



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



**10th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B**

**9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024**

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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 Clergy

Father Binh Le PP

### Parish Pastoral Council

Katherine Wong  
Chairperson

### Secretary & Safeguarding Officer

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Tuesday & Friday: 9am – 4pm

### Sacramental Co-Ordinators

Sr Lorraine Robinson  
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Irene Bongetti  
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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.

### REFLECTION BY REV MARK O'BRIEN OP

As they say, it's all about perception and it can be difficult for us human beings to get the right angle on things. In a sense we can never see it all because we are inside our own heads and inside creation. The only person who can offer us the overall true perspective on ourselves and our world is God because, according to faith, God is not part of creation. The Bible's claim is that it provides something of this divine perspective, as the Vatican II document on Revelation says, that which is 'for the sake of our salvation'. But God doesn't impose; we are free to make our decision for or against this perspective. The Bible offers plenty of stories about people who decide for or against, seemingly encouraging us to make decisions too and providing crucial guidelines in the hope that we will make the right decision. In a way it is not surprising that the Bible effectively begins with the story of Adam and Eve who through temptation develop a distorted perception of God and reality and so make the wrong decisions. As a foundational story in the Bible it teaches that the foundational mistake we make is to try and play the role of creator rather than creature. According to the Bible this will inevitably create chaos. When you are using the literary form of story with characters and plot, you have to portray the merciful side of God ensuring that order is somehow restored so that life goes on (salvation). Otherwise you've ruined your story and your theology as well. You don't have to do this in a homily or an essay. Each literary form provides creative opportunities and imposes limitations. So our story has God pronounce a curse on the serpent (who was not subject to the command) and punishment for the couple (that is, us) until such time in the Bible story when God judges it is appropriate to 'lift' this sentence. The Gospels announce the good news that our liberation from this sentence is imminent. Such is the importance of this announcement that God does it personally in the person of Jesus and not through any messenger. But surprise, surprise – or perhaps it is not such a surprise - Jesus' mission to announce the Good News shows that the distorted perception of reality is very much alive. As Mark tells it, it afflicts all those around Jesus in various ways: we are all in need of healing. It even seems to affect his family who think he is mad. At a deeper level it afflicts the scribes who say that the devil is in him. This is the fascinating thing about our distorted perception of reality. One group seeing what Jesus does and says proclaims that a great prophet of God has come among them. Another group, the scribes, seeing the same deeds and hearing the same words proclaims that the devil has come among them. How does Jesus react to such distortions? He seeks to correct people's perception by teaching them. If the scribes see only evil in Jesus then they cannot of course seek good (forgiveness) from him. This would be a contradiction. Nor can forgiveness be given to those who deny that the one making the offer can forgive, that is, can do any good. In short, the scribes are in the same situation as Adam and Eve who are convinced by the tempter that God is mean and unjust. Despite the severity of Jesus' warning against those who blaspheme against the Holy Spirit, the reading ends with his offer of membership in his family to all those who are listening to his teaching: his mother, his family, the scribes with whom he is debating and the crowd that had collected. All each one needs to do is make the decision and he or she is most welcome. Jesus does not exclude; people exclude themselves by the decisions they make. When one becomes a member of the family of Jesus one also gains a new and true perspective on things. The difference is expressed nicely in the reading from Paul: 'we have no eyes for things that are visible, but only for things that are invisible; for visible things last only for a time, and the invisible things are eternal'. This doesn't mean that Paul and his Church opt out of the cut and thrust of life. This would be anti-incarnational: Jesus was very much involved in his times. What it does mean is that one can become involved in the things of this life, without becoming trapped by them, because one now has some insight into their true meaning and purpose.

### 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

### Genesis 3:9-15

The Lord God called to the man after he had eaten of the tree. 'Where are you?' he asked. 'I heard the sound of you in the garden;' he replied 'I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.' 'Who told you that you were naked?' he asked 'Have you been eating of the tree I forbade you to eat?' The man replied, 'It was the woman you put with me; she gave me the fruit, and I ate it.' Then the Lord God asked the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman replied, 'The serpent tempted me and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, 'Be accursed beyond all cattle, all wild beasts. You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust every day of your life. I will make you enemies of each other: you and the woman, your offspring and her offspring. It will crush your head and you will strike its heel.'

### Responsorial Psalm

### Ps 129

*R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.*

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice!

O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. (R.)

2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?

My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak. (R.)

3. My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. (R.)

4. Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. (R.)

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

### Hebrews 9:11-15

As we have the same spirit of faith that is mentioned in scripture – I believed, and therefore I spoke – we too believe and therefore we too speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise us with Jesus in our turn, and put us by his side and you with us. You see, all this is for your benefit, so that the more grace is multiplied among people, the more thanksgiving there will be, to the glory of God.

That is why there is no weakening on our part, and instead, though this outer man of ours may be falling into decay, the inner man is renewed day by day. Yes, the troubles which are soon over, though they weigh little, train us for the carrying of a weight of eternal glory which is out of all proportion to them. And so we have no eyes for things that are visible, but only for things that are invisible; for visible things last only for a time, and the invisible things are eternal.

For we know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made by human hands, in the heavens.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The prince of this world will now be cast out,

and when I am lifted up from the earth I will draw all to myself, says the Lord. Alleluia!

### Gospel

### Mark 3:20-35

Jesus went home with his disciples, and such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind.

The scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, 'Beelzebul is in him' and, 'It is through the prince of devils that he casts devils out.' So he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot last. And if a household is divided against itself, that household can never stand. Now if Satan has rebelled against himself and is divided, he cannot stand either – it is the end of him. But no one can make his way into a strong man's house and burgle his property unless he has tied up the strong man first. Only then can he burgle his house.

'I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies; but let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness: he is guilty of an eternal sin.' This was because they were saying, 'An unclean spirit is in him.'

His mother and brothers now arrived and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting round him at the time the message was passed to him, 'Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for you.' He replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking round at those sitting in a circle about him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.'

### SCRIPTURE REFLECTION: SR MARY FERMIO

Anyone who belongs to a team knows that trust, working together and being accountable to each other, leads to success. Division only brings failure. Even in a family household each must pull their weight to live in joy and peace.

Jesus reminds us that a household, (kingdom, government, political party) will crumble if they do not agree and work together. Jesus invites us to a different life, a life of inclusivity and hope, which brings strength, especially, when the team works together. If a person's house is strong, it can withstand attacks from without. Doing the will of God, makes us part of the family, part of the household, protects us from the works of Satan.

St Paul reminds us "there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made with human hands".

Am I a good team member of the households to which I belong – parish, local community, family?



"ALONE WE CAN  
DO SO LITTLE;  
TOGETHER  
WE CAN  
DO SO MUCH."  
- HELEN KELLER

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## VINNIES WINTER APPEAL IS HERE!

This weekend, our Newport Vinnies Conference will make our annual Winter Appeal for prayers, material assistance and members! To learn more (and donate online should you wish to), head to the following link:

<https://my.fundraiseforvinniesvic.org.au/vinnies-winter-%20appeal-2024/newport-%20conference?tab=donations>

or please use the attached barcode. In particular, this year we're looking for a few people who might be able to help out in our conference admin support roles. Think that might be you? Or want to learn more about Vinnies in our area? Head to the link above, chat with one of our members after Mass or contact Conference President Clare at [newportvinnies@gmail.com](mailto:newportvinnies@gmail.com).



## ANNUAL CLERGY CONFERENCE

Fr Binh will be away this week for the annual clergy conference. Thus, there will be only Communion Services during the week

## SACRED HEART FEAST DAY – SAVE THE DATE

Please see below for an invitation to join us for a celebration of the Feast of the Sacred Heart on Friday, June 14. All Welcome!



## 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.

## NEW BISHOP OF CAIRNS, FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND

Last Thursday, Pope Francis has appointed the Very Rev Joseph (Joe) John Caddy AM, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, as the new Bishop of Cairns in Far North Queensland. I know you will join with me in wishing him every success in Cairns with the confident knowledge that our loss will be to the immense benefit of the people there. To continue reading, please visit:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/melbourne-vicar-general-new-bishop-for-cairns>



## OUR SICK

Jo Vassallo, Shirley Farrar, Edna Fitzgerald, Branko Ujelac, Michelle Jenkins, Anne Sheahan-Lee, Michael Conlon, Paul Orfali, Elizabeth Sundatum, Barbara Payne, Kristy Robinson, John, Helen Kelly.

## ANNIVERSARIES

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Frank Said, Mirek Rudek, Vincent Tropiano

## 2024 PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL – 15<sup>TH</sup> & 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

In Mongolia, Chuluunbaatar suffered a life-altering injury while trying to rescue a submerged vehicle, leaving him unable to work and reliant on scarce support services for basic needs. Without shelter and food, Chuluunbaatar faces the real risk of freezing to death. Resources are limited, but the Church in Mongolia is working hard to provide essential services to people in need. We invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance these vital services. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope and tangible assistance to individuals like Chuluunbaatar. You can support this work by using the appeal envelopes available at Mass this weekend or by , going online at

<https://www.catholicmission.org.au/see-our-work-in-action/mongolia>.

## SACRED HEART PARISH SCHOOL

Emily, Eliza and Brooke take over our social media with an important message...

Hi Sacred Heart Community! It's Brooke, Emily and Eliza here! We are part of the Sustainability Leadership Group. We want to tell you about our trip to West Welcome Wagon yesterday. We took all of your coats, blankets, socks and jumpers that you donated so far to the warehouse yesterday. They were very thankful that we brought these in



because they will be going to people who need them this winter. Debbie, one of the volunteers, showed us around the warehouse and explained how everything runs, what the volunteers do and who the donations are for. When we were there, we sorted through all types of toys and teddies. We organised them into age groups and made sure that they were in very good condition. It was definitely an eye opener as we saw how many families in our community need things that will help them settle into their new life in Australia. We hope you all continue to bring some Winter Woolies into school to help those in need in our community.

From Brooke, Eliza and Emily

## FIAT 2024 BRINGS COMMUNITIES TOGETHER IN PRAYER

The second annual Fiat—A Weekend of Prayer wound up on Sunday 2 June as more than 1,500 people gathered for Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Carlton, before joining in a Eucharistic procession along Drummond Street and through the Carlton Gardens. To continue reading, please visit:<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/communities-join-together-in-prayer-as-fiat-2024-concludes>

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

Amen.

## AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,

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.

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

1 <sup>st</sup> Collection Presbytery Offering	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection Thanksgiving Offering
To support: • Parish clergy • Sick and retired priests • Priests in needy parishes • Archbishop & auxiliary bishops	To support: • 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.	

## ST MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE

O St Margaret Mary, through you, Jesus pours  
out His abundant graces to 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.