



**St Peter Julian Eymard
Catholic Church
Mooroolbark Parish
Including Kilsyth & Montrose**



Number 39

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

24th September, 2017

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Normal Mass Times at SPJE
Weekday Masses - Tuesday - Friday: 9.15 am
Rosary prayed on
Wednesday & Thursday after 9.15am Mass

Saturday: No morning Mass
Saturday: 6.00p.m. (vigil)
Sunday: 9.00a.m.
Sunday: 11.00a.m.
Reconciliation: Saturday 5.15 p.m.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

If assistance is required, please contact
1800 305 330, Mon – Fri 10 am -3 pm

Reflection

The Landlord in today's parable first comes across as an apparently unjust and arrogant person. But a closer reading of the story reveals the opposite. He is just and generous, sensitive and understanding to the plight of the poor, and willing to disburse his earnings to the needy. Jesus wants to teach us that our heavenly Father is just as generous, with preferential option for the poor and less privileged ones. He is willing to call even the last and the least and shower them generously with his bountiful gifts. What is my understanding of the heavenly Father? How generous am I towards the poor and less privileged of society?



God's Word 2017

Weekday Mass Times

Weekday Mass
Mass Tue & Wed - 9.15am

Readings for Next Week - 30/1st October

Ezek 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32

Prayers For The Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill -
Des Delahunt, Dorothy Smith, Marj Jauchius (Jan Delzoppo's mother), Linda Young, Lynette Carrucan, Ester Montejo, Christine Lollbeck, Randal Barker, Rachael Grift, Frank Westaway, Helen Allen, Flora Cristofaro, Frank Covino, Herbert Dagohoy (Hilde Ang's brother), Mary Stewart, Rosa Maria Santos.

† Remembrance Diary †

We remember those who have died especially **Nella La Morticella** and those whose anniversary occurs about this time:

Catherine Johnston, Noreen Gilby, John Kelly, Ellen Bennett, Mary Zahara, Fr Bill Van Kooy, Scott Ruzicka, Elaine Reading, Mary Stone, Pauline George, Jacqueline Ten, Phillip Pearson, Fran Keyhoe, Johanna Van Est, Anthony Borg, Maria Sison, Ray Commane, Jack Probert, Robbie Reardon, Nellie Collins, Joan Paton, Robert Basile, Lina Beaumont, Vincent O'Brien, Maureen Green, Marg Stephen, John Michael Stewart, Carmel Buhagiar, Ank Van Rooden, Dobre Rajic, Edgidgio Gava, Nellie Collins.

ROSTERS

Counters

25th Sept Bob & Wies Dight
2nd October Paul & Marianne Redfern & Norm Willingham

Flowers

23rd Sept Philomena Turner (WEDDING)
30th Sept Anne Goodall

Cleaners

25th Sept Laurel Simpson & Brian Pereira
2nd Oct Wojtek Nowicki & Eleanor Thompson

(Please collect church key from parish office)

Eucharist Coordinators for October

6.00 pm Patricia Harman
9.00 am Eileen Goltz
11.00am Volunteer Required

Readers & Commentators 30th Sept/1st October

6pm Jessica Romero & George Nantes
9am Karen Broughton & Volunteer Req.
11am Maureen Cooke & Jun Romero

PARISH CALENDAR

**Rosary Group 9.45 - 10.15am,
Wednesday & Thursday**

SEPTEMBER

**23/24th 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jodie O'Shea Orphanage Special
Collection (All Masses)**
23rd WEDDING - SPJE Church - 2.30pm
23rd Baptism - 6pm
24th Private Baptism - 1pm
26th Greeting & Welcome - 7.30pm
RCIA Enquiry Night 2 at Parish House
7.30 pm
**30/1st Oct 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Fr Joseph on Leave**
30/1st Oct Fr Brendan Connell - Visiting Priest
4th Oct Social Justice Meeting - SVDP Bldg 7pm
5th Baptism Preparation Meeting - Church
Foyer - 7.30pm (Iris Gale)
7/8th 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7/8th Oct Fr Michael Morgan - Visiting Priest
7th SVDP Meeting - Church Foyer - 9.30am
10th RCIA Discernment Night - Parish House
7pm

NOTICE OF MASS

No weekday Masses or Communion Service will be held during Fr Joseph's leave (28th September - 13th October)
Weekend of 30th Sept/1st October will be celebrated by *Fr Brendan Connell.*
Weekend of 7/8th October will be celebrated by *Fr. Michael Morgan*

St Peter Julian Eymard Parish

VISION STATEMENT

We, the parishioners of Mooroolbark, Kilsyth & Montrose are a welcoming Eucharistic and Spirit-filled community, who are on a journey searching to be church in the world.

We are committed to each other and to creating a parish that is both life-giving and challenging. Through our baptism we respond to the call to take the message of Jesus to all people.

Pope tells new bishops to respect, dialogue with consciences of laypeople

Pope Francis told the newest class of bishops in the Catholic church they should not consider themselves “self-sufficient ‘Lord-fathers’ “ over their new dioceses but must instead seek to see how God is already speaking to the people they have been tasked to lead, and to respect their experience of the faith.



The Pope greets a group of bishops (archive photo)

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“The mission that awaits you is not to bring your own ideas and projects, nor abstract, invented solutions that treat the church like your own vegetable garden,” the pontiff said in a meeting at the Vatican Sept. 14 with bishops he has named to posts around the world in the past year.

Francis told the new prelates their job is to “humbly — without attention-seeking or narcissistic behavior — offer your own concrete witness of union with God, serving the Gospel that is cultivated and helped to grow in that specific situation.” “I invite you ... to cultivate an attitude of listening, growing in the freedom to renounce your own point of view when it is shown to be partial and insufficient in order to assume God’s point of view,” the pope told the bishops.

“Commit yourself to knowing with your own eyes the places and the people, the spiritual and cultural ‘tradition’ of the dioceses entrusted to you, so that you can, with respect, bite into the memory of their witness of Christ and read their concrete present in the light of the Gospel,” he suggested.

Francis was speaking Sept. 14 at the end of several days of meetings at the Vatican for priests appointed as bishops for the first time, hosted by the Congregations for Bishops and the Oriental Churches and commonly referred to as “new bishops’ school.”

The pontiff focused the core of his talk on the role of discernment in the life of a diocesan bishop. His address was marked by repeated requests for the new prelates to respect the opinions of the lay faithful in their dioceses, to seek their input in decision-making, and even implied the bishops’ should be understanding when they might disagree with church teachings.

The pope told the bishops that they undertake their ministry as a part of the people of God, not as a person above the other Catholics in their dioceses.

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“Discernment is a grace of the Spirit to the Holy faithful people of God, who are the prophetic people, given the sense of the faith and that spiritual instinct which allows them to sentire cum Ecclesia [feel with the church],” said Francis.

“The bishop is called to live his own pastoral discernment as a member of the people of God, that is, in a dynamic that is always ecclesial, at the service of koinonia [fellowship or communion],” the pope continued. “The bishops is not the self-sufficient ‘Lord father,’ nor the feared and isolated ‘solitary pastor.’”

“A bishop’s discernment is always a communitarian action, which does not overlook the richness of the points of view of his priests and deacons, the people of God, and all who can offer him a useful contribution,” Francis told the prelates. The pope then quoted from the 6th-century monk Dorotheus of Gaza: “When you do not take into account your brother and you consider yourself superior to him, you end up swelling up against even God himself.”

Francis said that undertaking discernment means having the qualities of both humility and obedience.

“Humility in respect to your own projects,” said the pope. “Obedience with respect to the Gospel, the ultimate criterion; to the magisterium, which guards you; to the norms of the universal church, which serve you; and to the concrete situation of people.”

“Discernment is a remedy for the immobility of ‘it has always been done this way’ or ‘we’ll take our time,’ “ said the pontiff. “It is a creative process that is not limited to applying strategies. It is an antidote against rigidity because the same solutions are not valid everywhere.”

“[Discernment] is always the everlasting today of the risen one who asks us not to resign ourselves to repeating the past and to have the courage of questioning if our proposals from yesterday are still evangelically valid,” he continued.

The pope told the new bishops to “not let yourselves be imprisoned by the nostalgia of having a single response to apply in every case.”

“That might calm our performance anxiety but it would leave us relegated to leading marginal and ‘dried-up’ lives,” he said.

Francis ended the address with a citation from his 2016 apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* (“The Joy of Love”) on the role of bishops in forming and not imposing consciences on the lay faithful.

“We must force ourselves to grow into an inclusive and incarnate discernment, which dialogues with the consciences of the faithful — that are to be formed and not replaced in a process of patient and courageous accompaniment,” the pontiff told the new bishops.

“The activity of discerning is not reserved to the wise, the insightful or the perfect,” said the pope. “Authentic discernment ... is a process that is always open.”

‘Discernment’, said Francis, “does not reduce itself to the repetition of formulas that ‘like high clouds release little rain’ to the concrete person, [and] are often immersed in an inflexible reality of black and white.”

“The pastor is called to make available to the flock the grace of the Spirit, which knows how to penetrate the folds of reality and take account of its hues and shades to make emerge what God wants to realize in every moment,” the pope said.

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<https://www.ncronline.org/news/vatican/pope-tells-new-bishops-respect-dialogue-consciences-laypeople>

BAPTISM - 23/24th September

We welcome the following children to our Parish through Baptism.

Lucylle Galvez & Isaac Thomas

As they receive the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament celebrated this weekend, may their faith guide them throughout their life.



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE NOTICES

Please see the Notice Board for the Parish Update issued by the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne.

This gives information, contact details and a short description of upcoming events across the Archdiocese.

If you wish to access this online it can be reached through The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne website and then “Parish Update” A wide range of events are covered in this newsletter.