



St Peter Julian Eymard Catholic Church Mooroolbark Parish

We are a Welcoming, Eucharistic and Spirit Filled Community

SPJE IS A CHILD SAFE ENVIRONMENT

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE WURUNDJERI PEOPLE, THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THIS LAND

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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PARISH CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

12/13th **24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Monthly Church Collection
BAPTISMS—6pm

19/20th **25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
BAPTISMS—9am & 11am

26/27th **26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
BAPTISM—11am

OCTOBER

3/4th **27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
BAPTISMS— 11am
Private Baptism—2:00pm

7th Wed Parish Pastoral Council
Meeting 5:00pm Church Foyer

10/11th **28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
10th Sat Private Baptism—11.30am
BAPTISM— 11am
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14th Wed Reconciliation Family Night -
Church—7:00pm

17/18th **29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Church Monthly Collection
Reconciliation Commitment
Mass 6pm & 9am
BAPTISMS— 11am

19th Mon Reconciliation Spirit Day
St Richards—9:30am

24/25th **30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

IN EXACTLY THE SAME WAY

When we pray the “Our Father,” we say,
“Forgive us for our sins as we forgive those
who sin against us”.

In effect, we are saying to the Father, “If we
forgive quickly, you also forgive us quickly. If
we withhold forgiveness or if we are slow to
forgive, you also withhold your forgiveness from
us or be slow in forgiving us.”

We should think about this the next time we
pray the “Our Father.” If we withhold
forgiveness or if we are slow to forgive others,
we should stop after we say the words,
“Forgive us our sins...”

In today’s gospel (Matt 18:21-35), we hear
about the first official who owed the king “a
huge amount which he had no way of paying.”
The king, “let the official go and wrote off the
debt.”

Then forgiven official “met a fellow official who
owed him a mere fraction” of what he himself
and had been forgiven, and he didn’t forgive
him but throttled him and put him in jail.”

The gospel says, “when his fellow servants saw
what had happened, they were badly shaken.”

When this was reported to the king, the king
“handed the first official over to the torturers.”

Jesus said, “My heavenly Father will treat you
in exactly the same way” if you withhold
forgiveness or forgive slowly.

Let us remember, then, that if we poorly
forgive, we had better remain silent after we
say to our Father, “Forgive us our sins...” “
We don’t want to be forgiven “as we forgive
those who sin against us.”

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Mooroolbark Parish**

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Fr. Joseph**

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Normal Mass Times at SPJE

Weekday Masses
Tues & Wed : 9.30 am
Rosary after Tuesday morning Mass
Saturday: No morning Mass
Saturday: 6.00 pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 9.00 am
Sunday: 11.00 am

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.15 pm
by arrangement with Priest.

Sacraments (Baptism, Weddings)
Ring Parish Office 9723 4275

**St Peter Julian Church
QR CODE**

For church donations &
Church Thanksgiving
Payments.



WEEKDAY MASS & ROSARY

Tue Mass 9.30am followed by Rosary.
Wed Morning Mass 9.30am

This Week's Readings - 13th Sept

Sirach 27:30—28:7: Ps 102:1-4, 9-12:R
Rom 14:7-9: Mt 18-21-35:

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill,
especially
**Sofia Aranco, Margaret Hicks, Peter Guinan,
Andrew Badawy, Michelle Windsor, Carolanne
Sanders, Targ Misfud, Vivienne Margaletic, Maria
Voorma .**

✠ Remembrance Diary ✠

We remember those who have recently died
especially **Steven Barden & Brendan Gaffy &**
and all those whose anniversaries occur about this
time.

12th to 18th Sept

Nancy Hamilton, Simon Watson, Gerald Farrell,
Joan Farrell, Mary Corrigan, Celestina Savastio, John
Nyhuis, Bernard McLindon, John Veips, Joseph
Ekanayake, Monica Lawson, Bruce Campbell, Ken
Wells, Benjamin Kleinman, Richard Thompson, Ida
Fuller, Paul Mallard, Josephine Barrett, Nancy
Greco, Maria Naudi, Violet Horner, Patricia Carroll,
Anne O'Brien, Judith McKellar, Agatino Giuffrida,
Mary Guinan, Nella Vincent, Elizabeth Calcagno,
Mervyn Goltz, Peter Campbell.

Parish Child Safeguarding Team

If you have any child safety concerns please
contact the following team members

Albert Pangestu
albert.pangestu@gmail.com

Or call the Parish Office
phone 9723 4275

Safeguarding Policy

All children under the age of 16 years old
must be accompanied by an adult to the rest
room/toilet. *Thank you*

ROSTERS

Counters—Month of September

Jan Phippard & Philomena Turner

Flowers - 12/13th September

Margaret Kim

Flowers—19/20th & 26/27th September

Pat Harman

Church Cleaning—Month of September

Francis Braganza & Laurel Simpson

*(Please collect church key from parish office
Wed, Thur & Friday, 9.30am - 3.30pm)*

Readers & Commentators 12/13th September

6.00pm	Paul Martin & Paul Redfern
9.00am	Muzzena D'Almeida & Margaret Corker
11.00am	Geraldine O'Hare & Elizabeth Acabado

Readers & Commentators 19/20th September

6.00pm	Pat Harman & Iris Gale
9.00am	Vanessa Walker & Nathaniel Mack
11.00am	Jun Romero & Caroline Romero

Musicians 12/13th September

6.00pm	Paul & Co
9.00am	Filipino Group
11.00am	Anton & Family

Musicians 19/20th September

6.00pm	No Music
9.00am	Florencia & Co
11.00am	Zomi Group



We welcome to our Parish through
Baptism

***Violet, Shia, Taio, Nala Allen
Aria Allen***

Who will receive the Holy Spirit through the
Sacrament celebrated this weekend, we
support & guide them throughout their life.

Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle is selling now.

All 5 prizes are Coles Myer Gift cards
ranging from \$12000 to \$500.

Tickets are \$2 each or you can take a
book from the sellers at each mass.

**Tickets are selling fast . Thanks
everyone for your support, it's greatly
appreciated.**

Proceeds made from this raffle and the
other mini hamper raffles we have
throughout the year benefit the ongoing
mission & operational needs of the
parish.

Any queries, please contact me by text on
0403 568 302 – Marg Vallence
CoOrdinator for SPJE

God's grace isn't rare—
it's everywhere.

From the breath in your lungs
to the beauty in small moments,
His goodness shows up daily.
You just have to slow down and
notice.



WORLD YOUTH DAY SEOUL 2027

Take courage! I have overcome the world.

John 16:33

The Archdiocese of Melbourne is inviting young people in Year 10 (minimum age 15) up to 30 years old to journey to Seoul, South Korea, for World Youth Day 2027, from 3–8 August 2027.

WYD is an opportunity for young people to encounter Christ, experience the joy of the universal Church and return home to continue to grow in their faith. The Archdiocese is offering three pilgrimage options, Direct to Seoul, Via Incheon and Via Japan with formation and preparation leading into the journey. *Parishes are strongly encouraged to participate in the Archdiocesan-led program.*

Please encourage the young people in your parish to consider this opportunity and register their interest. Find out more at <https://melbournecatholic.org/wyd27>.



The opening article, "The failure of the Cross", in *The Tablet* of April 19, 2025, includes a photograph of Jorge Mario Bergoglio. Above the article is an outline of its content, which reads, "During a period of humiliating exile, the Jesuit priest who was later to become Pope Francis discovered that in order to enter deeply into the mystery of the Passion, death and Resurrection of Jesus, we must accept that our only hope is in God." The photograph, taken in a Buenos Aires subway, is of a man who looks disappointed and sad.

It is hard to believe that this same man became Pope Francis, someone rarely seen without a brilliant smile lighting up his face. Yet this was the journey that Fr Jorge needed to take. As he wrote in an article originally printed as "El fracaso de Jesús" ("The failure of Jesus"), "The historical failure of Jesus and the frustrations of so many expectations ("We had hoped ..." Luke 24.21) are for Christian faith the way par excellence by which God reveals himself in Christ and brings about salvation." (The article was among those found in *Reflexiones en Esperanza* by Jorge Mario Bergoglio and translated by Austen Ivereigh.)

This article reminded me of a book that impressed me as a seminarian, called *A Theology of Failure* by John Navone SJ. Since they were both Jesuits, this book influenced Pope Francis in his reflections upon a dimension of Jesuit spirituality that draws upon the spirituality of suffering.

As Pope Francis said in his first public interview after becoming pope, "In pastoral ministry we must accompany people, and we must heal their wounds." In other words, one must feel the pain before one can begin to help people rediscover joy in their lives.

This brings me back to Francis's exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* ("The Joy of the Gospel"). In the introduction, there is a memorable sentence, which reads, "an evangelizer must never look like someone who has just come back from a funeral!" (the exclamation mark is his own).

And yet, the photograph of Fr Jorge from his years of "humiliating exile" is like one of someone coming back from a funeral! He knew what it was like to be stripped of his title and authority and sent to a distant parish to reflect on his future as a Jesuit and a priest. I suppose he had to learn how to smile again. He had to encounter Jesus once more in his life. He had to rediscover "the joy of the Gospel". Along this journey, he also reclaimed the true face of mission.

Many a Columban, as a cross-cultural missionary, has known disappointment and sadness.

As I further explore the wisdom found in *Evangelii Gaudium*, I will draw upon the insights of Pope Francis, who saw the need for the church to undergo radical change to meet the enormous challenges we face today. The challenge is to enter into the pain and brokenness of our world. But to do so, we need to encounter Jesus, who, by filling our hearts and minds with the joy of the Gospel, enables us to meet this challenge with the confidence of faith-inspired missionaries.

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Fr Tom Rouse is the Regional Councillor for New Zealand.