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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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20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 16 AUG 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

AUGUST:

15th: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

15th: Baptisms (SMM)

15th: Cuppa and Chat / Fr. Samuel's 50th Birthday Celebration (SMM)

20th: PPC Meeting

22nd: First Eucharist (SMM)

23rd: The Archbishop's Campaign ends

23rd: First Eucharist (SH)

29th: Wear it Purple Day

30th: First Eucharist (SH)

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER – 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Date	Lector	Special Minister	Powerpoint	Choir	Liturgy
Sat 22 Aug '26	Ante Dragovic	Lidia Cammarano	Lilly Mullins	Parish Choir	Des Devlin
Sun 23 Aug '26	Tony Nicholson	Alice Guinery	Branka Briffa	Martin Briffa	

Counting team (week beginning 16th August '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 :

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8

(R) O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **(R)**
Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **(R)**
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R)**

Second Reading : **Romans 11:13-15, 29-32**

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice. Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.



Reflection - courtesy Summit Online

DID YOU KNOW?

Points of interest and Catholic lore

- The cities of Tyre and Sidon were the leading towns of ancient Phoenicia. Both cities were on the Mediterranean coast of what is now modern Lebanon. The Phoenicians were descendants of the even more ancient Canaanites, who populated the area earlier.
- Israel despised the Canaanites. It loathed the Canaanite religion with its pagan gods and fertility cults and found many of their practices abominable.

PARISH NEWS

Baptisms

This weekend we welcome, **Hiraya, Sadie & Harper** their family, Godparents & Witnesses to our parish community. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Cuppa & Chat

Our monthly Cuppa & Chat will be held at St. Margaret Mary's Church Spotswood after Mass this weekend, which will also be combined with Fr. Samuel's milestone 50th Birthday celebration. Please join us with a thanksgiving supper for Fr. Samuel. You are welcome to bring a plate to share.



The Archbishop's Campaign

The 2026 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway and we ask everyone to consider a one time or monthly pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Brochures with more information can be found around the church. Online (direct debit or credit card) donations are the most secure and preferred method of donating and can be made via the QR code. You can also donate via the supplied campaign envelopes or anonymously via cash directly into the collection plate during the campaign weekends.

Partnering In Mission Corner

The Joint Partnership Steering committee truly appreciate all your valuable thoughts, ideas, feedbacks and suggestions at our consultation sessions. Please be assured that the parishioners will receive ongoing updates at every stage of the process. The "Partnering for Mission" document is available on our website.

Upcoming meeting: 21st October 2026

Stage 1: Setting the scene, understanding the issues.

Parishioner consultations
December 2025 - May 2026



Stage 3: Implementing agreed initiatives.

October 2026 to June 2027.



Stage 2: Identifying & evaluating options for partnering.

June 2026 - September 2026.



Feedback and refinement
Ongoing



Sunday Collections (8th & 9th August 2026)

1st Collection
\$561.10

2nd Collection
\$730.50

Join Our Parish Mailing List

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



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recent Deaths:

Death Anniversaries:

Salvatore RUNDO
John MARTUCCIO
Simon MARTUCCIO
Angela GALEA

Sick:

Bill DOOLEY
Chris SALIBA
Helen KELLY



ARCHDIOCESE NEWS



Synod26 Corner

By Miriam Kruse

Fr. Samuel and I attended the Regional Synod Consultation Session for the Western Region, entitled Melbourne Synod - Take the Way of the Gospel. This is a consultation process which will inform the actual Melbourne Synod in December this year. We were guided through a process called Spiritual Conversation based on prayer, attentive listening and discerning where the Holy Spirit is leading us.

Archbishop Comensoli invited us to reflect on one of three key themes for the Synod: Young Discipleship, Missionary Leadership and Formation and Participation. Fr Samuel and I were involved in dialogue with others around the theme of Young Discipleship. Feedback from these Spiritual Conversations will be compiled and used during the Melbourne Synod later this year.

Please continue to pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance during this consultation process, which will conclude across all regions by mid-August 2026.

Further information: Melbourne Synod 2026 | Melbourne Catholic

Archdiocese Special Collections 2026

- 9 - 23 August: The Archbishop's Campaign

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 interested please contact: Mary Nassar 0402 329 683 or Christina Leandri 0429 080 003

Rosary Group

The group meets every first Monday of the month at 1.00 pm in the Jubilee Room. The next one is on 7 September 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>

EVENTS

Rite of First Eucharist –

Dates & Mass Times at St. Margaret Mary's Church Spotswood (SMM):

Saturday, 22nd August at 5.30 pm
(only 6 places).

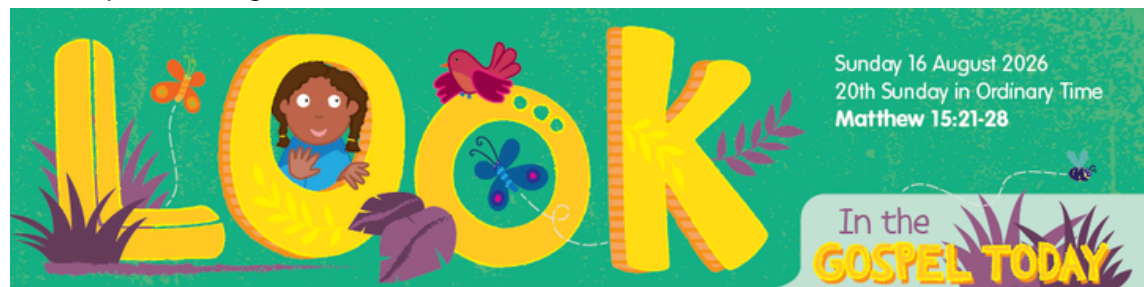
Date & Mass Times at Sacred Heart (SH):

Saturday, 23rd August at 10.00 am
Sunday, 30th August at 10.00 am

Preparation Lessons (Sacred Heart Church at 9 am)

– Sunday, August 16

Students will be accompanied at lessons by family / friend / godparent.



MARY IS SPECIAL!

Holiday Time

Jesus came to the people who live in your holiday place as well to you and your friends and family.



Draw a picture of yourself on holiday.

A foreigner wants Jesus to make her sick daughter well again. She asks and asks for help. Jesus loves everyone, no matter where they are from. So, Jesus makes the little girl better!

"Help me"

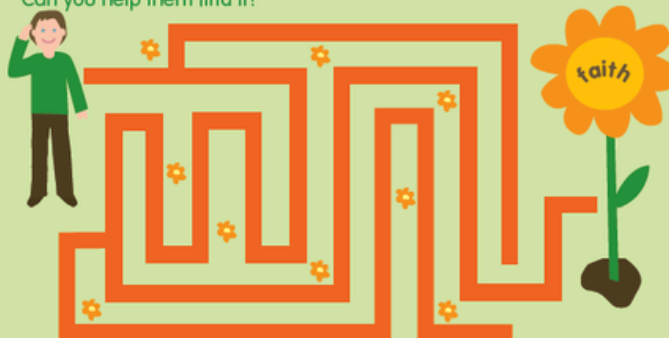
I BELIEVE JESUS
will HELP me when I
ASK him and PRAY
for what I NEED.
THANK you Jesus.

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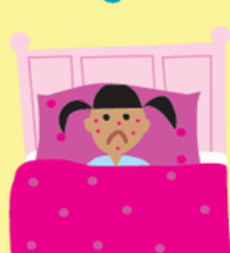
Can you find the bold words in the word search?

A puzzle

The mother had great faith. Here is someone looking for faith.
Can you help them find it?



Getting better: spot the difference



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GETTING BETTER

Can you draw circles around 5 differences in the picture on the right?

Answers: Getting better: bed frame, sad mouth, spots, book, PJs.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Help me, Jesus, to love and help everyone, wherever they are from. Amen.



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Combined Parish Youth Gathering

Every first Saturday of the month

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 date:

Saturday, 5 September



Baptism Dates 2026

SH - 19 September
SMM - 17 October
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.