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Reconciliation

Sat 10.00–10.30am, Newport

5.00–5.20pm, Spotswood

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*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.*

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

19 OCTOBER 2025

REFLECTION

JOHN THORNHILL sm

A very typical human situation: a corrupt judge, pestered by a persistent widow, finally gives in to her, not because he is won over to acting justly, but because she is going to 'worry him to death'. We see an unfamiliar side of Jesus is in this parable; he is not long faced - he can speak of human foibles with an ironical humour. The story was all too common in the world that Jesus knew. The widow who cannot get a fair hearing, probably concerning her inheritance, represents 'the poor' with whom Jesus identifies. He is certainly not likening his Father to the judge of the parable, but using the parable as the basis of an 'even more so' argument, such as we find in other parables. Having caught their attention with his ironical little story, Jesus is presented by Luke as emphasising the trust in God that should motivate the prayer of his disciples. The sequence of Luke's compilation leading to this text helps us to understand the implications of Jesus' teaching. Between the teaching on 'faith' that we have considered on the last two Sundays, and today's reading, is a passage concerning 'the coming of the kingdom of God' and the day of 'the Son of Man's return'. Faith, we have seen, is an expectant openness to God's action in our midst. Our Opening Prayer this Sunday is linked with the openness we should have, as we look forward to the day 'when the Son of Man comes'. If the first concern of a lively faith is being alive to God's action in our lives, our prayer should begin and end in recognition that our lives have their real meaning in the unfolding of the plan conceived before all ages in the loving designs of God. This plan - the great virtue of Christian hope assures us - will certainly be realised; and in its realisation, all things will be turned to good. Of course, our personal needs and the concerns of those dear to us should be brought constantly before God in our prayer; but this should be done in the knowledge that these things are part of the plan of God, revealed in all its mercy and generosity in the coming of the Saviour, and realised through a providence that touches every detail of our lives and those who are dear to us. Prayer, Jesus is teaching us, is a living out of our faith; and, at the same time, our faith grows and matures through our life of prayer.

Our reading from the letter to Timothy is a good complement to the lesson of the gospel – urging us to a greater familiarity with the Scriptures. The whole story of the 'inspired Scriptures' is the unfolding of God's plan and the great promise it brings to Christian hope. This story of the Scriptures is important in the life of the Church 'for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy'.

Scholars assure us that the last words of the gospel are not pessimistic. Jesus knows that he will find faith when he comes – in 'the chosen ones who cry out to God day and night' – but his words are a warning for those who need it.



Next Weekend's Roster – 30th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Date	Lector	Special Minister	Power Point	Choir/Musician	Liturgy Roster
Saturday, 25 October 2025	Ante Dragovic	Jane Attard	Katherine Wong	n/a	Katherine Wong
Sunday, 26 October 2025	Christine Spiteri	Ivan Vadjal	Branka Briffa	Martin Briffa	

Counting team (week beginning Oct 27): 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

Exodus 17:8–13

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, ‘Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.’ Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses’ arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm until sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 120

R. Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth. (R)

May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel’s guard. (R)

The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night. (R)

The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever. (R)

2nd Reading

Timothy 3:14 – 4:

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people’s lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work. Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 18:1–8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. ‘There was a judge in a certain town’ he said who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, “I want justice from you against my enemy!” For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself “Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death.”

And the Lord said, ‘You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?’

REFLECTION

Mary Fermio

Prayer is something we can do at any time – washing up, driving, walking, etc. St Teresa of Avila describes prayer as “having a conversation with one by whom we know we are loved”.

The Gospel of this Sunday describes the persistence of a woman who wants the judge to give her justice. She apparently has a grievance against somebody and wants the judge to act. The judge has the power to solve her problem and acts, not out of a desire to help the woman, but to get rid of her. If the judge will do the right thing by this woman, surely, we can trust that a loving God will hear our prayer and do the right thing by us. We often think our prayer goes unanswered, but we never give up on God. Bring God into your daily activities and you will find God as a friend.

THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

WEEK & THEME	PRAYERS TO WORK ON	BIBLE STORY TO READ	ACTIVITY	EXTRA RESOURCES
THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES OCT. 4-10	• Younger Kids: <i>The Sign of the Cross</i> • Older Kids: <i>The Hail Mary</i> • Rosary Prayer Book • Mysteries Cards	The Nativity • Luke 2:4-15 Questions to Ponder: • What surprises you about how Jesus was born? • What gift would you have brought to baby Jesus?	• Make your own Rosary Book with all the prayers • Pray one decade of the Rosary together • Guide to Praying the Rosary	• Tips for Parents • Introduction to the Rosary for Kids • Rosary Craft • Read the other Bible stories for the Joyful Mysteries
THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES OCT. 11-17	• Younger Kids: <i>The Hail Mary</i> • Older Kids: <i>The Our Father</i> Use the Rosary Book you made during Week One	The Baptism of Jesus • Matthew 3:11-17 Questions to Ponder: • Where is Jesus in this story? Can you find God the Father and the Holy Spirit? • What do you know about your own Baptism?	• Add all the Mystery Cards to your Rosary Book • Pray one decade of the Rosary together	• Rosary Coloring Pages • Origin of the Rosary Video • Read the other Bible stories for the Luminous Mysteries
THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES OCT. 18-24	• Younger Kids: <i>The Glory Be</i> • Older Kids: <i>The Apostles Creed</i> Use the Rosary Book you made during Week One	The Crucifixion • Luke 23:33-46 Questions to Ponder: • What powerful things happened when Jesus died on the cross? • How does Jesus’ death show He loves us?	• Draw a picture of your favorite Mystery of the Rosary • Pray the Rosary together- try while on a walk or in the car	• How to Draw a Rosary • Read the other Bible stories for the Sorrowful Mysteries
THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES OCT. 25-31	• Younger Kids: <i>The Our Father</i> • Older Kids: <i>The Hail Holy Queen</i> Use the Rosary Book you made during Week One	The Resurrection • Matthew 28:1-10 Questions to Ponder: • What would you think if you were Mary Magdalene at the tomb on Easter morning?	• Pray the Rosary together- try before bed or while making dinner together. Have each person in the family lead a decade.	• Audio of the whole Rosary • Make your own Rosary • Read the other Bible stories for the Glorious Mysteries

PARISH NEWS

BAPTISMS - 18th October

We welcome Jack Alexander ZAMMIT & Violetta Loveday DEL MEDICO to our Parish Community. May we keep them, their families & Godparents in our prayers.

MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY (OCTOBER)

To honour our Mother we will be offering the chance to pray the rosary as a community each Saturday in October. Please join us at Sacred Heart church for 9.15am Mass, followed by the Holy Rosary, Adoration, and Confession. We will be finishing with Benediction at 10.30am. **Saturday October 25**

COLUMBAN CALENDAR 2026 (ORDER) - \$12

Columban Calendars for 2026 are now available to order. Please contact the Parish Office **before Friday 14th November** to place your order. \$12 each.

CUPPA AND CHAT

Please join us for a Cuppa and Chat at St Margaret Mary this Saturday (18/10) after the 5:30pm mass.



Please pray for :

RECENTLY DECEASED

Antonino BARBAGALLO
Kazimierz KURR
Chiara CINI
Franco FARINA

OUR SICK

Helen KELLY
Kristy ROBINSON
Nico PEHAR
Elizabeth

ANNIVERSARIES

Peggy DOOLEY
Rogelio CRUZ
Francesco BARBALACO
Carmelo & Maria
D'URSO
Sanket GONSALVES



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PARISHIONER INVITATION

Parishioners are warmly invited to the **Celebration of Perpetual Profession of Emma Jane Llewellyn** on Saturday 22 November.

Please see invitation below.

If you would like to attend please **RSVP by 22 October**

to Judy Blessing 0438 886 350 or judy.blessing@ismapng.org.au

Please advise if you have any dietary requirements.



St Margaret Mary's Primary School - Spotswood
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Today we waved our excited Grade 3/4s off on their two-day, one-night adventure to Anglesea! 🌊 We hope they have an amazing time making memories, trying new things, and enjoying the great outdoors! 🍷 #SchoolCamp #AngleseaAdventures #MakingMemories #LearningBeyondTheClassroom #melbournarchdiocesecatholicalschools



PARISH CALENDAR & COMMUNITY OBSERVANCES

OCTOBER

18th: Cuppa and Chat (SMM)
18th: Baptisms (SMM)
20th: Diwali
23rd: PFC Meeting
30th: First Reconciliation (Parish Schools)

NOVEMBER

1st: All Saints Day
2nd: All Souls Day
2nd: Cuppa and Chat (SH)

SH: Sacred Heart SMM: St Margaret Mary's PFC: Parish Finance Committee PPC: Parish Pastoral Council SAC: School Advisory Council

ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

St Carlo Acutis Exhibition

Story of St. Carlo Acutis

Born in London in 1991, Carlo loved football, Pokémon, action films, and all animals (he had four dogs, two cats and many goldfish as pets). But from early childhood, his first love was Our Lord in the Eucharist. Neither of his parents were religious, yet from an early age Carlo never wanted to pass a church without going in to "say hello to Jesus." Because of this, his mother came back to faith, then his father.

Carlo received his First Holy Communion early, at his own request, in a local convent. His love, appreciation and reverence for the Eucharist were exceptional and he would often say: "The Eucharist is my Highway to Heaven!" Carlo began visiting Eucharistic Miracles around the world from age 11, and documenting them.

A computer whizz by age fourteen, he had created a Eucharistic Miracle display that would tour the world, as well as his website. He believed that if people knew that Jesus was truly in the Eucharist, they would turn to God.

Carlo hated to be enslaved by anything, so although he loved computer games, he allowed himself to play for only one hour a week, and gave the rest of his time to good works helping children, the elderly, and the poor. He was popular at school, but also befriended children who were unhappy at home. He defended the disabled, and treated girls with respect.

He would also defend his Catholic faith – including his pro-life views – fearlessly in class. In early October 2006, Carlo became ill with flu – so it was thought. He was admitted to hospital, receiving the terrible diagnosis of fulminant hepatitis.

The fifteen-year-old boy who loved to laugh had a few days to live. Carlo took the news calmly. Immediately offering all his sufferings for the Pope and the Church, "I am happy to die," he said, "because I have lived my life without wasting a minute on those things which do not please God."

REGISTER NOW!



(<https://saint-acutis.org>)

Registration for School Visitation:
Send us your school's details to: carloacutis.au@gmail.com

Stella Maris Church
2 Charlotte Road, Beaumaris VIC 3193

St Joseph's Hall
544 Balcombe Rd, Black Rock VIC 3193



12th-26th
OCTOBER

ST. CARLO ACUTIS EXHIBITION

First-class Relic of Carlo Acutis & his International Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles.

PARISH INVITATION

Sister Karen Donnellon
Leader of the Institute of Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea
warmly invites

Parishioners of St Joseph,
Newport and Spotswood
to the Celebration of Perpetual Profession of
Emma Jane Llewellyn

to be held at St Monica's Parish Church
820 Mt Alexander Road, Moorac Ponds, Victoria
Warragul, Vic 3580

on Saturday, 22 November 2025
Mass will commence at 11.00am

followed by refreshments in the parish hall next door

RSVP by 22 October to
Judy Blessing 0438 886 350 or
judy.blessing@ismapng.org.au
(Please advise if you have any dietary requirements)



With all your heart, soul, strength and mind

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

1st Collection

Supports: Parish clergy,
Sick and retired priests,
Priests in needy Parishes,
Archbishops & auxiliary
bishops.

2nd Collection

Supports: Parish running costs,
Parish Pastoral initiatives,
Diocesan and various services.

If you would like to join our parish thanksgiving program, and receive a thanksgiving envelope no. please contact the parish office.

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



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

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 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

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If you would like to join our parish
thanksgiving program electronically
or make a one-off gift to the church
scan this QR code and follow the
prompts.

Thank you for your continued
support.

