



# 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**  
Mrs. Adriana De Leo

**Parish Assistant**  
Mr. Brian Twining

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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**



**31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**31st October 2021 Issue No. 40**

**OUR CONSUMING PREOCCUPATION**

In today's gospel (Mark 21: 28-34)

Jesus says our lives should be somewhat like the lives of servants. He says, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

This does not mean that we should have no rest or relaxation, it means that we should be resting or relaxing for the Lord. We should be studying or working for the Lord. We should be doctors or businessmen, nurses or mothers for the good of God's people. All we do should be motivated for the good of God's people. All we do should be motivated to bring the fullness of life to God's people and to hasten the coming of God's Kingdom on earth.

For us Christians, Jesus' desires, interests and preferences must be our consuming preoccupation.

Not our career or comfort, not what we want but what God wants.

Jesus must be our center, and we must be like the good servant, seeking to please him "with our whole heart, our whole soul, our whole mind, and with all our strength."



## PARISH CALENDAR

30/31st 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

### NOVEMBER

1st Nov Mon **ALL SAINTS**  
Mass Via Video Link -Change of  
time from 10am now **11.45am**  
(see notice on page 3)

2nd Tue **ALL SOULS**  
Melbourne Cup Day - (public  
Holiday) - **No 9.30am Mass**

3rd Wed FUNERAL - Con Doensen  
11 am

4th Thur FUNERAL - Pasqualina Violi  
11 am

6/7th 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

13/14th 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

20/21st **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of  
The Universe**

27/28th 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## Weekday Mass Times

Tuesdays 9.30 am - No Mass This Week  
(Public Holiday)

### Readings for Next Week - 7th Nov

1 Kg 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44

### Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;  
*Eleanor Thompson, Patricia Fenton, Joan  
Bourke, Patricia Koblar, Sue Hoogenboom,  
Brenda Corrigan.*

### ✠ Remembrance Diary ✠

We remember those who have died, especially  
**Cornelius Doensen & Pasqualina Violi**  
and all those whose anniversaries occur about this  
time.

30/10 to 5/11

Walter McCabe, Domenica Mancini, Ian Lowe,  
Lionel Mitchell, 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, Jennifer Draper,  
Walter Marshall, Charlotte Spencer.

## ROSTERS

### Counters Month of November 2021

T.B.A.

### Flowers November

Pat Harman

### Church Cleaners Month of November

Jessica & Gloria Romero

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

### Ministers of Eucharist Coordinators for November

No Coordinators required during Covid

### Readers and Commentators 31st October

6.00 pm George Nantes & Michael McLindon  
9.00 am Muzeena D'Almeida & Karen Broughton  
11.00am Auna Wernert & Volunteer Req

### Musicians

6.00pm  
9.00am T.B.A.  
11.00am

## FUNERAL

**Cornelius Doensen**



Requiem Mass  
will be held at SPJE Church  
Wednesday 3rd November  
11am

Video Link below

<https://vimeo.com/638524886>

## ALL SOULS MASS

Monday 1st November 2021 - **11.45am**

*(Please note time has changed from 10am)*

Lilydale Cemetery

Celebrant: Fr Joseph

### All Souls Mass

Livestreamed on 1st November from 11.45am to 12.45pm  
and you can view the recording for up to 90 days.

Control + Click to open the link below:-

<https://www.oneroomstreaming.com/login>

Email precki-muzic@gmct.com.au

Password 6LKNZN



## 2022 COLUMBAN CALENDARS

2022 Columban Art Calendars for sale,  
Only \$9 each.  
Proceeds will assist Mooroolbark Vinnies.  
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## THANK YOU

Sincere thank you to Greg Thomas and his staff at SPJE School for being so accommodating with using the undercroft to celebrate our Masses last weekend.

## 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.**



## ST VINCENT DE PAUL

If assistance is required, please contact

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

## A REFLECTION \_31st Sunday of YEAR B\_ 31 October 2021



*Jesus said, "This is the first of the commandments - Listen ...the Lord our God is the one Lord & you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind & with all your strength. & the second is this: you must love your neighbour as yourself." The scribe who had asked Jesus the question responded, "What you say is so right, Master!" Then Jesus looked on him with love, saying, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."*

Our coming out of lockdown can resonate with today's reading, as we move to the end of Scripture Cycle B. Jesus is now in Jerusalem, opposite the Temple, as he moves towards the climax of his teaching & healing Journey from Galilee. An earnest Scribe gives Mark the opportunity to remind the hearers - us - what lies at the heart of Jesus' mission & ministry, which is increasingly a clash between so-generous, driving love & entrenched self-seeking power, leading inevitably to Calvary. Over the Journey, Jesus is recorded healing the daughter of a Syrian-Phoenician woman; restoring hearing to one man, sight to another; feeding a great number of followers, hungry for bread as well as the Word. His glory is proclaimed on the high mountain, & his coming ordeal foretold but not yet believed by his disciples, who argue who is the greatest; in response, a little child is presented, *"Anyone who welcomes ones of these little children in my name, welcomes me ...(&) the one who sent me"*; a stark reminder to our world which so readily dismisses, disfigure & trashes children; children are the honest simple example of true discipleship. There is then a meeting with a rich young man, who knows the law of love in head but not heart, who departs in wealthy sorrow when invited to *"Sell all Follow me"*: a counterpoint to the Scribe. Then, the encounter with Bartimaeus, the beggar, giving away all he has - a cloak! - to follow Jesus; this is at Jericho, last stop on the Journey. These Journey chapters are the stuff of our mission & ministry, focused on the Twin Commandment of Love. And a question, in a time of insistent calls to mindfulness, wellness, positivity, & self-care - *"How often do we dismiss or disregard the Gospel command to truly love self?"* This love is not selfishness, arrogance or pride, but a humble measure of our love for God & neighbour. Coming to deeply & honestly know self; heal & forgive self; correct, strengthen & encourage self is at the very heart of loving one another.

As the Fourth Gospel charges us, *"By this shall all people know that you are my disciples, that you have love for one another" (John 13.35).*

**Peace, Safety Love as we open up to a wider world, to each other - especially - our very own precious selves!**

*Michael McLindon, SPJE Safeguarding Team, with Meg & Brian.*