

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

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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 Priest

Fr Samuel Kapani PP

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*The Parish of St. Joseph, Newport and Spotswood, holds the care, safety and wellbeing of all children, young people and vulnerable adults as a central and fundamental responsibility for our community.*

## Sacramental Co-Ordinators

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Katherine Wong

## Sacristans

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## 18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

03 AUGUST 2025

## REFLECTION

**JOHN THORNHILL sm**

All three readings of today's liturgy make reference to material possessions. Finances, property, possessions are indispensable for the living of our human lives. But a wrong attitude to these things can have disastrous consequences. The question from the 'man in the crowd', in the gospel reading, reminds us that disputes about inheritance can destroy families. The disastrous consequences of greed - the obsession to have more - in the lives of people - both the rich and the poor - are so subtle that they can easily be overlooked. Ecclesiastes, from which the first reading comes, is one of the most unusual books of the bible. Its writer is not lacking in all that makes a good life in the eyes of the world; but for him, looking at things from a merely human point of view, life seems futile. His is the voice of humanity waiting for the truth Christ brings. He speaks, too, for those today who can find no meaning in life because they do not know Christ. This fullness of life and truth that Christ brings is enthusiastically expressed in the reading from Colossians. Human fulfilment will not be found in 'the things that are on the earth' alone, but in 'the life we have with Christ in God', in the 'glory' of a new heaven and a new earth. The attitude the Christian should have to possessions is one of Luke's favourite themes. It is he who gives us the first beatitude in the challenging form, 'How blessed are you who are poor'. He is not praising material poverty; but declaring that those who know material poverty are those who are most likely to learn to rely upon their relationship with God, rather than upon the specious security that wealth brings. Today's gospel reading is the first part of a long passage that takes up this theme. The parable of Jesus, with which Luke begins, underlines the false sense of security brought by possessions. The wealthy farmer is not portrayed as being wicked. In fact, worldly wisdom would be inclined to say that he should be commended for his foresight. But in God's eyes, Jesus bluntly tells us, he is a 'fool'. The emptiness of his life is clear in the end – when God's call comes he has nothing that he can call his own. It is not what we have, but what we are that matters! Because possessions are so important for our welfare and that of our families, this is not an easy lesson to learn. Paul's warning in today's reading from Colossians reinforces the lesson of the parable. In listing the kinds of conduct that are incompatible with our new life in Christ, he warns especially against 'greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god'. The comparison is a forceful one. The unbalanced pursuit of material things, he says, can take possession of a person, so that their life is built on a lie. Jesus concludes his parable with the same thought: 'make yourselves rich in the sight of God' – set your heart on what really matters; recognise what it is that you will take with you into eternal life. Luke's strong convictions in this matter lead him to conclude the continuation of this passage with these challenging words: 'Sell your possessions and give to those in need. Get yourself treasure that will not fail you'.



## Next Weekend's Roster – 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Date	Lector	Special Minister	Power Point	Choir/Musician	Liturgy Roster
Saturday, 9 August 2025	Ante Dragovic	Lidia Cammarano	Katherine Wong	n/a	Des Devlin
Sunday, 10 August 2025	Janice Adams	Lucia Pace	Branka Briffa	Martin Briffa	

**Counting team (week beginning August 11):** Team A – Helen, Angela, Rose

## 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

**Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21–23**

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 89:3–6, 12–14, 17**

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

You turn men back into 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

**Colossians 3:1–5, 9–11**

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies.

You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and, in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

**Luke 12:13–21**

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to, do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say, to my soul: 'My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time.'" But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'



### Reflection

**Sr Mary Fermio**

Sometimes we see houses or units for sale for seemingly extraordinary amounts. It is refreshing to see people happy with an ordinary house, which will provide them with comfortable housing and safety, instead of luxury homes and items.

In today's Gospel Jesus points out to us where our real treasure lies, offering us much wisdom. Where Jesus speaks of harvests and barns, we could speak of a magnificent home, luxury car, mobile phones, expensive clothes and furniture. There is nothing wrong with having possessions. It is insatiable greed in wanting more and more, that is the point of the parable.

So today we might ask ourselves: Where does my treasure lie? What do I really value? Do I envy others? These are questions we might reflect on today. The old adage is true: You cannot take it with you.



## WELCOME TO IMMA

We welcome Ms Immacolata (Imma) Marguglio as our new Parish Secretary. Please come and say "hi" and extend a warm welcome. The Parish Office will now be available Wednesday to Friday from 9am - 2.30pm.



## WELCOME TO LEANNE

We welcome Leanne Misquitta as our new Parish Bookkeeper who began with us on Tuesday, July 29. Welcome Leanne!

## CLEANERS REQUIRED

The parish is looking for some additional hands to help with the cleaning roster at Sacred Heart Church. If you can help on a Tuesday evening once every 2 months please contact the Parish Office, or speak to Fr. Samuel.



## Cuppa after Mass this Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August

Please join us for a cuppa and a chat after 10am Mass at Sacred Heart this Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August. All Welcome



## Rosary Group

4 August (First Monday) at 1pm  
Jubilee Centre, Newport



## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Next Children's Liturgy will be at 10am Mass, Sacred Heart Church 10<sup>th</sup> August



## PARISH CALENDAR & COMMUNITY OBSERVANCES



### AUGUST

August 03: Cuppa and Chat (SH)  
August 06: Transfiguration of the Lord  
August 08: Feast of St. Mary MacKillop  
August 12: SH SAC Meeting

August 15: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
August 16: Baptisms (SMM)  
August 21: PPC Meeting  
August 23/24: First Eucharist  
August 28: PFC Meeting  
August 30/31: First Eucharist

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

## ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

### National Vocations Awareness Week: 3-10 August 2025

National Vocations Awareness Week – Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

Mary MacKillop Spirituality Ministry, at St Joseph's by the Sea, Williamstown is a wonderful haven for people who seek to nurture contemplation, explore and celebrate the wonders of the Earth and universe, nourish the body, mind and spirit, and live into new ways of being. At the centre we offer, Reflection Days and Retreats, Conference Spaces and Accommodation. Scan for more information or contact us on admin.sjbts@sosjspirit.org.au

**Mary MacKillop  
Spirituality Centre**  
St Joseph's by the Sea  
Williamstown



## Please Pray For

### OUR SICK

Helen Kelly  
Kristy Robinson

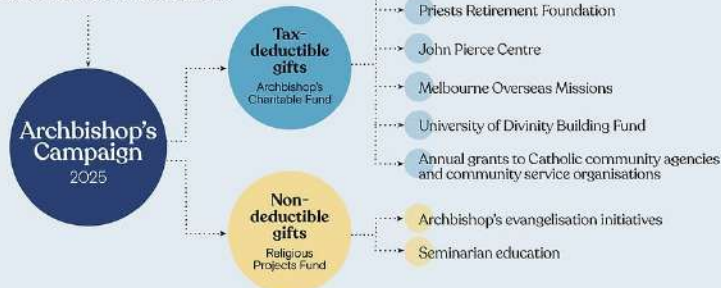
### RECENTLY DECEASED

### ANNIVERSARIES

Carmelo Meilak  
Francesco Meilak  
Paolo Tropiano  
Mirko Vukadin  
Slako Saric  
Janja Knez



## One major collection for the Archdiocese of Melbourne



## JOIN OUR PARISH MAILING LIST!

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## LUMEN

**When:** Friday 15<sup>th</sup> of August (7-9:30pm).

**Venue:** Our Lady of Lourdes (631 High Street Prahran)

Lumen is a place for Catholic young adults (ages 18-35) from across Melbourne to grow in faith and build authentic connections. Beginning with adoration, followed by food and relaxed conversation, the evening features a talk from a local speaker on faith and Catholic life.

6.30pm: adoration

7.15pm: pizza and socials

8.15pm: talk

9.30pm: finish

## 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.

