



# 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

**Parish Priest**  
**Fr. Joseph Xin Lu**

**Parish Secretary**  
Mrs. Adriana De Leo

**Parish Assistant**  
Mr. Brian Twining

### Parish Office

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### Parish Hall - Contact Parish Office

### SPJE Parish School

Reay Road, Mooroolbark 3138  
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**School Principal – Mr. Greg Thomas**  
<http://www.spjemooroolbark.catholic.edu.au>

**SPJE - Outside School Hours Care**  
Telephone: 8215 9206

### 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 & 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

### Updated Parish QR Code



## THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

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### Corpus Christi (Feast of The Body and Blood of Christ) HOMILY

Once upon a time there was a man who used to give candies to young teenagers whenever he would meet them. One day the teenagers decided to visit the man in his house in order to thank him.

After visiting him one of the teenagers said, "I will never visit the house of that man again. It is a waste of time. He did not give us any candies when we visited him." And so, even though the man continued to give candies to all the teenagers he met. This one teenager never visited the man's house to thank him. He thought that it was a waste of time to thank him because the teenager did not benefit from the visit.

The young teenager missed the point of thanking. We should thank a person for past benefits, without thoughts of getting additional benefits.

There are many reasons some people who do not attend mass, sometimes their reasons can be understood, however, some Catholics who do not go to attend mass because, it seems to me, some of them say, "I do not get anything from going to Mass. It is a waste of time"

Like this young teenagers, they miss the point of the Mass. The Mass is to thank God for the blessings of the past week. *The mass is for Giving, not for Getting.*

Another name for The Mass is The Eucharist. The Eucharist is a Greek word meaning "Thanksgiving." There are many reasons for the mass. Giving is one of them; giving thanks, giving praise, giving of self. Even if a person does not go to Mass, week after week, God keeps giving us blessings which some of us might not recognize or realize it, week after week, like the man in the story.

In Psalm 116:17, the Psalmist says, "To you I will make an offering of thanksgiving." That is the Mass. As our snap lockdown has been extended, we are once again unable to have our masses. Let us pray and hope for this will come to an end soon and let us pray for people who are lonely and feel isolated and burdened by this lockdown.

**Fr Joseph**

## PARISH CALENDAR

5/6th	<b>The Most Holy Body &amp; Blood of Christ</b> SVDP Winter Appeal - all Masses Baptism - 11am
10th Thur	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 7pm Parish House
11th Fri	<i>Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass</i> St Richards school - 11.40am
12/13th	<b>11th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Baptism - 11am
14th Mon	Queens Birthday - <b>Public Holiday</b>
17th Thur	<b>FUNERAL - Frank Quinn</b> <b>1.30 pm</b>
17th	Baptism Preparation Evening 7.00pm Margaret & Lili
19/20th	<b>12th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Baptism - 6pm Baptism - 11am
24/25th	SPJE School closed
24th Thur	<i>The Navity of St John the Baptist</i>
26/27th	<b>13th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>

## ROSTERS

### Counters Month of June 2021

Mon. Joan & Maurie Prendergast

### Flowers June 2021

13th June Philomena Turner

### Church Cleaners Month of June

Kevin & Anna Dwyer

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

### Ministers of Eucharist Coordinators for June

6.00 pm Bernadette Brown  
9.00 am Karen Broughton  
11.00am Mike McCann

### Readers and Commentators - 12/13th June

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

### Musicians - 12/13th June

6.00pm Paul & Ange  
9.00am Phillipino Group  
11.00am No Music

## Weekday Mass Times

Weekday Masses will resume after lockdown.

## Readings for Next Week - 13th June

Ezek 17:22-24; Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34

## Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;

*Frances Hau, Rose Robert, Danielle Devlin,  
Eleanor Thompson, Joan Bourke, Patricia  
Koblar, Sue Hoogenboom, Kris Hibbert,  
Maria Sanelli, Agata Rajic,  
Chary Montejo, Jean Blencowe.*

## ✠ Remembrance Diary ✠

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

5/6 to 11/6

**Harold Dobson, Robert Haynes, Gisela Liedtke,  
Anna Alvar, Connie Di Pilla, Harold Redfern,  
Louisa Verdaasdonk, Edmond & Eden  
Pannowitch, Michael Collins, Chester Seagle,  
Tony Azzopardi, Mary Robinson, Kevin  
Mackey, Sarah Bone, Giuseppe Zappia, Ted  
Blow, Jack Grant, Jean Goodman, Jim Hicks,  
Nancy Gatens, Dennis Fay, Anne & Jack  
Saunders, Honey Biesinger, Ron Reilly, Nell  
Commane, Frankk Lenger, Marinus  
Hoogenboom Snr, Mario Sbisà, Francisco &  
Elisa Escano, John Brian Collins.**

## THANKSGIVING PROGRAM

During this time of our lockdown,  
you may wish to drop of your  
Thanksgiving Envelopes to the  
Parish Office. (left side of the front door).

Fr Joseph acknowledges and thanks you  
for your continued financial support.

## The Feast of Corpus Christi - the Body & Blood of Christ REFLECTION



“ **It is the Mass that Matters**” was initially an insult, taken up as a mantra by late 19th century English Catholics as they began regaining political, if still not social, freedom to exercise their faith publicly after 400 years of secret Catholic practice, punishable by imprisonment, torture, or death. In France, a contemporary priest named Peter Julian Eymard established two orders dedicated to the Blessed Sacrament; many of us came to know them through the iconic St Francis Church in the City, which overflowed throughout the years as people as a workday Mass & Confession centre. In turn, our Parish and School have been blest to be dedicated to Saint Peter Julian & his Eucharistic ministry



In these times of missing our communal gathering at the Lord’s Table, why not revisit “Spiritual Communion”? The practice of gathering with fellow parishioners & far flung family members & friends in a communion of mind, heart & spirit, focused on Jesus ‘words – Do this in memory of me’ & “I am with you always”. This may be helped by the following prayer/ hymn, “Adore te Devote, Latens Deitas”, composed by St Thomas Aquinas (1227) & translated by Gerard Manley Hopkins SJ [late 19th century] as Lost, All Lost In Wonder & (lightly tweaked by this author into more amenable language ministry!!)

*Godhead here in hiding, whom I do adore, Masked by bare shadows, shape & nothing more,  
See, Lord, at your service low lies here a heart, Lost, all lost in wonder at the God you are.  
Seeing, touching, tasting are here deceived: How says trusty hearing? That alone shall be  
believed; What God’s Son has told me, take for truth I do; Truth Itself speaks truly or there’s  
nothing true.*

*On the cross, your Godself made no sign to women or to men, here your very manhood steals  
from human ken: Both are my confession, both are my belief, & I pray the prayer of the dying  
thief. I am not like Thomas, wounds I cannot see, but can plainly call you Lord and God as he.  
Let me to a deeper faith daily nearer move; daily make me harder hope & dearer love. O you, our  
reminder of Christ crucified, Living Bread - Enlivening Cup, the life of us for whom he died, Lend  
this life to me then: feed & feast my heart & mind, & be the sweetness humankind was meant to  
find. Bring the tender tale true of the Pelican; Bathe me, Jesus Lord, in what your bosom ran—  
Blood whereof a single drop has power to win for us All life & grace, though the world itself be so  
beset by anguish & sin.*

*Jesus, whom I now look at shrouded here below, I pray you send me what I thirst for so, Some  
day to gaze on you, face to face, in light & so be blest forever with your glory’s sight. Amen.*

**Stay safe & go well; remembering that  
“Those who are marked with the cross of Christ go gladly in the dark” (GK Chesterton).  
Michael McLindon, a fellow Corpus Christi-an**

## ST. VINCENT de PAUL ANNUAL WINTER APPEAL 2021

**.....postponed until further notice.....**



It is time again for the SVDP Winter Appeal.

This will be held at all the Masses on the weekend of the **5th and 6th June**.

All money received will go towards assisting the people in our Parish who are struggling to make ends meet and who ask for our help.

Please place your donations in the marked collection boxes as you exit at the conclusion of Mass.

For those who wish to donate by credit card or require a receipt there will be envelopes on the seats which can be placed in the collection box or posted to SVDP.

Direct Debit is available and, if doing this, please mark that it is for the Mooroolbark Conference

Direct Debt details are

BSB: 063 003      Account No: 1008 1787

Thank you very much for your previous and continued support.

Jan Phippard

President **SVDP Mooroolbark**



### **Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre is now open 362 Albert Street, East Melbourne**

In 200 years of Catholic Education, Mary MacKillop, Julian Tenison-Woods and the Sisters of St Joseph have contributed significantly to the establishment and operations of schools, children's homes and providence centres.

In this significant year of St Joseph, we are reminded of the important role that the Heritage Centre can play in faith formation and how the lives of St Mary, Julian and the Sisters, in the name of Joseph, can inspire people of all ages to respond to the needs of the time.

The Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre has reopened for pilgrims, parishioners, and community groups on Monday to Friday from 9 am – 5 pm. The Centre offers retreats and programs with a specific design for parish groups and invites you to view one or more of the following:

A dedicated Museum to Mary, Julian and the SOSJ's with emphasis on Victoria.

The Mary MacKillop Heritage trail, which includes Mary's place of birth.

A chapel, set in a very spiritual and sacred space where Mary walked, lived and prayed.

A dedicated gift shop with a wide range of gifts, books, cards, and souvenirs, including products from the Peruvian Women's Project.

Accommodation that consists of competitively priced self-contained apartments that parishioners may like to access for a night out in Melbourne, for the theatre, football or dinner! Off street parking and lift access is available.

**For Parishes requiring special group bookings, please contact us on 9926 9300  
We are also seeking people interested in volunteering at the Centre**