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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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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT- 29 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.

PARISH CALENDAR AND COMMUNITY OBSERVANCES

NOVEMBER:

29th: First Sunday Advent

DECEMBER:

1st Dec (Tuesday): Advent Reflection session 1, 7.00-8.30 pm
Sacred Heart school staff room
4th: Friday Parish Morning Tea (Presbytery)
6th: Cuppa and Chat (SH)
7th: Rosary Group (Presbytery)
15th: Advent Reflection session 2
19th: Baptisms (SMM)
25th: Nativity of the Lord
27th: Holy Family



NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Date	Lector	Special Minister	Powerpoint	Choir	Liturgy
Sat 05 Dec '26	Marizabel Saliba	Jane Attard	Lilly Mullins	n/a	Carmel Crawford
Sun 06 Dec '26	Maria Main	Lori Penna	Tom Penna	Parish Choir	

Counting team (week beginning 29th November 26)
Team A - Helen, Rose, Angela

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 : Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1,3-8

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, Our Redeemer is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance. Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down - at your Presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him.

You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours is like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind.

No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 79:2-3,15-16,18-19

(R) Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. **(R)**
God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see,
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **(R)**
May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. **(R)**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace. I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

Reflections: Courtesy *Summit Online*

DID YOU KNOW?

Points of interest and Catholic lore

- Advent is a four-week season of preparation for Christmas. During this time we reflect on the coming of Christ into human history as a small baby, the coming of Christ at the end of time and the coming of Christ into our own lives each day. Thus Advent has a past, present and future dimension.
- The season of Advent is the beginning of the Church's liturgical year. The Church's liturgical year follows a three-year cycle, and we move today into the second of those, Year B. The gospel readings for this year come predominantly from the Gospel of Mark.

SHARING THE TRADITION

The celebration of a feast to honour the birth of Jesus did not emerge in the West until the fourth century. Scholars generally note that by ad 336 such a feast was in place and celebrated in Rome on 25 December. This comparatively late development of a feast to celebrate the birth of Christ may seem surprising to contemporary Christians, for whom Christmas is so central. However, we must remember that the early Christians expected the glorious return of Christ in their own lifetimes. It was only with time and an obvious delay of the second coming that such a feast could emerge. Furthermore, time provided the opportunity for a greater and more mature theological reflection on the mysteries of the incarnation and the second coming.

Advent, as a period of preparation for the feast of Christmas, developed later still. There is no evidence of such a preparatory time in Rome until well into the sixth century. It was Pope Gregory the Great (ad 590–604) who established a four-week liturgical preparation for Christmas, but the eschatological (end times) themes of the second coming were not established until the Middle Ages.

'Advent has a two-fold character— Christ's coming in history is remembered; and to await Christ's second coming at the end of time' (General Norms of the Liturgical Year).

PARISH NEWS

Advent Reflection (1st & 3rd Week of Advent)

We shall gather in the first and third week of Advent in Sacred Heart School, Newport at 7 pm on Tuesday 1 December and Tuesday 15 December to enter the wonderful season of Advent. In Week 1 of Advent we still ourselves and share how God is gracing our lives. In Week 3 we take a moment to appreciate and give thanks for the ways in which God's healing love sets us free.

First week of Advent

God comes quietly- through the sacraments, Scripture, silence, interruptions, neighbours, and the beauty of creation. But endless stimulation and activity leaves us restless and empty. The remedy is loving attention, ready for the Lord who comes quietly in grace and will come suddenly in glory. (Presence, Wollongong Advent Daily Reflections)

Third week of Advent

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me. He has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to proclaim liberty to captives and freedom to those in prison. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God. (Isaiah 61: 1, 10)

2026 Annual Parish Forum and Lunch

Many thanks to all who joined us for Sunday's Annual Parish Forum and Lunch. It was a great opportunity to meet, celebrate the year, and give thanks to all those who contribute to our Parish community in so many ways. The 2027-2029 Strategic Plan was approved and is available on our website.

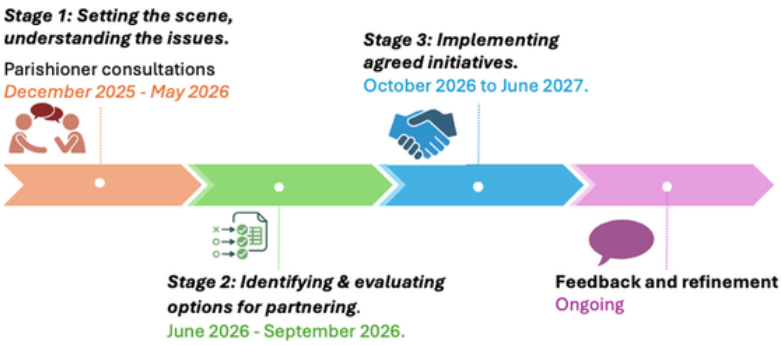
Volunteers Needed

The amazing cleaning teams for both churches urgently need more hands to help with keeping our beautiful churches clean and tidy. Each team meets 6 times a year and times are flexible. If you are able to spare 2 hours to help, please contact Fr Samuel or the Parish Office. All supplies provided.

The livestream team for Sunday masses at Sacred Heart also needs more help. All training will be provided. Please contact Fr Samuel or the Parish Office if you are able to help.

Christmas Season Masses Roster

Please let the Parish Office know if you are able to assist with any of the Christmas Season Masses as a Lector, Special Minister, or Powerpoint for Christmas Eve Mass, Christmas Day & 26th / 27th December 2026. Thank you.



Sunday Collections (21st & 22nd November 2026)

1st Collection	2nd Collection
$631.55	$774.05

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recent Deaths:

Giuseppe RAGUSO

Death Anniversaries:

Antonio LOIACONO
Mariantonina PATANIA
Marianna PATANIA
Rosa SIRGIOVANNI
Caterina MURATORE
Alfonzo MURATORE

Sick:

Helen KELLY
Brian MISQUITTA





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. Next meeting will be on 7th December 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

A big congratulations to Holly on successfully completing her VIT project! Your enthusiasm, dedication and commitment to strengthening Maths learning in your classroom has been wonderful to see! Well done

Our students enjoyed a fantastic Taekwondo lesson during PE today with Jeongsin Taekwondo! Students had the opportunity to develop their coordination, focus, confidence and discipline while learning new skills and having plenty of fun along the way!
Thank you to Christie at @jeongsintkd for sharing your skills with our students!



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, 5th December



Baptism Dates 2026

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.