



The parish of *St Joseph*
Newport & Spotswood



Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, THE KING of the UNIVERSE, YEAR B **24th November**

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Mass Time

Tue & Thu – **9.15am, Spotswood**
Wed & Fri – **9.15am, Newport**
Sat - **5.30pm, Spotswood**
Sun - **10.00am, Newport**

Reconciliation

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

Parish Administrator

Father Samuel Kapani PA

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Sacramental Co-Ordinators

Sr Lorraine Robinson
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Irene Bongetti
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Barbara Payne
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Larissa Cairns
Director

REFLECTION BY JOHN THORNHILL SM

Today's feast is a relative newcomer to the Church's liturgy – established by Pius XI, last century, as the Church's response to the emergence of totalitarian regimes. There is a certain irony in the fact that when it was established earthly kings and queens had become little more than figureheads. The gospels of the liturgies of this feast in the three-year cycle, however, make it clear that this symbolic theme can still invite us to deepen our appreciation of the role of the Saviour in the designs of God. The first and second readings – from the prophecy of Daniel, concerning 'the Son of Man', and a reading from the Apocalypse proclaiming the fulfilment of the prophecy in Christ – remind us of the deep roots this theme has in the Scriptures. This year's gospel reading from John takes us to the heart of the drama being enacted before the Roman governor – as, according to the words of Jesus at the Supper, the 'Son of Man' is being 'glorified', and in him God is being glorified. Jesus will reign, but he assures Pilate that his kingdom – 'not of this world' – is not in competition with the earthly powers Pilate represents. He will establish God's reign, not by power and violence, but by bringing his 'truth' to the world, the truth that is one of the principal themes of John's gospel ('Father, consecrate my disciples in the truth, your word is truth', Jn 14:6; 'I AM truth and life', Jn 14:6). This truth is a sharing in the wisdom of the Father, the personal truth in which we come to know who we are in the plan of God, the truth that 'sets us free' (Jn 8:32). The Kingdom announced and inaugurated by Jesus is a renewed creation, ruled by the ways of God - shaping all things, liberating them and leading them to their fullness. When Jesus teaches that this reign of God has already begun in a hidden way (Mk 4: 26 etc.) he is telling us that we can know something of this final achievement of God, when the truth he has brought to the world shapes our lives.

The exchange between Jesus and Pilate also makes it clear that the execution of Jesus is a consequence of his rejection by the establishment of the Jewish nation. In John's gospel, this conflict is described in terms of the 'truth' that he has brought from his Father: 'It is because I speak the truth that you cannot believe me' (8:45). He has urged his people to find again their true calling in the designs of God, to be 'a light to the nations', showing the world the life and joy of a people living according to the ways they have learned from his Father.

John's gospel, as we have seen, portrays Jesus as reigning on the Cross. His exchange with Pilate echoes through the continuing narrative, 'Here is your king', Pilate declares (18:14); the governor's 'notice' reads 'King of the Jews' (18:19); Jesus entrusts the beloved disciple – standing for us all – to his mother (19:26); 'the blood and water' from his side are solemnly proclaimed as a blessing upon us all. What Jesus foretold early in his ministry has been realized: 'The Son of Man must be lifted up so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life' (Jn 3:14). The symbol of kingship may have become archaic, but what it speaks of in the Scriptures, concerning the role of the Saviour in reign of God, has an everlasting relevance, far removed from the politics of this world.



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SAFETY OF YOUNG CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND VULNERABLE ADULTS.

The parish of St Joseph, Newport and Spotswood, holds the care, safety and wellbeing of children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility for our community.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT 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

Daniel 7:13-14

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants.

His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 92(93):1-2,5

R. The Lord is King; he is robed in majesty.

1. The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed; the Lord has robed himself with might, he has girded himself with power. **(R)**
2. The world you made firm, not be moved; your throne has stood firm from of old. From all eternity, O Lord, you are. **(R)**
3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted. Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time. **(R)**

2nd Reading

Apocalypse 1:5-8

Grace and peace to you from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the First-Born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 18:33-37

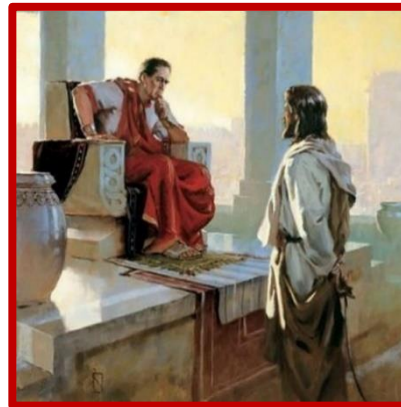
'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION BY SR MARY FERMIO

Recently King Charles visited Australia and crowds flocked to see him, shake hands with him, to acknowledge his role as King of the Commonwealth. Security guards watched carefully to prevent any harm to him, and he left leaving good memories of a smiling, gracious person.

Jesus as a King was welcomed to Jerusalem on Palm Sunday with great acclaim, but in today's Gospel, a few

days later, his people have betrayed him, denounced him as their King. Crowds gathered, not to cheer him, but to call for him to be crucified, a mob it seems, controlled and encouraged by jealous leaders. Jesus, calmly reminded Pilate, that he was no threat, as his Kingdom was not an earthly one but one of truth, to which he would witness. We gather at Mass each Sunday to honour our King, to listen to his Word, to give witness to the truth in our daily lives – our homes, our parish, our local community. As a participant of this Kingdom, as one called to witness, how would I rate myself from one to ten? Or like Pilate will I ask "What is truth?"



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION: MY KINGDOM IS NOT OF THIS WORLD

Almighty, ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, King of the Universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.

As I come to my place of prayer, I begin by taking the time to slow down and relax. I breathe deeply, aware of being in God's presence. What do I want to ask for as I think of this feast of Christ, King of the Universe? When I'm ready, I read the text slowly, a couple of times, noting what strikes me. I take the time to imagine the scene that the prophet is drawing.

How do I feel when I see the 'one like a son of man' – Christ himself in glory – coming on clouds from heaven? Does this alter when I observe people of every nation and language before him? I speak to the Lord about what I see, feel, and respond to.

I look at the text again and perhaps consider this 'son of man'. His reign will never pass away. Am I part of this? In what way? Do I wish to accept him as my Lord and my king? What does this mean to me today? In what way do I think he wants me to serve him? I spend time pondering this, listening to him and speaking from my heart.

I now focus on the people of all nations crowding before him. What do I pray for them today? I end by praying 'Thy kingdom come, thy will be done . . .'

PARISH DONATIONS

For those of us that do not carry cash, we now have portable smart terminals available at our Mass's for Thanksgiving/Donations. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be a Children's Liturgy this weekend 24th November at Sacred Heart 10:00am mass.

CUPPA AND A CHAT

Please join us for a cuppa and chat on 1st December at Sacred Heart Church after 10:00am mass. Hosted by the sustainability team. All welcome.

REMEMBRANCE AREA

There will be a Remembrance area at both churches in November for families to place photos (no large photos) and names of deceased loved ones, asking the community to remember them in prayer, This November. memories of our deceased loved ones fill our hearts in a special way. So many encounters recalled, laughter, tears, hopes and fears, good wishes, disappointments, expressions of love-all fixed in our memories and brought to life, if for a few moments. Praying to our loved ones and for them manifests the common life we all share together in this beautiful mystery, the Communion of Saints.

ANNUAL PARISH FORUM AND INVITATION TO JOIN THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

We will hold our Annual Parish Forum directly after 10am Mass at Sacred Heart Church on Sunday, November 24. The forum will be followed by our end of year luncheon that is open to all parishioners, where we will be able to acknowledge and celebrate the contributions so many people have made to the life of our parish this year. All are welcome to attend - please save the date.

You are invited to our
Annual Parish Forum & Lunch
Please join us as we celebrate the life of our parish

St. Joseph's Annual Parish Forum to be held
Sunday, November 24
after 10am Mass at Sacred Heart Church

Followed by lunch in the
Sacred Heart School Hall

All welcome!

PARISH FAITH FORMATION



The prayer time advertised for November 28th has been cancelled, due to insufficient numbers

We will offer different initiatives throughout 2025 & hope they will meet parishioner need. Please keep your

feedback & ideas flowing

LECTOR AND SPECIAL MINISTERS REQUIRED

We are looking for Volunteers to be Lectors and Special Ministers at Mass. Training will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Ivana at the Parish office on 9391 1201 or via email Newport.spotswood@cam.org.au Please note that you must have a current Working with Children check, and signed code of conduct.

POWER POINT, MUSIC VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Required to operate PowerPoint Training will be provided.

OUR SICK

Romano, Rita Galea, Editha Begovic, Joe Attard, John, Helen Kelly

ANNIVERSARIES

Emanuel Cassar, Dan Murphy and All November Intentions.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Paul Orfali

If you are interested, please contact Ivana at the Parish office on 9391 1201 or via e-mail at Newport.spotswood@cam.org.au Please note that you must have a current Working with Children Check and signed Code of Conduct.

SACRED HEART PARISH SCHOOL

This week, an entrepreneurial group of Year 1 students (yes, only Year 1!) enacted a big idea to raise money for our new outdoor kitchen. With the support of Kate, their teacher, and our amazing supportive parents, the girls held a Bake Sale and raised a



massive \$592.70 for cooking utensils to stock the kitchen. We love that our students can see a need and do something about it. Congratulations girls on your initiative and commitment. The Sacred Heart spirit is alive and flourishing.

"IT'S A GRAND NIGHT FOR SINGING"

The very popular 'Opera Night' returns to St Mary's Williamstown on Saturday 30 November. It will be a grand night indeed! Following the wonderful feedback received from last year, along with the acclaimed Michael Lapina (Tenor), we will also welcome back Eleanor Blythman (Soprano), Karen Van Spall (Mezzo Soprano) and Adam Miller (Baritone). These gifted artists will again provide wonderful entertainment with classics and favourites from the world of Opera and Musical Theatre. Also make sure you enjoy a pre event drink and catch-up in the Parish Centre! Ticket sales have been strong and with just 2 weeks to the big night, make sure you don't miss out on what promises to be another magical night. To secure your tickets contact Event Organiser Stephen on 0458 358 116 or stephen@parishfirst.com.au

RED NOVEMBER: A CHANCE TO STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

Throughout November, Catholics in Melbourne and around the world are being called to remember and stand in solidarity with persecuted Christians through the Red November campaign, led by Aid to the Church in Need (ACN), a pontifical charity working for the cause of persecuted Christians globally. The month-long initiative seeks to raise awareness, prayer and support for Christian communities facing severe hardship and violence around the globe. Bernard Toutounji, National Director of Aid to the Church in Need Australia and New Zealand, emphasises the importance of standing with Christians who do not enjoy the protections that we take for granted in Australia. To continue reading, please visit: <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/red-november-a-chance-to-stand-in-solidarity-with-persecuted-christians>

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.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

1 st Collection Presbytery Offering	2 nd Collection Thanksgiving Offering
To support: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parish clergy• Sick and retired priests• Priests in needy parishes• Archbishop & auxiliary bishops	To support: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parish running costs• Parish pastoral initiatives• Diocesan and various services
If you would like to join parish thanksgiving programme, please contact the parish office. Thank you.	

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible
and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only
Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before
all ages. God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father; through him all
things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down
from heaven,

*and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin
Mary, and became man.*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and
rose again on the third day in accordance with the
Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the
right hand of the Father. He will come again in
glory to judge the living and the dead and his
kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of
life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic
Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I long for You in
my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,
Come at least spiritually into my heart.

As though You have already come, I embrace
You and unite myself entirely to You;
Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen

ST MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE

O St Margaret Mary, through you, Jesus pours
Out His abundant graces on all mankind. Help us
to put aside personal interests and abandon
Ourselves entirely and lovingly to His Adorable
Heart. May our work, like yours, merit His special
Care and favour, through Jesus' Holy Name.

Amen