

32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 08 NOV 2026

PARISH PRAYER

Heavenly Father, We gather as the parish of Saint Joseph as we welcome all into our community. We celebrate our faith, share in the Eucharist and Sacraments and come together to embrace each other's joys, sorrows, hopes and dreams. We pray that we will always be a welcoming community, embracing our future and the uniqueness of all who come amongst us.

We are led by the example of Christ, the cornerstone of all we are and all we do. We are guided by the Spirit to be the heart of God, as we find grace in each other. We are inspired by the charism of Mary MacKillop and the work of the Sisters of St Joseph. We pray that we will follow St Margaret Mary's devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, be with us.

St Joseph, pray for us. St Margaret Mary, pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross, pray for us.

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Parish Office Hours

Tue: 9am - 3.00pm
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Mass Times

Tue & Thu: 9.15am, Spotswood
Wed, Fri & Sat: 9.15am, Newport
Sat: 5.30pm, Spotswood
Sun: 10.00am, Newport

Rosary & Silent Adoration

After Saturday Mass, ends 10.30am

Reconciliation

Sat 10.00-10.30am, Newport
5.00-5.20pm, Spotswood

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Parish Staff

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PARISH CALENDAR AND COMMUNITY OBSERVANCES

NOVEMBER:

8th: Diwali
9th: Rosary Group (Presbytery)
11th: Remembrance Day
12th: Safeguarding Committee Meeting
14th: Cuppa and Chat (SMM)
19th: International Men's Day
21st: Baptisms (SH)



NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER – 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Date	Lector	Special Minister	Powerpoint	Choir	Liturgy
Sat 14 Nov '26	Ante Dragovic	Lidia Cammarano	Lilly Mullins	n/a	Des Devlin
Sun 15 Nov '26	Maureen Llewellyn	**Need Volunteer**	Bang Bui	Henry, Netty & Neil	

Counting team (week beginning 8th November 26)
Team B - Margaret, Mary, Tricia

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Parish of St. Joseph, Newport and Spotswood, acknowledges the Yalukit-willam people of the Bunurong Country who are the traditional owners of the land on which the churches of Sacred Heart and St. Margaret Mary stand. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading : Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 62:2-8

(R) My soul is thirsting for you O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **(R)**
So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **(R)**
So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R)**
On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **(R)**

Second Reading Thessalonians 4:13–18

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. [We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.]

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!



Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

Reflection - courtesy *Summit Online*

DID YOU KNOW?

Points of interest and Catholic lore

- A solemn procession from the house of the bride's father to the house of the bridegroom was an important part of the Jewish wedding ceremony. These bridesmaids are a 'guard of honour' to greet the groom on his return with his bride. Sometimes problems with the marriage contract or the unhurried exchange of gifts between families led to long delays in their return.
- Jesus referred to himself as a bridegroom (Mark 2:19–20), and the Church is sometimes referred to as the bride of Christ.

EXPLORING THE WORD

As the public ministry of Jesus draws to a close, Matthew introduces the themes of delay and the need to be ready for the second coming of Christ. Matthew's community were living in the 'in-between' times. Christ's victory over death through his resurrection had begun a new phase in history, but it was not yet complete. Completion would only come with his return in glory.

We again hear the familiar imagery of the messianic banquet or wedding feast to which all are invited. But only those who live with an attitude of openness and readiness will come into the great hall.

This parable speaks strongly of the need to live in the present with an eye to the future. We cannot live only for the 'now' with no thought for our ultimate goal, nor can we ignore the sufferings and responsibilities of the present and set our hearts only on heaven.

- How well do you balance the spiritual and practical realities of life?
- In what ways are you ready for Christ's coming in baptism?

PARISH NEWS

Columban Calendar 2027 (Order) - $12

Columban Calendars for 2027 are now available to order. Please contact the Parish Office **before Friday 20th November** to place your order. $12 each.

Month of November - Month of Remembrance

During the month of November, we ask all Parishioners to write names of their departed family members, which will be projected at weekday Masses. Envelopes for November Masses for the Holy Souls, will be available at church.

Draft Parish Strategic Plan for Review

Please find enclosed in this bulletin an insert with a working draft of the Parish Strategic Plan for your review. We hope that this adequately captures your feedback and your hopes for our Parish. Members of the Parish Pastoral Council will be available after Masses on the weekend of November 7-8 to hear your thoughts. Alternatively, you are are welcome to email us at **Newport.Spotswood-PPC@cam.org.au**.

Annual Parish Forum - Sacred Heart Church, November 22

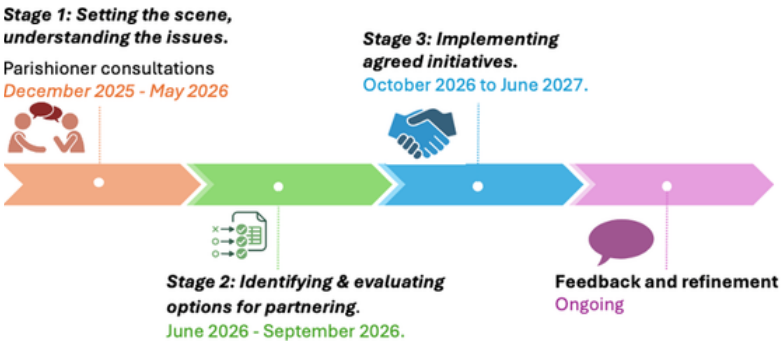
Please find included in this newsletter the Agenda and Meeting Papers for our upcoming Annual Parish Forum to be held following the 10am Mass on November 22. We hope you can all attend and stay for our Parish Luncheon to be held in the Sacred Heart School Hall.

Congratulations, Fr Binh Le

The Parish of St. Joseph, Newport and Spotswood, acknowledges the recent appointment of Reverend Father Binh Le to the position of Vicar General for the Archdiocese of Melbourne, commencing 1 February 2027. We wish him all the best for this new role and continue to keep him in our prayers.

Partnering In Mission Corner

The Joint Partnership Steering committee truly appreciate all your valuable thoughts, ideas, feedbacks and suggestions at our consultation sessions. The parishioners will receive an update on 22 November 2026 at the Annual Parish Forum. The "Partnering for Mission" document is available on our website.



Sunday Collections (31st October & 1st November 2026)

1st Collection	2nd Collection
$458.40	$673.20

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Scan the QR code to receive our weekly parish newsletter and stay connected to the latest news and events.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Death Anniversaries:

Bill DOOLEY
Tony LTEIF
Daniel MURPHY
Maria & Anton MIJIC

Sick:

Helen KELLY
Maree WALSH
Baby Callum WALSH
Emma GIANNOUKAS



ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

Faith in Action: An election guide from the Bishops of Victoria

Ahead of the 2026 Victorian election, the Bishops of Victoria have issued an election statement highlighting key issues for Catholics to consider when deciding their vote. You are invited to read the statement and prayerfully discern how your vote can contribute to the common good. View the statement online at: bit.ly/StateElection2026 or via the QR code.

PRAYER GROUPS

Marian Movement of Priests

Held every Thursday 12.30 pm till 3.30 pm but will no longer be held at the Jubilee Centre. If you are interest please contact: Mary Nassar

Rosary Group

The group meets every first Monday of the month at 1.00 pm in the presbytery. **However, November's meeting will be on the 9th November 2026.**

PORTABLE SMART TERMINALS

For those of us that do not carry cash, we now have portable smart terminals available in the foyer.

You can make your collection offering electronically here

If you would like to join our parish thanksgiving program, and receive a thanksgiving envelope number. Please contact the parish office.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CORNER

SACRED HEART SCHOOL
https://www.shnewport.catholic.edu.au

ST MARGARET MARY'S SCHOOL
https://www.smmspotswood.catholic.edu.au

Tonight our staff were led by Carlie Anderson from #imaginewithscripture in a beautiful experience of Imaginative Prayer, entering more deeply into the story of The Visitation (Luke 1:39–56).
A wonderful opportunity to encounter Scripture through imagination, reflection and prayer. ✨🙏

Happy World Teachers' Day!
Today we celebrated our wonderful teachers and staff with a special morning tea. Thank you for the care, dedication and passion you bring to our school community each day. You play such an important role in making St Margaret Mary's a welcoming place where our students feel supported, connected and ready to learn. We appreciate all that you do!



EVENTS

Rite of First Reconciliation

Please keep in your prayers the children who have received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation.



Combined Parish Youth Gathering

Every first Saturday of the month

We now have a new age range for The Combined Parishes Youth Group. The age range has changed from 13-19 years and **is now 15-25 years of age.**

Place: Parish Centre, Williamstown
Time: 7pm (after youth lead vigil mass at 6 pm)
To register, please contact Martin and Branka Briffa. Sign-in required.

Upcoming dates:
Saturday, 7th November
Saturday, 5th December



Baptism Dates 2026

SH - 21 November
SMM - 19 December

Australian Catholic Youth Ministry Network

The Parish of St. Joseph, Newport and Spotswood, holds the care, safety and wellbeing of all children, young people and adults at risk as a central and fundamental responsibility for our community.