



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
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



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
25th July 2021 Issue No. 26

Teach us to Pray

While it may sound like stating the obvious, any relationship needs communication if it is to grow and develop. I not only need to speak to the other person, I also need to take time to listen to what the other person has to say to me. This communication takes patience and perseverance.

Jesus understood this at a deep level. Several times in the gospels we read that he went off to a quiet place where he prayed. He often prayed before he spent time with people or after he was teaching and healing. He realised deeply where his strength came from.

His disciples saw him praying and eager to follow his example asked him to teach them how to pray as John prayed. But Jesus cannot do this; he can only teach to them pray as he himself prays. So in sharing with them the 'Our Father', he also shares with them the very personal relationship he has with God the Father. This is his gift to them and to each of us.

Prayer is not so much about saying lots of words as about creating and maintaining a close friendship with our loving God. Prayer is as much about listening to God as it is talking to God! Prayer is a very dangerous thing to do! When we pray we are not trying to change God, it is about being open to God changing us! Every time we pray the 'Our Father' we pray '*may your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.*' This means that we are ready to build and promote God's kingdom, not our own.

When we pray and precisely because we pray we are called to turn our eyes to our brothers and sister who are in need. Archbishop Oscar Romero, who was martyred in El Salvador said, '*The guarantee of one's prayer is not saying lots of words. The guarantee of one's prayer is very easy to know: how do I treat the poor? – because that is where God is. What you do to them, you do to God. The way you look at them is the way you look at God.*' As we pray this week, let us ask for the strength to be open to God touching our hearts, changing our lives and changing how we treat each other.

Michael Moore OMI

PARISH CALENDAR

JULY 2021

24/25th **17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Catholic Missions
NO MASSES THIS WEEKEND
29th Thur Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
7pm - Parish House

AUGUST

31/1st Aug **18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
2nd Mon St Peter Julian Eymard Feast Day
3rd Tue Ladies Lunch - Ora D'Ora
Restaurant - 12 noon
6th Aug Fri CONFIRMATIONS - 5.30pm
CONFIRMATIONS - 7.30pm
7/8th Aug St Mary of the Cross
CONFIRMATIONS - 12 noon
Catholic Care Appeal Collection
14th Sat Private Baptism - 11.30am
14/15th The Assumption of the Virgin Mary

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday & Thursday 9.15 am
No Masses This Week

Readings for Next Week - 1st Aug

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24;
Jn 6:24-35

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;
Frances Hau, Rose Robert, Eleanor Thompson, Patricia Fenton, Joan Bourke, Patricia Koblar, Sue Hoogenboom, Kris Hibbert, Agata Rajic, Jean Blencowe, Leon McKiernan, Marlene Cabral, Shirlene de la Harpe, Jack Dwyer.

† Remembrance Diary †

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

24/7 to 30/7

Thomas Commane, Avon Fatur, Sr. Pat Murphy, Kevin Dillon, Harold Fox, Terry Collins, Theresia Humphries, Jim Collins, Mark Ralston, Ann Bernadine Cox, Judy Margerison, Leonard Ryan, Georgina Greblo, Dean Andrewartha, Christine Morrison, Amy Paternoster, Baby Patrick James Bourke-Finn, Ron Rigby, Ann Howatt, Gerald Laner, John Nugent, John Larsen, Eleazar de Souza, Peter Huppert, Paul Rigby, John Griffith, Martin George Tuohy, Nina Burley, Damian John O'Grady.

ROSTERS

Counters Month of July 2021

Mon. Jan Phippard & Eileen Goltz

Flowers July 2021

31st Volunteer

Church Cleaners Month of July

July Gerard Wright & Fr Joseph

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

Ministers of Eucharist Coordinators for July

No Coordinators required during Covid

Readers and Commentators - 31st/1st Aug

6.00 pm Paul Redfern & Paul Martin
9.00 am Muzeena D'Almeida & Karen Broughton
11.00am Jun Romero & Volunteer

Musicians - 31st/1st Aug

6.00pm Paul & Ange
9.00am No Music
11.00am Shelly & Co

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

If assistance is
required, please contact

1 800 305 330
Mon - Fri 10 am-3 pm

A REFLECTION - 17th Sunday of Year B

“Where can we buy bread for the people to eat?”



The great crowds persisted in following - perhaps even hounding Jesus, to see & listen, perhaps even healed; Jesus' celebrity came at a cost to the disciples' comfort & quiet, who wanted to “rest with him a while” & learn from his gracious wisdom & encouraging common sense. But, once again, their principal learning, would be in “deeds not words”. In by Mark proclaiming the Good News last week, we were reminded forcibly of the compassion of Jesus, seeing the people as “sheep without a shepherd”, abandoned by their official shepherds of the Temple: he would be their true Shepherd. Remember that the Church of Mark was experiencing persecution in their communities & synagogues & his writing was to encourage faithfulness to the Way that they had encountered & which gave them life & spirit & meaning. Mark's was the basic “Hang in there, I am with you always”.

Today's reading from the Fourth Gospel, known as John's & compiled about the turn of that first century. While persecution still persisted, now largely courtesy of the Empire, the followers were now drawn from across the variety of social, cultural, religious, philosophical & ethnic backgrounds; having largely fled Jerusalem before & after the destruction of the Temple in 70CE (CE=Christian Era=AD), they were now part of established communities or churches, especially in present day Greece, Turkey & Italy; all looking back to the Apostles & Paul as their source of enlightenment, they were still trying to sort out what it meant to be Jesus followers, People of the Way, who would come to called Christians through that next century; & still persecuted for their belief in Jesus as their Saviour, rejecting the gods of the Empire, while embracing women & men from every race, religion & social status; “No longer Jew or Greek, slave or free, male or female, you are all one in Christ Jesus”. Jesus is Lord & makes it all worthwhile, despite everything that is going on or being done to you. Perhaps food for our thought & prayer!

This reading, part of the Johannine Eucharistic reflection & teaching, is again about the person & personality of this Risen Jesus, still in their midst: ‘where two or three gather in my name’, “Do this in memory of me”. Again the story is about the compassion of Jesus, revealing in himself the Compassion of God, but here it emphasises his practicality & generosity, “Give them to eat”, “There were twelve baskets left over from the meal of five barley loaves”. Ours is a Big God who wants each of us to be big of heart, mind & spirit in deepest hope. Not so easy in time of Pandemic, as it had not been through First Century Persecution. So, as for the first readers of John, Jesus is our compassionate, generous, ever-present & encouraging answer.

Michael McLindon.

also remembering Pope Francis' Celebration of Worldwide Grandparents' Day

Heart of Life

Is offering an "At-home Retreat – Moments that are Grace" – over five weeks, beginning Tuesday, 3 August and concluding 31 August. This at-home retreat, invites you to spend some time in prayer at home each day pondering your experiences of the day, and to be accompanied by a retreat-companion on how God might have been present for you. To register your interest, please call 9890 1101 or email info@heartoflife.melbourne no later than 28 July 2021.

LADIES LUNCH GROUP

Our next Ladies Lunch will be on
TUESDAY 3rd AUGUST
(Subject to Govt. Covid 19 guidelines)
AT ORA D'ORO RESTAURANT
28 Hewish Rd Croydon
We will meet at 12 pm for 12.30 lunch
As this is a restaurant luncheon we will need to confirm
the number attending by Monday 2nd August
All ladies wishing to attend please contact
Nancy or Philomena
Nancy Gough 0411 137 251 Philomena Turner
0417 208 077



PARISHIONERS NOT RECEIVING NEWSLETTER

We have recently had a change to NBN and also internet provider with the Catholic Archdiocese. It appears a number of parishioners are not receiving the newsletter weekly. This problem has been caused by Bulk Emails thru the Archdiocese server. Alternatively you can access the newsletter via the parish website. If you are one of these can you please contact me by email or phone so I can keep track on how many emails that are not getting out.

Thank you Adriana De Leo (03) 9723 4275
or email Mooroolbark@cam.org.au

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

There are a small number of thanksgiving envelopes not collected. We ask if you can please collect when the church re-opens. Parishioners on Direct Debit & Credit Card your statement can be email to you on request.

Please contact the parish office on
(03) 9723 4275 leave a clear message
or email your request.
mooroolbark@cam.org.au

New **Child Safe Standards** are coming to better protect children and young people from abuse.

The Victorian Government has announced that the new Standards will commence on **1 July 2022**, giving organisations time to plan, prepare and comply.

The eleven new Standards will replace Victoria's current seven standards and principles.

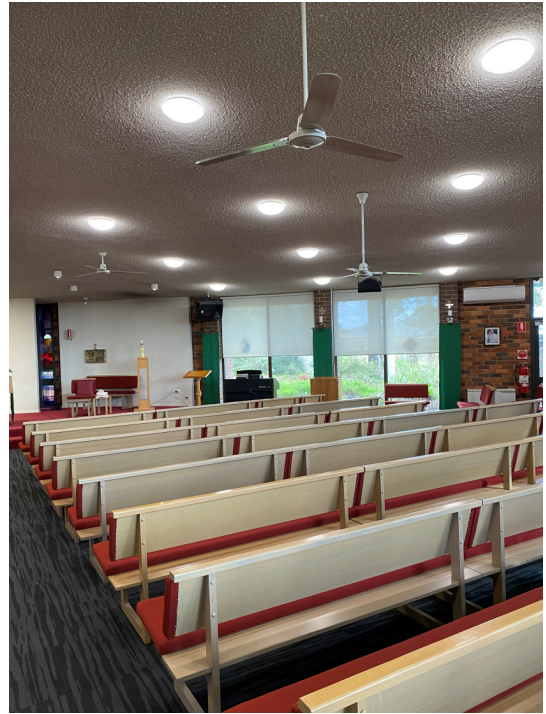
Key changes include new requirements:

- to involve families and communities in organisations' efforts to keep children and young people safe
- for a greater focus on safety for Aboriginal children and young people
- to manage the risk of child abuse in online environments
- for greater clarity on the governance, systems and processes to keep children and young people safe.



Have you Changed?

Phone Number
Email Address
Residential Address
Mail Address, Please notify the Parish
Office on 9723 4275 or email
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New Lights Throughout the Church.

Partially paid for with a business grant from the state government for upgrading existing lights to more energy efficient LED's.