



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

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

30th August 2026

Issue No: 29

PARISH CALENDAR

AUGUST

29/30th **22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
BAPTISM 9am & 11am Mass

SEPTEMBER

1st Tue **FUNERAL—11am**
SPJE Church
Baptism Preparation Meeting
6.30pm Bernadette
7.00pm Bernadette & Naomi

5/6th **23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
6th Sun BAPTISM—11am
7th Mon Faith Development Meeting
10.30am St Richards
1st Tue Ladies Lunch—12 noon
Club Ringwood
11th Fri Priests Deanery Lunch
(Parish House) - 12 noon

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

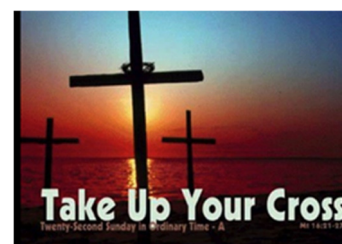
Reflection

We are coming close to the beginning of Spring. We are conscious that for the last few months or so, not only have we been going through this winter with its dark mornings and some very cold days but into the midst of that we have also been battling the uncertainty of the war in the east and fuel costs coupled with increased costs of living which have been affecting our lives and livelihoods. The rhythm of our life has been interrupted, family, social, working life and school life. We have felt the stress of this and yet at the same time, we have attempted to find ways and strategies to navigate our day, to embrace attitudes and behaviours, that help us to life meaningfully and with purpose.

In the gospel the lives of the disciples of Jesus have been going according to their expectations but now he shares his way of fulfilling the mission given him by his Father. This is a severe interruption for the disciples and for all that they had hoped from him. The present reality of our world is one of fragility where inequalities and injustices are experienced, all which causes great suffering. Jesus is calling his disciples to follow him to a way of life that will address this. It will not be without difficulties and suffering. He says to them, "if anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me". Jesus doesn't love suffering and the suffering of the cross for its own sake but he embraces it willingly in order to fulfil the mission given to him by the Father. He gave over his whole life in love to free human beings from the suffering that comes from sickness, hunger, injustice, abuse, sin and death itself.

We, as disciples of Jesus are called to accompany him in his way. We pray for the strength and the grace to bear the sufferings that are part of creating a more human and compassionate and life giving environment for all.

With Acknowledgement in part to Fr Martin Ashe
Marg Vallence PPC



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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

**No morning Mass or Rosary next
Tues. 1st & Wed. 2nd Sept**

This Week's Readings - 30th August

Jer 20:7-9: Ps 62:2-6, 8-9: R
Rom 12:1-2: Mt 16:21-27:

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.**

† Remembrance Diary †

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

29th Aug to 4th Sept

Dorothy Anderson, Basil Bingham, Edward Malone,
Kevin Fenton, Nick Brown, Edward McMahon, Vernon
Smith, Francesco Zinghini, Flora Cristafaro, Jack
Dwyer, Gabrielle Mills, Christine Bolton, Anthony
Barbaro Sant, Sheila McVeigh, Marlene Livingstone,
Joseph Steane, Roger Galea, Nancy Walsh, Dan
Harnetty, George Drummond, Margaret Collins,
Michael McGrath, Patricia Burns, Patrick Sheehan,
John Stewart, Ken Collins, Vince Maniscalchi, George
Graves, Ronald Bell, Ray Kiker, Emma Collins,
Gabriel Margaletic, James Collins, Mary Murphy, Betty
Code, Harry Quarmby, Jean Bowman, Adrian Clark,
Rosemary Ekanayake, Monsignor Francis Lyons, PE
AM.

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

Counters—Month of September

Jan Phippard & Philomena Turner

Flowers—August 29/30th

Anna Waite

Church Cleaning—Month of August

David Sing & Michael McCann

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 29/30th August

6.00pm	Dympna Beard & Angela Stainwall
9.00am	Karen Broughton & Ethan Mack
11.00am	Auna Wernert & Francis Braganza

Readers & Commentators 5/6th September

6.00pm	Bernadette Brown & Mitchell Mazarella
9.00am	Lilijana Stride & Alex Matthew
11.00am	Charlotte Wightman & Richard Knight

Musicians 29/30th August

6.00pm	Shelly & Co
9.00am	Filipino Group
11.00am	Paul & Co

Musicians 5/6th September

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

PARISH NEWSLETTER & UPDATES

We encourage Parishioners to subscribe to the parish weekly newsletter.

You will receive the newsletter via email and be kept up to date with all the upcoming events in the parish.
Please visit link below to subscribe.

<https://www.melbcatholic.org/mooroolbark>

VINCENT DE PAUL

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



We welcome to our Parish through
Baptism

***Jasper & Luna Crawford,
June, Theodore, Harriet Dance,
Thomas, Rowan, Vera Clifton.***

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

WANT TO BE A SUCCESS ?

Some years ago a fifteen-year-old student asked me, "Can sociologists have a successful career? Can they be a success in the life?"

I said to him, "That depends on your definition of success. What do you mean by success? Do you mean can a sociologist make much money? Can he become famous? Can he become powerful? Tell me what success means to you and I'll tell you if a sociologist can be a success in life."

It's good for all of us to ask ourselves what our definition of success is.

In our definition, would St Joseph, the carpenter, qualify as a success in life?

Would Jesus, who was executed as a criminal, be considered a success? When can we a person success in life? Could we call Elvis Presley a success in life? How about Princess Diana?

Do we have to wait until a person dies before we can judge him or her a success? For example can we call the former U.S. President Bill Clinton a success up to this point of his life?

In today's gospel (Matt 16:21-27), Jesus rebukes Peter by saying, "You are not judging by God's standards but by man's"

Certainly, "by God's standards," a sociologist can be a success. He may never become rich or famous, but by God's standards, he can be a success. He can even become a saint.

Even a fifteen-year-old boy can be a success by God's standards.



*With Eyes Fixed on Jesus
John Chambers, S.J.*

Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle is selling now.

No car this year but look at the 5 fabulous prizes – all Coles Myer Gift cards ranging from \$12000 to \$500. Just think of the possibility of having \$12000 to spend on family and friends for Christmas, or to spend \$230 each week at supermarket for all of 2027 – what a fantastic bolster for the household budget. Tickets are \$2 each or you can request to sell a book or two

Tickets will be on sale from end of August until end of October.

then I need to collate all the sales in readiness to return the tickets for the draw.

Proceeds made from this raffle and the other mini hamper raffles we have throughout the year are in support of the ongoing mission & operational needs of the parish. Your support is greatly appreciated.

As always, I will be grateful to have sellers for each of the masses - thankyou in advance.

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



COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISH Raffle 2026

TICKETS \$2 EACH

PRIZES:

1 ST	1st Prize: Coles/Myer Gift Card to the value of	\$12,000
2 ND	2nd Prize: Coles/Myer Gift Card to the value of	\$4,000
3 RD	3rd Prize: Coles/Myer Gift Card to the value of	\$2,000
4 TH	4th Prize: Coles/Myer Gift Card to the value of	\$1,000
5 TH	5th Prize: Coles/Myer Gift Card to the value of	\$500

DRAWN:
Saturday 5th December 2026 at 7:00pm
at Holy Trinity Parish
844 Centre Rd Bentleigh East

Victorian Commission for Gambling Regulation Permit No: MG-R26345948

Where to use cards



Catholic Earthcare Season of Creation Gathering 2026 - final change to register!

The Season of Creation Gathering 2026: Listen, Reflect, Act, is a national online gathering to listen deeply, reflect faithfully, and act courageously in care for all creation.

The program features:

- Inspiring keynote presentations exploring faith, ecology and justice
- Practical workshops addressing today's social and environmental challenges

Ideas and resources for action in local communities, parishes, schools and organisations

Whether you're just beginning to explore ecological justice or ready to deepen your existing commitment to caring for all creation, you'll find opportunities to learn, reflect and act.

Event Details

Dates: 3-4 September

Time: 10:00am-4:30pm (AEST)

Location: Online

Cost: \$20 per person (includes both days)

Auslan interpretation will be provided for all keynote sessions on Day 1.

To learn more and register, visit www.caritas.org.au/soc-gathering

SEPTEMBER LADIES LUNCHEON

Tues. 1st September

CLUB RINGWOOD,

Maroondah Hwy. Ringwood

We will meet at 12pm for 12.30 lunch

Any enquires please contact

Philomena Turner 0417 208 077

Called & Gifted Discernment Process

Friday 11 September, 6–9pm and Saturday 12 September, 9am–4pm, Catholic Leadership Centre, East Melbourne

Developed by the Catherine of Siena Institute and used by over 200,000 Catholics worldwide, Called & Gifted helps people recognise the charisms the Holy Spirit has given them and discern how to put them into practice for the good of others and for Christ's mission. The \$95 registration covers the full journey — the introductory workshop weekend, a one-hour personal Gifts Interview and four fortnightly, facilitated small-group discernment sessions. Each parish is invited to send up to five people (including clergy), with the Parish Priest's approval. More information and registration: [Called and Gifted Discernment Process...](#)