



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

18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2nd August 2026

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PARISH CALENDAR

AUGUST

1/2nd	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st Aug Sat	Hall Hire— 11am—5pm
	FIRST EUCHARIST WEEK. 3
	6pm & 11am
	Baptism—9am
	Youth Mass—11:00am
3rd Mon	SPJE Feast Day Mass - 2 pm
	Church
6th Thur	Baptism Preparation Meeting
	7pm Church—Iris Gale
7th Fri	Feast Day Mary Mackillop
	SPJE School Mass in the Church
	9:15am
8/9th	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	Monthly Church Collection
Sat	ST MARY OF THE CROSS,VIRGIN
Sat/Sun	BAPTISMS—6pm, 9am & 11am
Fri	Hall—School Disco 5.30pm
15/16th	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE
	BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Sat.	BAPTISM 6pm
Sun.	Private Baptism—12:30pm
22/23rd	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
	Archbishop Campaign all Masses
Sat	Private Baptism—10am
Sun	Baptism—11am

REFLECTION

In Matthew gospel he recounts the feeding of the five thousand, a moment that reveals both compassion and trust. After hearing of John the Baptist's death, Jesus withdraws to a solitary place, yet crowds follow him. Instead of turning them away, he has compassion for them and heals their sickness. As evening approaches, the disciples urge him to send the people away to find food, but Jesus challenges them: "You give them something to eat." With only five loaves and two fish, the disciples feel unprepared. Jesus takes the small offering, blesses it, breaks it, and gives it back to them to distribute. Miraculously, everyone eats and is satisfied, and twelve baskets of leftovers remain.

This passage shows that what seems insufficient can become abundant when placed in God's hands.

The disciples initially focus on limitation, while Jesus focuses on possibility. It also highlights that nourishment is not only physical but rooted in care, presence, and generosity. Today, this message invites us to rethink scarcity in our own lives. We often feel we lack time, energy, or resources to help others or even to care for ourselves. Yet this story suggests that offering what we have, no matter how small, we can make a meaningful difference. Nourishing ourselves may involve trusting that rest, gratitude, and faith can restore us even when we feel depleted.

To nourish others, we are called to act rather than withdraw, especially when faced with need. Simple gestures, sharing a meal, listening, offering support, can multiply in impact. Like the disciples, we are participants in something larger, where generosity creates unexpected abundance.

Greg Thomas—SPJE School Principal

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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 - 2nd August

Is 55:1-3: Ps 144:8-9, 15-18:R
Rom 8:35, 37-39: Mt 14:13-21:

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill,
especially

**Ignatius Suan Lian Thang, Sofia Aranco,
Margaret Hicks, Peter Guinan, Andrew Badawy,
Michelle Windsor, Carolanne Sanders.**

✠ Remembrance Diary ✠

We remember those who have recently died and all
those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

1st to 7th August

John Vincent, Peter Dwyer, Sr Claire Schiltz RSJ,
June Quinn, Don Cornwell, Eardley Mack, Gregory
Price, Margaret Madden, Debbie Walsh, Hilda
Tobiesen, Josephus Philips, Daniel Redmond, Maria
Grimwood, Tom Graafmans, Agapita Milano, Louis
Dekker, Jack Weeks, Tony Kleverkamp, Denise
Grant, Charles Summut, Pauline Gates, Sr. Margaret
Short, William Rivett, Jack Newcombe, Bill Bonuda,
Vita Anastasi, Charlie Scerri, Michael Beary, Rim
Hoppener, John Collins, Teresa McCluskey, Gerda
Driessen, John O'Brien, Ida Britton, Ronald Martini,
John Commene, James Walsh, Elinor Barnes, Anito
Montego, Mario Riccardi, Patricia Fenton.

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 August

Paul & Marianne Redfern

Flowers - August—1/2nd & 8/9th

Philomena Turner

Church Cleaning—Month of August

David Ling & Michael McCann

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

Readers & Commentators 1/2nd August

6.00pm Paul Martin & Paul Redfern
9.00am Lilijana Stride & Ethan Mack
11.00am Auna Wernert & Francis Braganza

Readers & Commentators 8/9th August

6.00pm Patricia Harman & Iris Gale
9.00am Muzeena D'Almeida & Alex Matthew
11.00am Charlotte Wightman & Richard Knight

Musicians 1/2nd August

6.00pm Shelly & Co
9.00am Filipino Group
11.00am Youth Mass

Musicians 8/9th August

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

NEW THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

REMINDER

Please collect your thanksgiving envelopes
from the church foyer.
These envelopes commenced on the weekend
of **18/19th July 2026.**

If you have any queries please contact the
parish office via email at
mooroolbark@cam.org.au

Thank you.



HAPPY 90th Birthday

Pat Harman

5th August 2026.

Congratulations, Love and
Best Wishes.

Thank you Pat, for all your involvement
in the life of our parish.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Ian Blencowe who celebrated his
85th Birthday 30th July 2026.



LADIES LUNCHEON

TUESDAY 4th. AUGUST
DORSET GARDENS HOTEL

Meet at 12pm for 12.30pm lunch
For enquiries please contact
Philomena Turner 0417 208 077

NVAW Week - 2 August

National Vocations Awareness Week

Vocations come from families, communities
and parishes. Strong families and
communities are the place where vocations
are first nurtured. In this National Vocations
Awareness Week, let us pray for all families
in our parish, and for those preparing for
marriage. Let us also pray that our parish
community may always be welcoming and
encouraging of vocations to marriage,
priesthood and consecrated life.



We welcome to our Parish through
Baptism

Elijah Ang

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



CENSUS 2026

CATHOLIC

Shape the Future: Be Counted as Catholic this Census

Australia's national Census will be held on 11 August 2026. Catholics are encouraged to mark "Catholic" in the question on religion. In a time when some would seek to diminish the importance of faith, it is vital that the Catholic community be represented in our national statistics. Census data supports Church pastoral planning and contributes to government decision-making on health, education, infrastructure, and social services – guiding resource and funding allocations across Australia. By identifying as Catholic, you can help ensure that the contribution and needs of faith communities are properly recognised and considered in future planning and policy decisions.

5 takeaways from Pope Leo's message for World Day for Grandparents and the elderly

1. Remember your worth as a child of God.
2. Make a real human connection, not just a digital one.
3. It's never too late to turn to God.
4. Don't be afraid of human frailty.
5. Pray and work for peace across generations.

Full article can be found at Melbourne Catholic Website.

VINCENT DE PAUL

If assistance is required, please contact
1800 305 330
 Mon to Fri - 10am

MATTHEW 14:13-21 Bring them here to me

The miracle of the multiplication of the loaves is told by all four evangelists, but each has his own particular perspective. Mark brings out the theme of Exodus and the twelve tribes being fed on the manna in the wilderness. Matthew makes a number of changes to Mark's story. He does not dwell on the Exodus story but rather emphasises Jesus' role as Divine Wisdom. In the Old Testament Wisdom sent out her servants and invited her children to eat freely at her table. 'Come eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have prepared' (Prov 9:5). Only Matthew has Jesus say to the disciples, 'Bring them here to me.' The disciples are Wisdom's servants, inviting all to be nourished by Wisdom's food.

The description of the miracle uses words from the community's Eucharist and so we see in the miracle story of the community's understanding of their Eucharist gatherings. Although Jesus is no longer a physical presence with the community, when they gather at Eucharist they continue to be nourished by Divine Wisdom's bread and wine.

The miracle emphasises the abundance of food made available. There is a crowd of five thousand, and even more if the women and children were counted. Everyone eats as much as they want and there are still twelve filled baskets of scraps. What this suggests is that the meal can continue beyond this gathering. As we hear this story, we are part of its continuation. Every time we gather for Eucharist the miracle happens for us. Hear Jesus' words of invitation to you, 'Come, eat of my bread, drink of my wine.'

Acknowledgement of Sundays Under the Southern Cross—Mary Coloe PBVM