



St Peter Julian Eymard Catholic Church Mooroolbark Parish

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19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9th August 2026

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PARISH CALENDAR

AUGUST

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
Catechist Children First Eucharist
9.00am Mass

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

SEPTEMBER

1st Tue Baptism Preparation Meeting
6.30pm Bernadette
7.00pm Bernadette & Naomi

5/6th **23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
6th Sun BAPTISM—11am
11th Fri Priests Deanery Lunch
(Parish House)

REFLECTION

Celebrating the Feast of St Mary MacKillop

This week we celebrate the Feast of St Mary MacKillop, Australia's first saint and an inspiring woman of faith, courage and compassion. Mary dedicated her life to serving others, particularly those who were poor, vulnerable and in need. Her well-known words, "*Never see a need without doing something about it,*" continue to inspire us to respond with kindness, generosity and action whenever we see someone in need. Mary also showed us what it means to trust in God through life's challenges, carrying her own cross with faith, hope and perseverance. As a parish community, may we follow her example by living with compassion, standing up for others, and placing our trust in God each day.



Loving God,

As we celebrate the feast of St Mary MacKillop, we thank You for her unwavering faith, compassionate heart, and trust in Your loving presence.

Help us to follow her example by opening our eyes to the needs of those around us. May we never see a need without responding with kindness, generosity and love. When life brings challenges, give us the courage to take up our cross each day and walk faithfully with Jesus. Strengthen us to trust in You, even when the path is difficult, knowing that You are always by our side.

May our words and actions bring hope to others, and may we be people who serve with humility, compassion and joy, just as Mary MacKillop did. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Larissa Boyhan (Principal St Richards School)

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Mooroolbark Parish**

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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 - 9th August

1 Kgs 19:9, 11-13: Ps 84:9-14: R
Rom 9:1-5: Mt 14:22-33:

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.

8th to 14th August

Rudiger Lutterberg, Sr Madeline Ryan, Patricia
Koblar, Marinus Leusenkamp, Justin Edward,
Reginald Thaggard, Bob Anguey, Felix Goodwin,
Margaret Lane, Renee De Jong, Reg Watson, Nellie
Garland, Mary Maffescioni, Noeline Hewerdine,
Jenny Morrish, Owen Jackman, Angus Campbell,
Edna Cleary, Sheila Wheatley, Marlene Campbell,
Mary Wycisk, Kathleen Chadwick, Philip Crellin,
John Mann, Robert Garrett, Peter Farrell, Brian
Harman, Dorothy Murfitt, Leo Trappel, Albert
Parkinson, Dulcie Harnetty, Norman Baron, Judith
Vanderhaar, Bill Bonuda.

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— 8/9th

Volunteer required

Flowers—August 15/16th & 22/2rd

Marie Reilly

Church Cleaning—Month of August

David Sing & Michael McCann

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

Readers & Commentators 8/9th August

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

Readers & Commentators 15/16th August

6.00pm Gina Hume & Florencia Pangestu
9.00am Vanessa Walker & Margaret Corker
11.00am Geraldine O'Hare & Elizabeth Acabado

Musicians 8/9th August

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

Musicians 15/16th August

6.00pm No Music
9.00am Filipino Group
11.00am Zomi Group

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.



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.

Happy moments,
praise God.

Difficult moments,
seek God.

Quiet moments,
worship God.

Painful moments,
trust God.

Every moment,
thank God.



We welcome to our Parish through
Baptism

Ned, Bobbi, Ada London
Sadie & Oscar McConnell
Max Mitchell

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

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MATTHEW 14:22-33

Lord ! Save me !

Once again Matthew uses a story already found in Mark's Gospel but makes a significant change by adding the episode of Peter walking on the water. We read this as a miracle story, which it is, but it is also a revelation of God, similar to the revelation to Elijah on Mount Horeb. In the Old Testament only God is the one who has a mastery over the sea. 'You rule the raging of the sea; when it waves rise you still them' (Ps 89:9); 'Your way was through the sea, yet your footprints were unseen. (Ps 77:19). Matthew's Jewish community would be well aware of the many references in the Scriptures to God's power over the sea. When Jesus comes walking on the waves, he is displaying to the disciples his divine identity for he shows that he now exercises power over the sea that belongs only to God. Later he even speaks to them using the Divine Name, 'I AM', when he says, 'I am. Do not be afraid.'

But what about Peter ? Peter displays both the courage and frailty of all disciples. Invited Jesus to come to him, Peter shows courage in venturing out of the boat into the stormy waters but then reality sets in and his faith wavers. Most of us are caught somewhere in Peter's story, living within the courage of Christian commitment, and the doubts that unsettle our faith. Peter's cry is our prayer, 'Lord! Save me!' And Jesus reaches out his hand—to Peter, and to us.

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.

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