

The parish of *St Joseph* *Newport & Spotswood*



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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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PENTECOST - 24 MAY 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

MAY:

24th: Pentecost

26th: National Sorry Day

27th: Partnership Steering Committee Meeting

28th: Safeguarding Committee Meeting

31st: Most Holy Trinity



NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER - TRINITY SUNDAY

Date	Lector	Special Minister	Powerpoint	Choir	Liturgy
Sat 30 May '26	TBC Khim Yap	Katherine Wong	Melissa Tang	n/a	TBC Carmel Crawford
Sun 31 May '26	Patrick Conheady	Bang Bui	Branka Briffa	Martin Briffa	

Counting team (week beginning 31st May '26):

Team A - Helen, Angela, Rose

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 : Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm 103:1, 24,29-31, 34

(R) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. **(R)**

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **(R)**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. **(R)**

Second Reading : Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:19-23

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'



Reflection - courtesy Summit Online

DID YOU KNOW?

Points of interest and Catholic lore

- Pentecost was originally a Jewish harvest festival that was celebrated fifty days after the Passover. It was one of the great 'pilgrimage' festivals, which meant that people came to celebrate this feast at the temple. It was for this festival that so many pilgrims were present in Jerusalem on the day when the Spirit was manifested in the lives of the disciples.
- The Christian feast of Pentecost is fifty days after Easter and is the culmination of the Lent–Easter–Pentecost cycle.
- The Church teaches that the Holy Spirit brings both gifts and fruits to the faithful (see Sharing the Tradition).

Sharing the Tradition

A closer look at the Scripture of the day, to see how it makes more explicit God's word to us through the teachings of Jesus Christ

Coming to faith is not so much acquiring a new set of beliefs about God as it is discovering God's existence within the realities of our daily lives. The gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit help us to be more attuned to the actions of God in our lives and in our world. At baptism, the Spirit comes upon the newly initiated Christian, and at confirmation, the Spirit of God is renewed and confirmed in the faithful.

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are: wisdom, understanding, counsel (right judgment), fortitude (courage), knowledge, piety (reverence) and fear (awe) of the Lord (CCC, §1831).

The Church lists twelve fruits of the Spirit: charity (love), joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control and chastity (CCC, §1832).

Explore these gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. How do you see them manifest in yourself and others? In what ways do we need to cultivate these gifts and fruits?

New PPC Members

Following our Annual Parish Forum in November, we reached out earlier this year for expressions of interest to join our PPC for 2 general member vacancies. We were very blessed to have had a number of gifted parishioners offer to serve our Parish through these roles. After careful deliberation, we now welcome **Paul Sharkey** and **Gary Nunes** to the PPC.

Marion Movement of Priests

Held every Thursday 12.30 pm till 3.30 pm held in the Jubilee Room. If you are interest please contact:

Mary Nassar 0402 329 683 or Christina Leandri 0429 080 003

Parish Secretary Away on Leave

The Parish Secretary will be away on holidays from Monday 25th May & will return on Thursday 11th June 2026. We are looking for any Volunteers who will be able to answer any phone calls & emails that we receive. Please let Fr. Samuel know if you are available.

Novena Day Four to Saint John Paul II

St. Leo the Great Parish warmly invites clergy & parishioners from neighbouring parishes to join us for **Day Four of the Novena** to St. John Paul II, as we commemorate the **40th Anniversary of his visit to our parish in 1986.**

Date: Thursday 28th May 2026 Time: 7 pm Mass, followed by Novena Prayers, Benediction & fellowship.

The Novena Mass will be led by Fr. Victor Farrugia. All are welcome.

Mass Roster Volunteers for July - Dec 2026

We are currently trying to fill in the Volunteer Mass Roster for July - Dec 2026. Please email the office the weekend dates that you can cover as a Lector, Special Minister, PowerPoint, Choir / Musician or Liturgy. We greatly appreciate all our Volunteers.

Rosary Group

The group meets on the first Monday of the month at 1.00 pm in the Jubilee Room. The next one will be held on 1 June 2026.

May Count

This will be held during the weekends in May



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 parish website (<https://www.stjosephs3015.com.au>).

The committee meets on 27 May 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 (16 & 17 May 2026)

1st Collection
\$495.95

2nd Collection
\$664.25

Join Our Parish Mailing List

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



Recent Deaths:

Shirley Farrer

Death Anniversaries:

Simon VASSALLO

Gerardine GREEN

Peter, Theresa, BENOIS

Valentine ANTHONY

Walter JOSEPH

Patrick & Tes BROUGHTON

Margaret & Alex NATHAN

Peter NG

Lucy, Joseph, Benedict,

Christopher, Anthony TAN

Mary Philomine SUNDRAM

Ivy, Francis, Jerome

XAVIER

Louis, Anthony, Pakiam

MICHAEL

Evelyn VICTOR

Sick:

John

Michelle NEWMAN

Helen KELLY

Kristy ROBINSON



Death Anniversaries:

Damien VAN DER LINDEN

Fr. FOSSION & Fr. JOHN

Jacintha ANTHONY

Leslie RODRIGUES

Anna RUTH

Antoinette JOSEPH

Peter OWEN

Brother Michael

BROUGHTON

Marie Francisca Rita

ANTHONY

ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

Synod26 Corner



12. Synodality and unity

Walking together does not mean everyone thinks the same way. The Church has always held unity alongside diversity. Synodality helps us learn how to disagree respectfully, discern patiently, and remain united in Christ even amid differences.

13. Why discernment is essential

Discernment is more than discussion. It is a prayerful process of seeking God's will. In a Synod, time is given to silence, prayer, and reflection so that decisions emerge from faith, not haste.

Archdiocese Special Collections 2026

- 7 June - 26 July: Propagation of the Faith
- 14 June: Winter Appeal - St Vincent de Paul Society
- 28 June: Peter's Pence
- 9 - 23 August: The Archbishop's Campaign

Portable smart Terminals

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



Join Our Thanksgiving Program

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

ST MARGARET MARY'S SCHOOL

EVENTS

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO

SACRED HEART 125 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Sunday 14th June 10am

Come and celebrate 125 years of education at Sacred Heart Primary School, Newport. Join us on Sunday 14th June for our 10am Parish Mass, followed by open classrooms featuring historical displays, Devonshire tea and entertainment as we celebrate our rich history and community together.



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<https://www.smmspotswood.catholic.edu.au>



St Margaret Mary's Primary School - Spotswood
3rd - 6th

Our Student Representative Council (SRC) has been making a wonderful impact throughout Terms 1 and 2 at St Margaret Mary's Spotswood. ★

From lunchtime clubs and fundraising ideas to playground improvements, our students have shown great leadership, teamwork and strong student voice.

<https://www.shnewport.catholic.edu.au>

Children's Liturgy

During the 10 am mass at Sacred Heart Church, Newport, the school teachers and volunteers organise children's liturgy in Joseph's Retreat.

Liturgy this term:

31 May
22 June



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, 6 June



LOOK

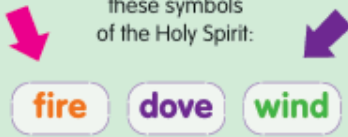
Sunday 24 May 2026
Pentecost
John 20:19-23

In the GOSPEL TODAY

PEACE!

Path word puzzle

Can you find a path that starts on the **F** and which spells out these symbols of the Holy Spirit:



You can go in any direction, but you can't go back across the path you make with your pencil.

W	I	N
E	F	D
V	D	I
O	E	R

Jesus' friends are frightened and are hiding in a room together. Suddenly Jesus appears! He says, "Peace be with you" and gives them his Holy Spirit. Jesus' friends aren't afraid anymore!

Who is here?

Join the dots to see Jesus in the locked room with the disciples. Imagine how they must have felt. Draw in their faces to show how they felt.



Word search

Can you find these words hidden on the door?

- DISCIPLE
- HOLY SPIRIT
- JOY
- JESUS
- PEACE
- WITH YOU
- DOOR
- FRIGHT



A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Jesus, for the peace your gift of the Holy Spirit brings. Amen.



The gift of peace

How can you share the gift of peace this week? Write or draw your ideas in the gift box.



SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWPORT

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF EDUCATION

COME AND JOIN US!

SUNDAY 14TH JUNE

Parish celebrations
10am Mass
Open Classrooms with historical displays
Devonshire tea
Entertainment

Please scan the QR Code to RSVP

