



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 - Tuesday - Friday: 9.15 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



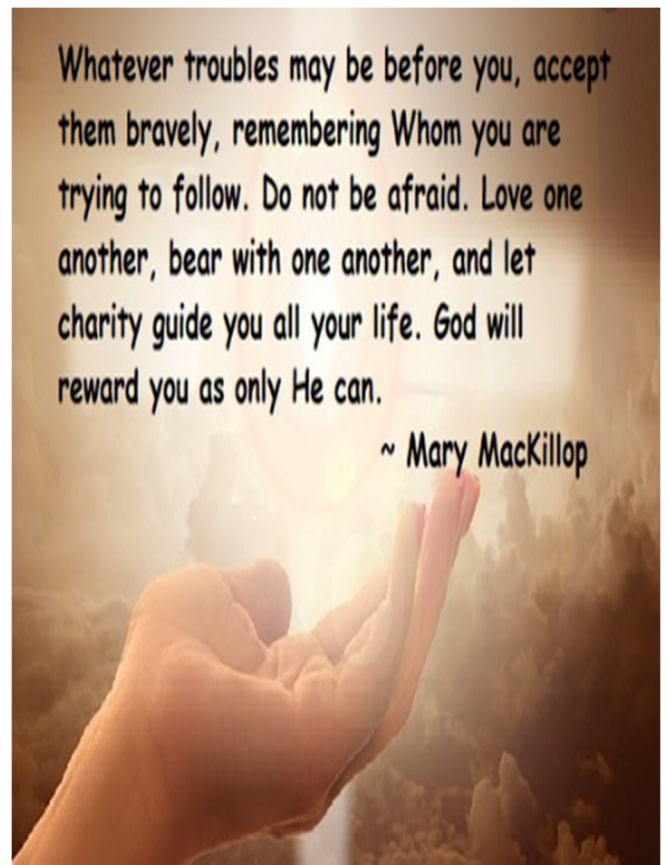
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If assistance is required, please
contact 1800 305 330,
Mon – Fri 10 am-3 pm

19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A
9th August 2020 Issue No 29

REFLECTION

FEAST OF MARY MACKILLOP



~ Mary MacKillop

Pauline George
Religious Leader SPJE School

PARISH UPDATE

As you are aware this week we enter into stage 4 restrictions for another 6 weeks.

The church is closed until it is safe to re open.

No weekday or weekend Masses until further notice.

Only Funerals allowed in the church with a maximum of 10 people.

Please take care & stay safe everyone.

Winnie the Poo

"Today was a Difficult Day," said Pooh.

There was a pause.

"Do you want to talk about it?" asked Piglet.

"No," said Pooh after a bit. "No, I don't think I do."

"That's okay," said Piglet, and he came and sat beside his friend.

"What are you doing?" asked Pooh.

"Nothing, really," said Piglet. "Only, I know what Difficult Days are like. I quite often don't feel like talking about it on my Difficult Days either."

"But goodness," continued Piglet, "Difficult Days are so much easier when you know you've got someone there for you. And I'll always be here for you, Pooh."

And as Pooh sat there, working through in his head his Difficult Day, while the solid, reliable

Piglet sat next to him quietly, swinging his little legs...he thought that his best friend had never been more right."

A.A. Milne



Readings for Next Week – 16th August 2020

Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32;

Mt 15:21-28



We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill;

**Trish Fenton, Annette Andrewartha,
Julia & Mabel Dana, Matthew Arrowsmith,
Rose Robert, Lorraine Downie,
Trish Leahy, Jean Blencowe, Nancy Greco &
Bernard Vallenge.**

✠ Remembrance Diary ✠

We remember those who have died
and all those whose anniversaries occur
about this time
8/8 to 14/8

**Brian Harman (first death anniversary),
Rudiger Lutterberg, Sr. Madeline Ryan, Marinus
Leusenkamp, Justin Edward, Bob Anguey, Felix
Goodwin, Margaret Lane, Renee De Jong, Reg
Watson, Nellie Garland, Mary Maffescioni, Noeline
Heweradine, Jenny Morrish, Angus Campbell, Edna
Cleary, Sheila Wheatley, Marlene Campbell, Mary
Wycisk, Kathleen Chadwick, Philip Crellin, John
Mann, Robert Garrett, Peter Farrell, Dorothy
Murphitt, Leo Trappel, Albert Parkinson, Dulcie
Harnetty, Norman Baron, Judith Van der haar,
Bill Bonuda.**

THANKSGIVING PROGRAM

Parish still needs your help !

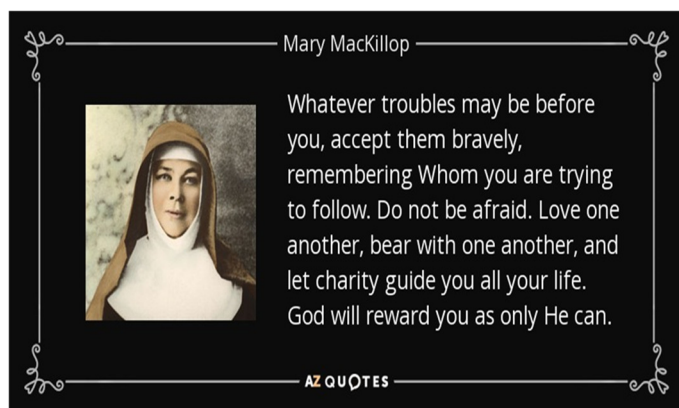
During this difficult time, parishioners are encouraged to continue to support the Parish financially. This support is essential to the ongoing weekly expenditure of our Parish. Thanksgiving envelopes can be dropped off at the Parish Office. **(left side of front door).**

Please note there is no need to submit multiple envelopes; where possible, one envelope with multiple weekly donations is acceptable.

Please indicate the amount of money, contained in each side of all envelopes, on the front

Alternatively, you may wish to contribute via EFT or Credit Card. Please phone or email the parish office for details.

Fr Joseph and parish staff wish to pass on their heartfelt thanks to all parishioners who are continuing to support the church financially during this very difficult time of pandemic and now stage 4 lockdown.



SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS

Saint Mary of the Cross, (born January 15, 1842, [Melbourne](#), Victoria, Australia—died [August 8](#), 1909, North [Sydney](#), [New South Wales](#), Australia; canonised October 17, 2010; (feast day August 8), religious figure, educator, and social reformer who was the first Australian [beatified](#) by the [Roman Catholic Church](#) and the first Australian to be recognized as one of its [saints](#).

A young [priest](#), Father Julian Tenison Woods assured her that educating the poor would be an ideal way to serve God.

In 1866 MacKillop and Woods founded Australia's first order of nuns, the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart, and also established St. Joseph's School in a converted stable in Penola, providing a free education to children from the area. In 1867 MacKillop took vows and became the first mother superior of the sisters. The following year the sisters opened schools in other Australian cities, as well as an orphanage and a refuge for women released from prison.

MacKillop intended that the order be self-governed and devoted to teaching and charity. She and Woods, who composed the rule for the order, insisted that the sisters would accept a life of total poverty, trusting in [Divine Providence](#).

\ In June 1995 MacKillop was [beatified](#) by Pope [John Paul II](#). In February [2010](#), after evaluating the testimony of an Australian woman who claimed that her terminal [cancer](#) had disappeared after she called upon MacKillop in [prayer](#), Pope [Benedict XVI](#) recognized MacKillop as a [saint](#). She was [canonised](#) that October.

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE LINK

LIVE STREAM MASS

<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

11am MASS ON SUNDAY

PARISH NEWSLETTER

If you know of someone who is not receiving a newsletter please email the parish office and we will include them on our weekly email list.

THE COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2020

3 x ALL NEW SUZUKI BALENO TO BE WON!!!



The time has now passed for return of tickets

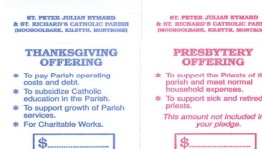
Draw Date: 26 September 2020
at 7.15 pm Publication of Winners
Date: 30 September 2020

In Herald Sun and Geelong Advertiser
Good luck to everyone who has participated in this Parish Fundraiser [the only one for the year]

Marg Vallence - 0403 568 302
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THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

Parishioners who have not received their annual Thanksgiving envelopes please contact the parish office. By email, mooroolbark@cam.org.au or phone the office on 9723 4275.



FR JOSEPH HOMILY

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A 2020

There is a saying which needs a little explanation – “Never less alone than when alone.” The unknown author of these words is trying to say that when we are alone with our thoughts, we are not really alone. If we are alone thinking of God, we and God are not alone. If we are alone watching a bird hopping from one branch of a tree to another, or watching the waves break against the rocks at the seashore, we are not alone – we are one with nature.

If we are alone reviewing the past few days or the past weeks, we are with the many people who have crossed our recent past. “We are never (less) alone than when we are alone.”

In today’s gospel (Matt 14:22-23), Matthew tells us that after Jesus had fed 5,000 people, “Jesus insisted that his disciples get into a boat and precede him to the other side. When he had sent them away, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray.” Did Jesus want to be alone? Yes and no. He wanted to be alone with his thoughts, so that he could also be with his Father. Or perhaps, he wanted to be with his Father, to talk to his Father about his disciples or the recent past. Jesus was never less alone than when he was alone. Jesus was always with his Father. His disciples were always in his thoughts. He was always one with his surroundings. Even those who opposed him were with him and were his concern. He was never less alone than when alone.

During this time of pandemic, as Melbourne has entered the Stage 4 restrictions, isolation and loneliness are challenging for many people but we are never less alone than when alone. In life, storms are going to enter into our lives. In moments like this, we must keep focused on the Jesus who loves us and not on the immensity of the waves or on our distance from the shore. But we cannot look at Jesus only when we are in danger. We must look at his face every day in prayer. For it is only then that we will be able to see how much he loves us and how worthy he is of our complete trust. Looking at a stranger when we are in danger might not give us too much confidence, but looking at a faithful friend will keep us from sinking under the waves.

