic. The group has served them in urban areas, refugee camps and war zones, and has invested in the education and training of young people and refugee women.

Story of love and compassion

"For me, the document presented today by the Centro Astalli is more of a testimony of humanity, active love and compassion rather than a simple report of activities," noted Cardinal Tagle in his remarks. "The migrant, especially one who is forced to leave his country, can thus recount his own story. We could almost hear the cries of families separating while fleeing the dangers, and we could even experience their fears of crossing seas and lands to an unknown future," said the cardinal, who is also president of Caritas Internationalis, the federation of Catholic charities worldwide. Caritas also reaches out to people in movement across the globe.

Arriving in a new country, Cardinal Tagle noted, brings in new burdens, uncertainties, rejection and manipulation. "The pandemic has exacerbated their situation, but thanks to the welcome, respect and accompaniment provided by the Centro Astalli, their dark journey has been bathed in light."

Sharing and caring

"Migrants," the 63-year-old cardinal pointed out, "are human bridges, and the experience of the Centro Astalli has also shown that immigrants arriving in Italy have also been able to create social bridges." "Migrants are often accused of causing problems in society but the testimony of the Centro Astalli offers instead a different picture, they are capable of forming communities that care and share," he said.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHR) estimates some 80 million people have been forced to flee violence, dictatorship and harsh social and economic hardships at home. About half of them are under the age of 18.

The Centro Astalli noted that despite the restrictions of Covid-19, there has been a surge in arrivals by sea in 2020. After 23,000 arrived in Italy in 2018 and 11,000 in 2019, the figure jumped to 34,000 in 2020.

Meanwhile, there has been a fall in the number of asylum seekers.

Rebuffed by discrimination and bureaucracy

Many refugees and migrants who arrived in precarious situations have fallen even deeper into poverty. After long exhausting journeys, the report noted, they frequently reach a dead-end with regulations and procedures that are often discriminatory and bureaucratic. Thus, many give up on asserting their rights. Basic needs, such as meals, showers, food packages and medicines, are in high demand across Italy. Of the 3,500 fed at Rome's Centro Astalli sites, more than 30 percent are homeless. The other eight centres around the country have similar stories.

"Particularly critical is the situation of large families and single-parent families," the Centro Astalli report said. They stay in the centres for a long time (at least 12 months), but even after moving out, their misery continues, with the informal safety networks, friends and relatives unable to provide adequate support. In 2020, the Centro Astalli supported 178 single mothers (5 percent of the total). There were over 11,000 migrants rescued or intercepted in the Mediterranean and brought back to Libya. They have been detained there under conditions that the United Nations defines as unacceptable.