



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

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

15<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 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 Administrator

Father Samuel Kapani PA

### Parish Pastoral Council

Katherine Wong  
Chairperson

### Secretary & Safeguarding Officer

Ivana Toulmin  
Tuesday & Friday: 9am – 4pm

### Sacramental Co-Ordinators

Sr Lorraine Robinson  
Irene Bongetti  
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Katherine Wong

### Sacristans

Irene Bongetti  
Maureen Llewellyn  
Michael Nardella  
Barbara Payne  
Rose Santo

### Choir

Larissa Cairns  
Director

### REFLECTION BY JOHN THORNHILL SM

Today's reading from Mark is the climax to which his presentation of the life of Jesus to this point has been leading. The mission of Jesus has been rejected and misunderstood. It is essential to God's designs that the disciples of Jesus do not misunderstand the mission that has brought the Son forth from the Father to bring healing to a lost world.

The 'who' question is central to our human existence: 'Who are you, my companion on the journey of life?' 'Who am I?' These questions, if we face their implications, confront us with the depths and mystery of our common humanity. Jesus called himself, 'the Son of Man', a title that affirmed his sharing in our human condition. When the 'who' question is addressed to him we find not only the mysterious depths of our common humanity, but also the mystery of the generous designs of God, conceived with the Son and the Holy Spirit, in the depths of the divine eternity. Discipleship is learning, in the course of our lives, the answer to the 'who' question we address to the Saviour - who has made himself our ever-present companion. Like Peter, we shall find that we are forced to re-evaluate our most basic assumptions in the light of the ways of God we learn from Jesus.

Jesus is 'the Christ', the messiah in whom Israel's hopes are centred. He begins to teach his disciples 'quite openly' what lay ahead of them in Jerusalem. He is not the political saviour so ardently hoped for in popular expectations: the 'Son of Man' will be 'rejected' – 'put to death' even. Peter's brave act of faith must be further clarified. Mark's gospel does not spare Peter – perhaps because this community has already heard of Peter's humiliations from Peter himself. Jesus addresses Peter as 'Satan', obstructing God's plan. That plan, Jesus explains, has been foreshadowed in two themes of Israel's hopes, the 'Suffering Servant' (see Is 52-53 etc – the first reading is one of the descriptions of the 'Servant') and the 'Son of Man' (Dan 7). Both of these themes envisage a mysterious personage who will fulfil the destiny of Israel – the first bringing healing for the world's self-inflicted suffering by sharing in that suffering himself; the other bringing all peoples together under the beneficent reign of God's ways.

Jesus emphatically spells out the demands of discipleship: sharing in his responsibility for the human family, even if it means sharing his 'cross'; living 'for the sake of the gospel', the Good News of the generous future God has in store for struggling humanity.

Once again, the reading from James speaks in very practical terms. His discussion of 'faith', that is 'quite dead' if it has no 'good works' to show, is familiar. It is possible that James is responding to a self-serving misinterpretation of Paul's teaching that 'we are justified by faith'. True discipleship, as Jesus reminds Peter, proves itself in a generosity that has been learned in the presence of the Crucified Saviour.



### CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS

#### Sacred Heart

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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.

### 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

Isaiah 50:5-9

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults.

So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who will dare to condemn me?

### Responsorial Psalm

.Ps 114

*R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord,  
In the land of the living.*

1. I love the Lord for he has heard  
the cry of my appeal;  
for he turned his ear to me  
in the day when I called him. **(R.)**

2. They surrounded me, the snares of death,  
with the anguish of the truth;  
they caught me, sorrow and distress.  
I call on the Lord's name.  
O Lord my God, deliver me! **(R.)**

3. How gracious is the Lord, and just;  
our God has compassion.  
The Lord protects the simple hearts;  
I was helpless so he saved me. **(R.)**

4. He has kept my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears  
and my feet from stumbling.  
I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living. **(R.)**

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

James 2:14-18

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty', without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

Mark 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said 'others Elijah; others again,

one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

### SCRIPTURE REFLECTION BY SR MARY FIRMIO

If you were asked "Who is Jesus Christ?" what would you say? Would your mind be a blank or could you list several titles or names for him. Would you call him master, friend, lover, saviour...

Jesus asked Peter a very personal question: "Who do YOU say I am?" Probably, as always, the rest of the disciples kept quiet maybe not knowing what to reply. Peter finally took the lead and spoke up: "You are the Christ!" acknowledging Jesus as the Messiah, the one who was to come.

The Jews expected a glorious Messiah to come, to free them from the clutches of Rome, but to their horror the Disciples heard that Jesus was not going to be a triumphant leader but be nailed to a cross as a criminal. When Peter remonstrates, Jesus reminds him he is a follower not a leader.

I can also be like Peter, try to tell God how things should be done. I need to be a follower, even when the path is difficult or seems crazy. Even if it means I take up "my cross and follow Jesus"! This requires an act of faith from me. Take time and speak to Jesus from the heart.



Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart.

### 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



## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be no Children's Liturgy this weekend, 15th September at Sacred Heart Church.

## ST COLUMBAN'S MISSION CALENDARS 2025

Are available to order for \$11.00 each. To place your orders please contact Ivana at the Parish office on 9391 1201 or via email. Orders will close off on the 20<sup>th</sup> of Sept to ensure they arrive in time for those who have purchased for Christmas gifts.

## PARISH NEWSLETTER NOTIFICATIONS

Please submit all notifications for the newsletter e.g. sick, anniversaries, recently deceased by Thursday 5.00pm via phone, email or place a note in the letter box. Thank you for your assistance.

## PARISH SICK NEWSLETTER NOTIFICATIONS

Please note that we will be removing sick names from the newsletter at the start of each Month. This will commence from the 4<sup>th</sup> of October. If you would like your loved one's name to continue for another month, please contact the Parish office.

## FLOWER VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

We are looking for Volunteers to assist with flower arrangements at Sacred Heart Church and St Margaret Mary's Church each week/fortnight. If you are interested, please contact Ivana via Phone on 9391 1201 or via e-mail at [Newport.Spotswood@cam.org.au](mailto:Newport.Spotswood@cam.org.au). Please note that you must have a current Working with Children check, and signed code of conduct.

## SACRED HEART PARISH SCHOOL



Morris Gleitzman is a bestselling Australian children's author and was the Australian Children's Laureate for 2018 and 2019. His books explore serious and sometimes confronting subjects in humorous and unexpected ways.

His titles include Two Weeks With The Queen, Grace, Doubting Thomas, Bumface, Give Peas A Chance, Extra Time, Loyal Creatures, Tweet and the series Once, Then, After, Soon, Maybe, Now and Always. Last week, as part of Book Week, the Year 5 and 6 Sacred Heart students had the privilege of hearing Morris speak

## SOCIAL SERVICES SUNDAY: TOWARDS A SOCIETY OF JUSTICE, MERCY AND COMPASSION

By working together, we can help to build a society of justice, mercy and compassion, says Josh Lourensz, Executive Director of Catholic Social Services Victoria (CSSV), as he looks ahead to Social Services Sunday, which falls this year on 15 September. Observed in the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne each year on the third Sunday of September, Social Justice Sunday provides an opportunity to give thanks and pray for the dedicated work that the thousands of staff and volunteers of Catholic social services do to serve the poor, disadvantaged and marginalised in our communities, and to stand with them. To continue reading, please visit: <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/social-services-sunday-towards-a-society-of-justice-mercy-and-compassion>



## OUR SICK

Janice Adams, Joe Attard, Austin Reddy, Neil Shepherd, Romano, Serken Taylan, Jo Vassallo, Shirley Farrar, Branko Ujelac, Michelle Jenkins, Anne Sheahan-Lee, Michael Conlon, Paul Orfali, Elizabeth Sundanam, Barbara Payne, Kristy Robinson, John, Helen Kelly.

## ANNIVERSARIES

Pere Laval

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Anna Rundo, Antonia Doerenberg

## THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY



Festival Mass for our Region was held on 11<sup>th</sup> September at St Augustine's Yarraville. It was a wonderful gathering to celebrate the work of the Society, to remember our companions in need and give thanks

to God for the many women and men who serve in this ministry. Fr Werner Utri, acknowledged the importance of the contribution of the Society to the healing ministry of the Church. Invoking Pope Francis' words, he reminded all present that as well as alleviating immediate need, Vincentians are called to the work of 'uplifting the least, guiding the lost and prioritising the last'. At the conclusion of Mass, acknowledgement of those serving 'milestone' years was made and a special badge presented to them. We invite you to join with the Newport Conference in congratulating Ron McNamara (St Leo's Parish) who was recognised for 40 years of service to those in need. Pictured: Ron with Clare Martin (Vinnies Newport Conference President)

## ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

This September, St Patrick's Cathedral hosts a three-day music festival incorporating evening prayers, information sessions and workshops, Mass and performances from special guests. The program, which features both free and paid events, includes:

### Friday 20 September

Vesper service (5.30pm)

### Saturday 21 September

Information sessions and workshops (2–4.30pm)

### Sunday 22 September

Festival Mass (11am) A concert of French romantic music featuring 'golden-toned' Australian tenor Michael Petruccelli and international virtuoso pianist Coady Green (3pm). For more information, please visit:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/events/cathedral-music-festival>

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Thank you to everyone who attended last weekend's meetings where we discussed recommendations concerning the future of our parish properties, including possible strategies to strengthen our parish finances. Over the coming weeks we will publish responses to frequently asked questions and create more opportunities for parishioners to make comment and suggestions. The feedback received will be taken into account by our PPC and our Parish Finance Committee when they bring a final recommendation to our Annual Parish Forum on November 24<sup>th</sup>.

## 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.

## 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 o 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.