



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

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 27th September 2026 Issue No: 33

PARISH CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

3/4th

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
**Daylight Savings Start—move
clocks forward 1 hour**

BAPTISMS— 11am

Private Baptism—2:00pm

7th Wed

Parish Pastoral Council

Meeting 5:00pm Church Foyer

10/11th

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

BAPTISMS— 11am

Private Baptism—12:30pm

REFLECTION

In this week's Gospel, Matthew reminds us that actions speak louder than words and reveals the boundless mercy of God. The first son, who initially refuses his father's request but later changes his mind and helps, represents the repentant sinner. He recognises his mistake and chooses to do what is right.

Jesus teaches us that we are not defined by the sins of our past. God's mercy is always available to us, and He loves us just as we are. What matters most is our willingness to turn back to Him and live out His call with sincerity.

Our faith is reflected not simply in what we say, but in how we live. We are called to do more than say "yes" to God—we are invited to follow through by showing love, compassion and kindness in our daily actions.

Let us pray that this week we may walk in the way of God and be His face in our community, allowing our actions to be a witness to His love and mercy.

*Reference: Celebrating the Lectionary Year A.
Clare Johnson et al*

Larissa Boyhan

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Mooroolbark Parish**

**Parish Priest
Fr. Joseph**

**Parish Secretary
Mrs. Adriana De Leo**

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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 - 27th Sept

Ezek 18:25-28: Ps 24:4-9: R
Phil 2:1-11: Mt 21:28-32:

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.

26th Sept to 2nd October

Ray Commene, Jack Probert, Robbie Reardon, Nellie
Collins, Iris & Pearl Anthonisz, Joan Paton, Robert
Basile, Lina Beaumont, Vincent O'Brien, Maureen
Green, Marjorie Jauchius, Marg Stephen, John
Stewart, Carmel Buhagiar, Ank Van Rooden, Dobre
Rajic, Michael Sellar, Edgidgio Gava, Patricia
Sheehan, Paula Greblo, Agnes Gray, Graeme Argus,
Margaret Bradburn, Albert Kleverkamp, Brett
Whitehouse, Mary Redfern, Paul Slattery, Terry
Cronin, Fr Charles McBride.

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

Counters—Month of October

Christine Sellar & Karen Broughton

Flowers— 26/27th September

Pat Harman

Flowers - 3/4th & 10/11th October

Angela Mallard

Church Cleaning—Month of September

Francis Braganza & Laurel Simpson

Church Cleaning—Month of October

Jun Romero & Family

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

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

Readers & Commentators 3/4th October

6.00pm Tim Newcomb & Michael McLindon
9.00am Lilijana Stride & Ethan Mack
11.00am Charlotte Wightman & Richard Knight

Musicians 26/27th September

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

Musicians 3/4th October

6.00pm Paul & Co
9.00am No Music
11.00am Youth Mass

VINCENT DE PAUL



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



We welcome to our Parish through
Baptism

Matilda Elizabeth Lenger

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

Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle
There are only 20 tickets remaining
Thanks to everyone for your
phenomenal support

HUGE thank you the sellers

Could all books and money be
returned as
soon as possible so that I can do an
early collate and deliver the tickets
to Keysborough ready for the draw.

I will then be gearing up for the
Advent raffle

Marg Vallence CoOrdinator for SPJE



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

Pray with Pope Leo XIV: One Million Children Praying the Rosary

From 1-7 October, Aid to the Church in Need invites you to join with Pope Leo XIV and Catholics worldwide for the *One Million Children Praying the Rosary* prayer campaign, for peace and unity in the world.

Families, parishioners, prayer groups, and schools are all encouraged to register to take part!

For free Rosary resources and to register,

please scan the QR code or visit: www.acninternational.org/millionchildrenpraying

"When one million children pray the Rosary, the world will change." - Saint Padre Pio



BEFORE ALL ELSE, WE ARE HUMAN

At the start of his meeting with migrants in Spain on June 11, 2026, Pope Leo made a profound gesture. "Dear migrants," he said, "before saying anything else to you, I want to bow before your dignity."

In other words, before we are any ethnicity, nationality, religion, economic or social class, we are first of all humans. As Elias Chacour, the Melkite Archbishop of Galilee, said many years ago on a visit to Sydney, "I was not born a Christian, or an Israeli, or a Palestinian. I was born a baby!" We are, first of all, human. Only after that do we take on family, social, ethnic, linguistic, educational, economic, national, and religious identities. Our basic humanity confers on us an infinite dignity. We are made in the "image and likeness of God". No one, no authority, no other belonging, no other conferral of identity, nothing done to us, nothing we do, neither achievement nor even any major sin we may have committed, can rob us of that fundamental human dignity. We are forever God's beloved.

From June 14 to 20, 2026, Australia observed Refugee Week. This year's celebration marked a significant milestone. Counting the first intake of 4,000 refugees from Europe after World War II, nearly one million refugees have settled in Australia over the last eighty years. In fact, apart from the indigenous peoples who have inhabited this land for more than 65,000 years, all of us are recent migrants or refugees and their descendants. We, our parents, our grandparents, and perhaps a handful of generations beyond that who dreamt of a better future for themselves and their children, arrived on these shores only over the last 240 years. Migrants and refugees built this country as we know it today - the farms, the factories, the roads, the railways, the cities. They brought their cultures, faiths, foods, and traditions. They created a rich, diverse, multicultural, multi-religious society.

By and large, our diversity is enriching, strong, resilient, respectful, and tolerant. It is not perfect: there is racism, prejudice, and division. We have yet to acknowledge and reconcile fully with the indigenous peoples of this land. In recent years, there has been a surge in antisemitism, Islamophobia and white supremacy, but apart from these fringe extremists, overall, Australian society works reasonably well.

This year also marks the 75th anniversary of the UN Refugee Convention. Globally, there are an estimated 42 to 43 million refugees, one and a half times the population of Australia. In addition, there are some 9 million asylum seekers and nearly 70 million internally displaced people. This sea of suffering humanity deserves respect, welcome, hospitality, and protection so that they too can live their lives to the full and raise their families in peace and security.

In the 2024 General Assembly, Columbans named migrants and refugees as a missionary priority. This commitment is grounded in the Gospel: to show mercy to our neighbour, particularly those who are suffering, like the traveller beaten, robbed, and left at the side of the road in the Parable of the Good Samaritan. This concern has been honed by first-hand experience. Just like the ancient Irish missionary monks whose motto was *exilii pro Christo* (exiles for Christ), we Columbans have also been exiles. We have lived in other countries. We have known the pain of loneliness, isolation, and not understanding or being understood. We have learned new languages, new cultures, new ways of relating, and through this paschal process, our lives have been enriched. That is why Columbans stand in solidarity with migrants and refugees, and the religious and civic agencies that support them. All people of every ethnicity, nationality, and religion are entitled to live a life consonant with their inviolable human dignity as beloved children of God. Let us bow before their infinite dignity. Let us welcome them as our sisters and brothers, made, like us, in the image and likeness of God, one family, one nation, a magnificent diversity that enriches us all and is truly a blessing from God.



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