

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



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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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13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 28 JUNE 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

JUNE:

28th: Peter's Pence

JULY:

3rd: ~~Friday Parish Morning Tea~~

(~~Presbytery~~)-(cancelled)

5th: Cuppa and Chat (SH)

6th: Rosary Group (Jubilee Room)

5-12th: NAIDOC week

18th: Thank You Irene Bongetti



This is a concrete way to support the Holy Father in his mission of service to the universal Church.

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER - 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Date	Lector	Special Minister	Powerpoint	Choir	Liturgy
Sat 04 July '26	Mark Dooley	Jane Attard	Gwyen & Gary	n/a	Katherine Wong
Sun 05 July '26	Maria Main	Alice Guinery	Need Volunteer	Parish Choir	

Counting team (week beginning 5th July '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 : Kings 4:8-11, 14-16

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 88:2-3, 16-19

(R) For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **(R)**

Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss. **(R)**

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **(R)**

Second Reading : Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.
Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.'

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.'

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.'

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

Reflection - courtesy Summit Online

DID YOU KNOW?

Points of interest and Catholic lore

- At the time Matthew's Gospel was being written, Jewish families were being literally split by those who were making the decision to move away from traditional Jewish beliefs and follow Christ.
- Even though family relationships are vitally important, 'the first vocation of a Christian is to follow Christ'.

Sharing the Tradition

For the first three centuries of the Christian era, to be initiated by baptism into the new, spiritual family of Christ was to risk one's life. Christianity was a minority religion in a predominantly pagan world. At various stages, persecutions were carried out against Christians. To remain faithful at such times was very difficult, and those who chose Christ were strong indeed. After the Emperor Constantine was converted early in the fourth century, Christianity became the state religion of the Roman Empire. People flocked to be converted, not always for the right reasons. Numbers grew rapidly and the Church spread and blossomed. With the gains in number, however, came the possibility of a loss in quality of conviction.

The modern western world is a very secularised place, where God has been replaced in some people's hearts by other gods —the quest for profit, individualism, consumerism. Pope John Paul II referred to these things as a 'new idolatry'.

The card features a decorative border of green leaves and gold berries. At the top, it lists logos for St Margaret Mary's, St Joseph (Newport & Spotswood), and Sacred Heart (Newport). The main text reads: 'THANK YOU, Irene Bongetti' in large green and gold fonts. Below this, it says 'GIVING THANKS FOR 60 YEARS OF FAITH, FRIENDSHIP & SERVICE'. The event details are: 'SATURDAY 18 JULY 2026', 'ST MARGARET MARY'S CHURCH, SPOTSWOOD', '5.30PM FAREWELL MASS', and 'FOLLOWED BY CUPPA & CAKE'. A section titled 'SHARE A MEMORY OF IRENE' asks for messages to be emailed to 'Newport.spotswood-PPC@cam.org.au'. It provides prompts like 'I will always remember Irene for...', 'When I think of Irene, I smile because...', 'The gift Irene gave to our Parish was...', 'My prayer for Irene is...', and 'Thank you, Irene, for...'. The card concludes with 'ALL PARISHIONERS, FAMILIES, STUDENTS, PAST STUDENTS, STAFF AND FRIENDS ARE WARMLY WELCOME.'

Mass Roster Volunteers for July - Dec 2026

July is upon us & we are currently trying to fill in the Volunteer Mass Roster for July - Dec 2026. Thank you to those who have replied through emails or phone calls offering their services for our weekend Masses. I will try & collate names & dates accordingly to even out the load for Lectors, Special Ministers, PowerPoint, Choir / Musician or Liturgy. We greatly appreciate all our Volunteers.

Welcome Fr. Barry

While Fr Samuel is away (29th June - 6th July inclusive), Fr Barry Hughes has graciously accepted to supply for the weekday and weekend masses. Thank you and welcome. For any other information or inquiry, please contact the parish office.

Pastoral Worker update

The parish community is grateful to all who applied for the role of Pastoral Worker. Please keep this intention in your prayers.

Strategic Plan Review

Please find an insert in this week's bulletin regarding a review of our 2023-2026 Parish Strategic Plan as we begin to prepare for our next Plan.

Parish Pastoral Council Member Update

The PPC would like to acknowledge with grateful thanks the contribution Jean-Pierre Eid has made to our PPC as he steps down from this role. Since joining the PPC in 2024, JP has taken on the role of Deputy Chair of the PPC, as well as facilitating the Safeguarding group. JP has made significant impacts during his time in these roles, especially with ensuring the Parish meets our Safeguarding commitments, and we have all benefited from his insights and valued his contributions. On behalf of our Parish community we thank JP for his dedication and service.

We thank the following members:

- Vicky Findlay as Chair of the Safeguarding Committee
- Miriam Kruse as Deputy Chair of the PPC

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: 29 July 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 (20 & 21 June 2026)

1st Collection
\$494.25

2nd Collection
\$680.95

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:

Sick:

Chris SALIBA

John

Michelle NEWMAN

Death Anniversaries:

Helen KELLY

Dianna

Tony



ARCHDIOCESE NEWS



Help fund projects across Catholic organisations, including parishes, hospital wings and classrooms, with a CDF Community Fund savings account.

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With competitive interest rates, it's a greater reward than money alone.

Visit www.catholicdevelopmentfund.org.au/communityfund or call our team on 1800 134 135 for more information



In two weeks, we will share the story of Yamikani*, a young boy in rural Malawi whose daily journey to school is filled with hardship. You will also meet Fr Matthew Semba who is leading a project to build a new school close to home, so children like Yamikani can learn safely and begin to imagine a future beyond survival.

Through your prayers and support, you are part of this mission, helping to ensure that no child is left behind. To learn more about CatholicMission and our work, please go to catholicmission.org.au/united.

*Name changed for privacy



Synod26 Corner

22. Synodality is a conversion

True synodality requires conversion of hearts, attitudes, and sometimes structures. It asks us to let go of habits that no longer serve the mission.



Archdiocese Special Collections 2026

- 7 June - 26 July: Propagation of the Faith (12 July - Appeal at the Parish)
- 14 June: Winter Appeal - St Vincent de Paul Society
- 28 June: Peter's Pence
- 11 & 12 July: Parish Appeal for Propagation of the Faith
- 9 - 23 August: The Archbishop's Campaign

PRAYER GROUPS

Marian 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

Rosary Group

The group meets every first Monday of the month at 1.00 pm in the Jubilee Room. The next one is on 6 July 2026.

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

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

🎉 CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF EDUCATION 🎉

What a wonderful two days of celebration as our school community came together to honour 125 years of learning, faith, friendship, and tradition.

Students, families, past teachers, former students, and priests joined us as we reflected on our rich history and celebrated how far we have come. From exploring old and new school uniforms, classrooms, and treasured photographs, to gathering for a special Mass, it was a meaningful opportunity to reconnect with our school's story.

A huge thank you to our incredible volunteers who generously baked and served delicious scones and cupcakes, helping create a warm and welcoming atmosphere for everyone who attended.

ST MARGARET MARY'S SCHOOL

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



St Margaret Mary's Primary School - Spotswood
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Our Year 3 and 4 students enjoyed a fantastic excursion into Melbourne, visiting the Immigration Museum and the NGV.

Students explored stories of migration and identity at the Immigration Museum before discovering Indigenous and Australian artworks at the NGV. It was a wonderful opportunity to deepen their learning and appreciation of Australia's rich history, culture and creativity.

EVENTS

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:



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, 4 July



Baptism Dates 2026

- SH - 18 July
- SMM - 15 August
- SH - 19 September
- SMM - 17 October
- SH - 21 November
- SMM - 19 December



Australian Catholic Youth Ministry Network



PUT JESUS FIRST!

I can follow Jesus

Think of one way you could help at home today. Draw yourself helping at home. Ask Jesus to help you to make your picture real.



Deciding to follow Jesus is an important step. We must really mean it. Sometimes making good choices will be hard, but Jesus will always be with us.

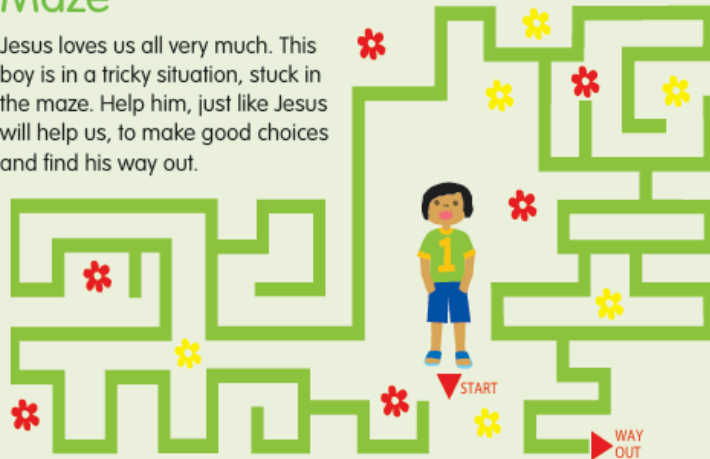
Putting Jesus first

Circle the children who are choosing to put Jesus first.



Maze

Jesus loves us all very much. This boy is in a tricky situation, stuck in the maze. Help him, just like Jesus will help us, to make good choices and find his way out.



A PRAYER TO SAY

Sometimes, Jesus, making the right choice and trying to be like you seems like hard work. Be with me as I try to be even more loving and kind. Amen.



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H	E	L	P	D
A	R	O	R	N
R	A	V	A	I
E	C	E	Y	K

Wordsearch

Ways to be like Jesus. Find these words in the grid – they might be up, down, across or backwards!

CARE HELP KIND
GIVE
LOVE SHARE PRAY

Answers: Putting Jesus first: 2 and 3.

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