

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



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## Parish Office Hours

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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## Parish Staff

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 3 MAY 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

### MAY:

1st: Friday Parish Morning Tea (Presbytery)

2nd: Combined Parish Youth Gathering

3rd: Discussion - Partnership with Williamstown Parish

3rd: Catholic Care - Sunday Appeal

4th: Rosary Group (Jubilee Room)

5th: Sacred Heart School Advisory Council Meeting

7th: St Margaret Mary's School Advisory Council Meeting

10th: Mother's Day

## NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER - SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

| Date              | Lector              | Special Minister   | Powerpoint        | Choir            | Liturgy           |
|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Sat<br>9 May '26  | Marizabel<br>Saliba | Lidia<br>Cammarano | Gwyen and<br>Gary | n/a              | Katherine<br>Wong |
| Sun<br>10 May '26 | Tony<br>Nicholson   | Bang Bui           | Branka Briffa     | Martin<br>Briffa |                   |

### Counting team (week beginning 10 May '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.

## First Reading : Apostles 6:1-7

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

## Responsorial Psalm 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

**(R) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;  
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.  
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,  
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **(R)**

For the word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love. **(R)**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. **(R)**

## Second Reading : St Peter 2:4-9

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel: John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him. Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? 'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. 'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.

## Reflection - courtesy Summit Online

Today's gospel draws our attention to the time when Jesus will depart from the disciples (the Ascension is two weeks away). When Jesus is gone, the disciples must continue the task that he has begun. One can imagine their fear and uncertainty in being left with such a monumental challenge. Philip's question, 'Lord, how can we know the way?', shows their fear clearly enough. But help is available. Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. He is both the map and the destination. Disciples are called to adopt Jesus' lifestyle, his approach to God, to others, to all creation. In living as Jesus did, living the life of faith, the disciples will know the truth and will have life. This life of faith and living the way of Jesus, God's way in the world, will enable the disciples not only to continue the work of Jesus but to perform even greater works.

- In what ways does your commitment to living this life of faith get tested each day?
- What great works are you now called on to perform?

What are some ways to continue to deepen your knowledge and love of Jesus?

**Partnership with Williamstown Parish**

A reminder that immediately after Mass, at the front of the church, there will be a discussion about a process for forging a partnership with the Williamstown parish. The Joint Partnership Steering committee really wants to hear your thoughts and ideas. Copies of the "Partnering for Mission" document that we will be discussing will be available. We expect the discussion will be for about 30 minutes. So please feel welcome to join us.

If you can't stay today, there will be a further opportunity after Mass next weekend. And if the after Mass time doesn't suit you, there will also be a discussion forum in the evening of Wednesday May 6<sup>th</sup> in the parish presbytery commencing at 7pm.

**New PPC Members**

Following our Annual Parish Forum in November, we reached out earlier this year for expressions of interest to join our PPC for 2 general member vacancies. We were very blessed to have had a number of gifted parishioners offer to serve our Parish through these roles. After careful deliberation, we now welcome **Paul Sharkey** and **Gary Nunes** to the PPC.

In accordance with our Constitution, we will put forward their nominations to parishioners at our next Annual Parish Forum for your formal endorsement.

The PPC would like to thank to all those who applied for these positions. We are blessed to have such an engaged and supportive community.

**Annual Finance Report**

There will be copies of the full 2025 Parish Financial Report at the back of the church.

**Thanksgiving Envelopes**

The new thanksgiving envelopes are available. Please collect them at your convenience from the church foyers. Some of the parishioners will receive a new number. Thank you for your generous contribution and understanding. For any further clarifications or change of details, please email the parish office.

**May Count**

This will be held during the weekends in May



**Rosary Group**

The rosary group meets every first Monday of the month at 1 pm, Jubilee Centre, Newport. You are most welcome to join us. Upcoming: 4 May 2026



**Cuppa & Chat**

Due to further discussion about the partnership with Williamstown Parish on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, they'll be no Cuppa & Chat after Mass.



**Bookkeeper on Leave**

Lianne will be away for two weeks. She will be back on 5 May.

**Sunday Collections (18 & 19 April 2026)**

|                |                |                    |
|----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 1st Collection | 2nd Collection | Project Compassion |
| \$550.85       | \$915.40       | \$1436.85          |

**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:**

Lina D'URSO

**Sick:**

John DEBRINCAT  
John Francis SANTOS  
Victoria ROMERO  
Chris ROMAN  
John  
Michelle NEWMAN  
Helen KELLY  
Kristy ROBINSON



**Death Anniversaries:**

Janina NOWACZEK

**ARCHDIOCESE NEWS**

**Synod26 Corner**



**Building the Synodal Way Together**

The first meeting of the Diocesan Synod Commission will be held on Thursday 9 April. We ask for your prayers as we gather to discern and plan for the work of the Synod.

If you would like to become involved in the preparation toward the Melbourne Synod please email: Synod2026@cam.org.au

**Archdiocese Special Collections 2026**

- 3 May : CatholicCare - Sunday Appeal
- 7 June - 26 July: Propagation of the Faith
- 7 June: Winter Appeal - St Vincent de Paul Society
- 28 June: Peter's Pence
- 9 - 23 August: The Archbishop's Campaign

**Catholic Care Victoria Annual Sunday Appeal**

As the social service agency of the Catholic dioceses in Victoria, CatholicCare Victoria's mission is to empower communities, build strength and resilience, and to help everyone reach their full potential. Catholic Care Sunday Appeal will be held the weekend of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026. It's major fundraising event of the year to enable it to continue supporting vulnerable families and individuals in local communities.

**Partnering In Mission Corner**

**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**



**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

## SCHOOL NEWS

### SACRED HEART SCHOOL

 Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School Newport  
1d · 🌐

Today, we pause to reflect on the courage, sacrifice, and spirit of the ANZACs, whose legacy continues to shape our nation. We are incredibly proud of our School Captains, Harry and Amelia, who represented our school with dignity and respect at the Newport commemorative service. Their heartfelt reading, sharing the stories of young ANZACs, was a powerful reminder of the bravery and resilience shown by so many at such a young age. Through their words, we were invited to reflect not only on history, but on the values of service, mateship, and courage that remain just as important today.  
LEST WE FORGET. #ANZACDAY2026 🇺🇦

### ST MARGARET MARY'S SCHOOL

 St Margaret Mary's Primary School - Spotswood  
2d · 🌐

Our Grade 5/6 camp to Phillip Island was the perfect start to the term, packed with adventure, teamwork and new experiences. From the flying fox to penguin spotting and a morning exploring Smiths Beach, students stepped outside their comfort zones and built strong friendships.

A huge thank you to our staff for making it such a memorable experience!

#SpotswoodCommunity #HappyLearners  
#StMargaretMarysSpotswood #melbournecatholicschools  
#macsmorethaneducation #smmspotswood  
#spotswoodshiddengem

## 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:

17 May  
31 May  
22 June



### Combined Parish Youth Gathering

Every first Saturday of the month

**Place:** Parish Centre, Williamstown

**Time:** 7pm (after youth led vigil mass at 6 pm)

To register, please contact Martin and Branka Briffa. Sign-in required.

**Upcoming date:**  
Saturday, 2 May



**Australian Catholic Youth Ministry Network**

### ACYF Participants Sharing

On Sunday, 10 May, the youth group that participated in the Australian Catholic Youth Festival 2025 will share their experience with the parishioners.

The participants are grateful to the parish communities for their support and prayers.

# LOOK

Sunday 3 May 2026  
5th Sunday of Easter  
John 14:1-12

## In the GOSPEL TODAY

TRUST ME!

### Trust in Jesus

Jesus tells us to trust in him and not be troubled. Give your worries to Jesus by drawing or writing them in Jesus' heart.

Jesus does not want his friends to be worried. Jesus asks his friends to trust him and follow him to his Father's house.

### Which way

Choose the right path to get to God.

### God is...?

We know what God the Father is like by looking at Jesus. Look hard and find these words:

**GOOD**  
**LOVE**  
**KIND**  
**FAIR**  
**WISE**

Find your way to God's house and write below the letters you pass on the way. I can find my way to God the Father through

Answers: God's House: Jesus.

### A PRAYER TO SAY

Jesus, I put my trust in you. Amen.

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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.