



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

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 20th September 2026 Issue No: 32

PARISH CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

19/20th **25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
BAPTISMS—9am & 11am
25th Fri (Public Holiday) Grand Final
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**

REFLECTION

This weekend we are invited to reflect on the parable of the workers in the vineyard, where a landowner hires laborers at different times throughout the day, early morning, midday, and even late afternoon. At the end of the day, he pays all of them the same wage. Those who worked longer complain, believing they deserve more, but the landowner responds that he has been fair and generous, and asks, "Are you envious because I am generous?" Jesus uses this story to reveal that God's grace does not operate on human ideas of fairness or comparison. Instead, it is freely given, not earned. The parable challenges our tendency to measure worth based on effort, status, or timing.

The early workers focus on what others receive rather than appreciating what they were given. In contrast, the landowner's generosity shows that compassion is not limited or competitive. Today, this message calls us to resist judging others or comparing their lives to our own. It reminds us that each person's journey is different, and we often do not see the full picture of their struggles or growth.

When we compare, it can lead to resentment instead of gratitude.

Living out this teaching means choosing generosity over competition. We are encouraged to help others without expecting recognition or reward, trusting that doing good has its own value.

Whether through kindness, support, or understanding, we can reflect this spirit of grace. By focusing less on what is "fair" and more on what is loving, we create a more compassionate and inclusive community.

Greg Thomas
Principal SPJE School

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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
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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 - 20th Sept

Is 55:6-9: Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18:R:
Phil 1:20-24, 27: Mt 20:1-16:

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 & and
all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

19th to 25th Sept

Zena Fraser, Thomas Johnston, Girlie Lummis, Paul
Finck, Don Brown, Clare Dent, Alan Stuart, Joan
Porter, Ambrose Commene, Mary White, Joy Ratten,
Moya Collins, Peter Morrison, Catherine Johnston,
Noreen Gilby, John Kelly, Ellen Bennett, Mary
Zahara, Frank Scundi, Jakob Schock, Fr Bill Van
Kooy, Scott Ruzicka, Elaine Reading, Mary Stone,
Pauline George, Shirlene Marie De La Harpe,
Jacqueline Ten, Phillip Pearson, Fran Keyhoe,
Johanna Van Est, Anthony Borg, Maria Sison, Ron
Irwin.

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—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 19/20th September

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

Readers & Commentators 26/27th September

6.00pm Gina Hume & Florencia Pangestu
9.00am Lilette de la Harpe & Karen Broughton
11.00am Auna Wernert & Francis Braganza

Musicians 19/20th September

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

Musicians 26/27th September

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



We welcome to our Parish through
Baptism

Maeve Couwenberg

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

PRAYER TO

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

Glorious St. Anthony, I salute you as a
good servant of Christ, and a special
friend of God. You once were favoured
to hold the Christ Child in your arms as
you cherished His world in your heart.
Today I place all my cares, temptations
and anxieties in your hands. I resolve
ever to honour you by imitating your
example. Powerful patron, model of
purity and victor over fleshly impulses,
please win for me, and for all devoted
to you, perfect purity of body, mind
and heart. I promise by my example
and counsel to help others to the
knowledge, love and service of God.
Amen.



ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA



VINCENT DE PAUL

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

LADIES LUNCHEON

Our next ladies Luncheon will be at
CLUB KILSYTH

On Tuesday 6th We will meet at
12pm for lunch at 12.30 pm

Any enquiries please contact
Philomena Turner 0417 208 077



CHOOSING PEACE

“It isn’t enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it.
And it isn’t enough to believe in it. One must work at it.”

~ Eleanor Roosevelt ~

The International Day of Peace on September 21 gives us reason to consider what peace really means in today’s world.

We live among people with different backgrounds, beliefs, opinions and experiences. We will not always agree, and perhaps we are not meant to. Peace does not require everyone to think the same way. It asks us to recognise our differences without allowing them to pull us apart.

At a time when disagreement can quickly become anger and division, there is value in finding common ground. Families, neighbourhoods and communities are stronger when people can live alongside one another with respect, even when they see things differently.

The hope for a more peaceful world belongs to every generation. We may not have control over events happening far beyond our own lives, but we can influence the kind of community we help create.

On this International Day of Peace, may we look beyond what divides us and remember how much we have in common. A better tomorrow begins when peace becomes something we value not only in the world, but in the way we choose to live.

