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Wed & Fri – 9.15am, Newport

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Sun – 10.00am, Newport

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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REFLECTION

JOHN THORNHILL sm

From time to time we should stop and consider how momentous is the decision we have made to be a follower of Jesus. So easily we expect our Christian life to be undisturbed and unchallenged; so that it can become little more than engaging from time to time in consoling practices. We can fail to recognise that we are caught up in nothing less than the life and death struggle of the whole world. The one we are called to follow is the eternal Son of the Father, who became one of us, that through his Paschal Mystery he may lead us out of the world of selfishness and violence we have made, into a new heaven and new earth, where all is shaped by the generous and merciful ways of his Father. We should not be surprised that, as he undertakes his courageous journey to Jerusalem, his teaching has a sharp edge. It is important, however, to understand what he is asking of us, so that it will not remain little more than a seemingly impossible ideal. Luke has Jesus giving this teaching to 'great crowds'; it is not teaching for an elite group, but teaching that all those who call themselves his followers should take to heart. We must not be misled, of course, by the stark Semitic turn of phrase he uses. He does not tell us that we should have no love for the things most precious in our lives, our many bonds of kinship, even our own life itself. He is telling us that even these things must not be given a preference in our decisions that would amount to a renunciation of Christ and what he stands for. He is showing us the seriousness of the mysterious mission he has received from his Father, as he makes for the Holy City to take up his cross. If we are to be his true followers, we must 'carry his cross and come after him'. Our following must not be half-hearted, his two parables tell us. We must weigh up fully the implications of our decision not to allow any consideration to destroy our commitment to him; we must be ready to carry it through to the end. Otherwise our situation will be like that of the man whose half-completed building is a monument to his foolishness; or worse, like that of the king whose lack of foresight leads him to defeat and death. In the continuation of Luke's text, Jesus tells us that we - who are called to share in his mission to bring wholesomeness to the world - should not become like salt that has lost its taste. The final words of the gospel are the most challenging of all: 'none of you can be my disciples unless he gives up all his possessions'. But these very words help us to understand that Luke is not holding up to us an impossible ideal. Luke stresses the place of poverty in the Christian life; the wording of his first beatitude is blunt: 'Happy are you who are poor' (Lk 6:20); but what follows makes it clear that he does not expect all followers of Jesus to give up all their possessions – they are urged to 'lend, without hope of return' and to 'give' generously. What the Lord asks for is that, in our life commitments, we place all that is most dear to us in his hands, ready to accept whatever he asks of us. Some Christians, of course, receive a personal call to immediate renunciation – a reminder to us all of the seriousness of our following of Christ.



Next Weekend's Roster – Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Date	Lector	Special Minister	Power Point	Choir/Musician	Liturgy Roster
Saturday, September 13, 2025	Katherine Wong	Jane Attard	Melissa Tan	n/a	Katherine Wong
Sunday, September 14, 2025	Lucia Pace	Lori Penna	Branka Briffa	Martin Briffa	

Counting team (week beginning Sept 15): 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

What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89:3–6, 12–14, 17

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back in to dust

and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'

To your eyes a thousand years

are like yesterday, come and gone,

no more than a watch in the night. (R)

You sweep men away like a dream,

like grass which springs up in the morning.

In the morning it springs up and flowers:

by evening it withers and fades. (R)

Make us know the shortness of our life

that we may gain wisdom of heart.

Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?

Show pity to your servants. (R)

In the morning, fill us with your love;

we shall exult and rejoice all our days.

Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:

give success to the work of our hands. (R)

2nd Reading

Philemon 9–10, 12–17

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

Wisdom 9:13–18

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 14:25–33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes, and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

PRAYER FOR OUR FATHERS

Loving God,

Bless our fathers, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers.

Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.

In moments of joy, rejoice with them.

In times of struggle, give them your courage and perseverance.

Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honour and appreciate them always with a spirit of profound respect.

May the example and prayer of St. Joseph inspire them to live their vocation with courage.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.



PARISH NEWS

PARISH OFFICE

Please note: due to a change in circumstances our Parish Office is currently unattended. We thank Imma for her time in our Parish and wish her all the best.



ANNUAL PARISH FORUM

Please save the date for our Annual Parish Forum:

Sunday, November 23

Following 10am Mass at Sacred Heart Church



SACRED HEART CUPPA AND CHAT

The Cuppa and Chat planned for this Sunday (September 7) will be cancelled due to Father's Day. We look forward to seeing you at our next Sacred Heart cuppa on October 5.

SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE

Our Parish Safeguarding Committee is currently looking for 2 more volunteers. If you are interested in contributing to the development and implementation of safeguarding policies and are passionate about ensuring the safety and wellbeing of children in our parish community please contact Fr Samuel for more information.

REQUEST FOR HELP

Do you have a treadmill at home that you no longer need and would like to re-home? Our local St. Vincent de Paul group have had a request for a simple treadmill to enable a person in need to exercise safely at home. If you can help, please contact Maria on 0430-029-975.

JOIN OUR PARISH MAILING LIST!

Stay connected with all the latest news and events from our parish. Simply scan the QR code to join our mailing list to receive our weekly Newsletter.



Please pray for :

OUR SICK

Helen KELLY

Kristy ROBINSON

Nico PEHAR



ANNIVERSARIES

Salvatore SOLANO

Francesco SOLANO

Antonio LOCOCO

Immacolata TIRICOLA

Antonio MANGION

Antonio BASILONE

Angelo DEL GROSSO

Giuseppe BASILONE

RECENTLY DECEASED

Gerald O'HARE

Anthony WALSH

Teresa MANGION



St Margaret Mary's Primary School - Spotswood

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🌟🙌 Congratulations to our students who recently made their First Eucharist. This special sacrament is such an important step in their faith journey, and we are so proud of the reverence and joy they brought to the celebration. May they continue to grow in God's love and share His light with others. 🙏❤️



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School Newport

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Congratulations to our First Communion children!

This past weekend, our wonderful children received the sacrament of First Communion. We celebrate this special milestone in their faith journey and pray that they continue to grow in God's love and grace. 🙏❤️



PARISH CALENDAR & COMMUNITY OBSERVANCES

SEPTEMBER

6th: Combined Parish Youth Gathering

7th : Father's Day

11th: PPC Meeting

18th: PFC Meeting

20th: Baptisms at Sacred Heart

20th: Cuppa and Chat (SMM)

21st: International Day of Peace

OCTOBER

1st-2nd: Yom Kippur

3rd: Friday Parish Morning Tea (Presbytery)



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

ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION ON THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. The information session is open to everyone interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate.

Online Diaconate information meeting

Tuesday, 24 September 2025 19:00 – 20:00

Location: via ZOOM

Attendance will be by invitation.

Express your interest by emailing Deacon Kevin Pattison

Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au



In the week before the session the ZOOM link will be sent to those who have expressed interest.

ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

More than 100 workshops on offer at ACYF

It's full steam ahead to this year's Australian Catholic Youth Festival, with the event now less than 100 days out. Thousands of young people are expected to descend on Melbourne for the three-day festival, which will have more than 100 workshops on offer. Pilgrims will be encouraged to 'choose their own adventure' by selecting from workshops exploring how to pray, how to live our faith authentically and how to wrestle with the big questions of life, while hearing from passionate experts, inspiring young leaders and Australia's bishops. From prayer to fashion One of the workshops on offer will be a live, on-air discussion called Outside the Chapel, a podcast of ICON Ministry, founded and directed by Fr Rob Galea.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN 2025

Thank you to everyone who has so generously already made a pledge or gift to the 2025 Archbishop's Campaign. Every gift, large or small, is greatly appreciated! If you are yet to make a gift, you can still do so. This campaign supports the vital ministries of the Church in our Archdiocese. Campaign envelopes with tear-off pledge cards are still available in the church. You can also make a gift online at melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign. I encourage you to please give generously to the Campaign.

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

JOIN OUR THANKSGIVING PROGRAM

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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.

