



# 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**

### Parish Secretary

Mrs. Adriana De Leo

### Parish Assistant

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>

### 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

**31st Sunday of Ordinary Time  
30th October 2022 Issue No. 40**

### HE PUTS IN US A THIRST

St Francis de Sales tells us that sometimes, a big female partridge bird will steal, or by mistake, take one of the eggs that a mother partridge is sitting on.

When the stolen egg finally hatches, the newly born partridge will stay with the thief until it first hears the call of its true mother. Then the new bird will leave the thief and be taken back by its true mother.

There is something placed into the partridge when it is first conceived that enables it to identify its mother when it hears her call.

Something like this happens with human beings. When we are conceived, God puts within us a thirst for himself.

Some humans feel this thirst, but they think its money that they are thirsting after.

Or they think that its fame that they are thirsting for, when it is actually God that they are thirsting for.

In today's gospel (Luke 19:1-10) it seems that Zacchaeus had been thirsting for money. He thought that his heart wanted money, when it was really God that his heart wanted.

When Jesus looked up to Zacchaeus in the sycamore tree, and said, "Zacchaeus, hurry down, I mean to stay at your house today," Zacchaeus was like the baby partridge, hearing for the first time the call of its true mother.

When St Augustine of Hippo was a young man, he felt a thirst within him. He thought his thirst was for sex, but it wasn't. Finally, he realized that this thirst within him was nothing less than a thirst for God, and he addressed these words to his maker, saying, "Our hearts are restless, and they will find no rest, until they rest in thee."

## PARISH CALENDAR

### OCTOBER

**29/30th 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Baptism - 11am

### NOVEMBER

1st Tue **ALL SAINTS**  
Mass 9.30am at Church  
Melbourne Cup Day Holiday

2nd Wed **ALL SOULS**  
All Souls Mass - Lilydale Memorial  
Park 10am, Mausoleum Blessing  
10.45am, then Old Cemetery

3rd Thur **FUNERAL - Pam Stephens**  
**SPJE Church - 11am**

**5/6th Nov 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Monthly Church Collection - All  
Masses  
BAPTISMS - 6pm & 11 am

7th Mon **FUNERAL - Trish Leahy**  
**SPJE Church - 11 am**

9th Wed Advent Liturgy Meeting - House  
7.30pm

## Weekday Mass Times

**Tuesday 9.30am mass**

### Readings for Next Week - 30th October

Wis 11:22 - 12:2: Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14: R  
2 Thess 1:11 - 2:2: Lk 19:1-10:

### Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;

*Eleanor Thompson, Judith Fitzgerald,  
Max Pisotek, Heidi Franz,  
Marlene Daly & Sharon Jenkins.*

### † Remembrance Diary †

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

**29/10 to 4/11**

Michael Douthwaite, Walter McCabe,  
Domenica Mancini, Ian Lowe, Lionel Mitchell,  
Mark Georgesz, Flora Watson, Pietro Casotti,  
Albina Obersnel, Fr John Aldag, Francis  
Matthews, Therese Rabot, Geoffrey Martin,  
Brian McCourt, Margaret Charles, Gladys  
Davies, Kathleen Dugan, Othmar Kup.

## ROSTERS

### Counters - Month of November

Jan Phipphard & Eileen Goltz

### Flowers - Month of November

Anita & Belinda Routley

### Church Cleaners - Month of November

Jun Romero Family

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

### Readers and Commentators - 5 & 6th Nov

6.00 pm Craig Hume & Mitchell Mazarella  
9.00 am Lilette de la Harpe & Lilijana Stride  
11.00am Elizabeth Acabado & Volunteer req.

### Musicians - 5 & 6th November

6.00 pm No Music  
9.00 am Elisabeth  
11.00am Shelly & Co

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL



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



## BAPTISM

We welcome to our Parish through  
Baptism

*Barrett Detering*

As he receives the Holy Spirit through the  
Sacrament celebrated this weekend, may his faith  
guide him throughout his life.

## COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE

**All raffle tickets and money  
are due NOW**

to allow for collating and delivery to the  
organisers

I also don't want to have to chase up tickets

**A big thank you to those who have returned  
tickets**

**Please text or email me if you need assistance in  
returning tickets**

Prize winners will be notified on the night of  
the draw & will be in the newsletter

I can be contacted on 0403 568 302 or by email:

[rafflespje@gmail.com](mailto:rafflespje@gmail.com)

Marg Vallenge / CoOrdinator CCPR 2022

SPJE Parish Mooroolbark

## BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

During the month of November we  
remember all those who have passed  
away. Many of these names are recorded  
in our Book of Remembrance.

If you would like a new name recorded  
and have not submitted the name in  
previous years please place the name of  
your loved one including first name &  
surname on the sheet provided. Any new  
names will be included in the book next  
year.

***Remembrance book will be available in  
the church foyer this weekend  
29/30th October.***



## CATHOLIC MISSIONS APPEAL

A huge thanks to all who  
donated generously to this  
Appeal.

Amount raised \$597.85 **THANK YOU**



## IN MEMORY OF FATHER LEO LONG

Last week we received the sad news of the passing of Father Leo Long our 1st  
Parish Priest.

As I have been a parishioner since the beginning of this parish - I would like to  
share with you some memories of how it all began -

Father Long was born in SCARRIFF in Co CLARE on the 10th April 1929 -  
and died in LIMERICK on 19th October 2022 - Aged 93 years.

Leo and his brother John were ordained for the Priesthood on the 8th June  
1952, Father Leo was ordained for the MELBOURNE ARCHDIOCESE in June 2022 HE WOULD  
HAVE CELEBRATED 70 YEARS OF ORDINATION.

On arriving in Melbourne and serving in many parishes in January 1968 he was appointed Parish Priest  
of ST PETER JULIAN'S MOOROOLBARK.

The school has commenced - up to Grade 5 - No Church but the first hall serviced us for Sunday Mass  
etc, and Father lived in a house at 256 Hull Road - and our Parish Journey had begun.

In the 4 years that he was with us he formed lasting relations, and many have kept in touch with him  
over the years

He was a find Priest - Strong personality, Friendly, a man of great Faith and he left us a rich Legacy of  
Kindness & Love - and he had a great singing voice !!! And I am proud to have known him for the past  
55 years.



**REST IN PEACE - FATHER LEO**

***Kathleen Mc Kenna***

## LADIES LUNCH GROUP



Our next ladies lunch will be held on  
**Tuesday 8th November**  
(please note this is the second Tues. because of Melbourne Cup)

**Venue: The Groove Train Chirnside Park,** Shop pad P4c Chirnside Park Shopping Centre  
Located near Reading Cinema and Rivers store  
Meet 12 pm for 12.30pm Lunch  
Enquiries/RSVP Philomena Turner  
0417 208 077

## CHILD SAFEGUARDING

For your information see

[Victorian Child Safe Standards Information Sheets Melbourne Catholic](#)

At a meeting with the Professional Standards Unit the following items were mentioned:

Consider a message at Christmas/Easter Mass asking parents to be aware of their children's whereabouts

When parishioners are bringing in food, consider a message about allergens in the advertisement/at the event

I've also attached our outreach programs Q&A resource which cover risk considerations and ideas to assist with home visits: [PSU-QA-Workshop-May-2022.pdf \(melbournecatholic.org\)](#).

In the meeting we discussed how to make sure volunteers are safe, a procedure for when there is no answer at the door and considerations around disabilities of the individual they are visiting.

## SVDP FLOOD APPEAL



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

The Archbishop has asked that parish communities support the Society of St Vincent de Paul's Flood Appeal for those who have been effected by these devastating floods particularly in the north of the State.

*Contributions can be made by:*

1. Calling 13 18 12
2. visit <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022>.
3. making a monetary donation through any Vinnies Shops at point of purchase;
4. or via your local IGA where the purchase of a token supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by these recent floods. A poster and related publicity is being prepared and should be available early next week.



## CHURCH KEY MISSING

If anyone is holding onto a church key **No. 3**  
Can you please return to the parish office a.s.a.p.

Many thanks Adriana & Brian

THANK YOU





*Zacchaeus come down,,,,, Hurry, Because I must stay  
at your house today And He hurried down and welcomed Jesus joyfully.*

AS WE CONTINUE towards the end of Scripture Cycle C, it is perhaps timely that today's reading, coincides with Budget Week 2022, as it focuses on a "senior tax collector". We are moving with Jesus from Jericho, climbing the long steep hill to Jerusalem, as Luke continues Jesus' Journey Story and his teachings on discipleship, inviting healing response in many while confronting others who walk away.

IT IS ALSO TIMELY to reflect that these Gospel accounts are not recounting history but have three audiences, of which we are the final. The first audience is that of the historic setting of Jesus with disciples, Pharisees, scribes and people of the synagogue. The second comprise Luke's immediate listeners, in the period 75 to 85 CE, including the new followers of The Way, Jews who had lived through the destruction of the Temple a few years before and the convert Gentiles, now living in their house churches in the Roman occupied city of Antioch. And there were also those who came to listen, true seekers or just curious; along with those who came to mock, oppose or attack,

WE ARE INVITED to consider each scenario, reflect what is our own challenge and perhaps ask our own discipleship questions, considering how I identify with the principal characters, those who stand about and those who stand out. So, am I up a tree? or complaining? or listening and wondering? or am I wanting to come to the Table of Plenty, where all are welcome? Zacchaeus, we know, is "of short stature", very "wealthy", a "senior tax collector". His wealth comes, of course, from ripping off his fellow citizens as a franchisee of the Roman Tax Office, which also means he is ritually unclean; a sinner and a blasphemer. Definitely not welcome at table.

WE KNOW FROM THE CONTEXT that those gathered about considered themselves the "righteous" who were in God's favour. We know they were suspicious and seeking to entrap, belittle and decry Jesus; they were "hard of heart" and might be equated with the "wicked servant" of the next parable. They were surely the trolls of their day!

WHAT WE COME TO KNOW of the dishonest taxman (whose name translates from Hebrew as "the Pure, or Innocent One") is that he is an honest and courageous seeker whose generosity of response and commitment is immediate and fulsome. For the contemporaries of Luke, the call is to full-on discipleship, emphasizing the contrast between the faithful and the fickle followers of The Way in their time of persecution. AS THE GOOD NEWS SPREAD, this early Church was confronted with a hostile world, whether the exclusive adherents of the Temple; the polytheistic and cruel rulers from Rome; the laissez-faire followers of Greek philosophy and aesthetics; or the acquisitive traders, merchants and peddlers of the marketplace.

HOW DOES THIS COMPARE with our world, we of the third audience? Power, greed, celebrity cults, trashing of reputations and opportunism; seemingly endemic violence towards woman and children, the elderly and disabled; oppression and the sidelining of minorities, intentional inequality and the degradation of the earth mark our times. As does care, courage, creativity and compassion; joyfulness, welcome, inclusiveness and freedom.

WHAT DOES JESUS' GOOD NEWS SAY TO ME this week and year, in this place and circumstance? In what ways do I bring it alive in my welcome, my home and community?

*Michael McLindon,*

*SPJE Safeguarding Team, with Meg & Brian.*

