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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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ALL SAINTS DAY - 01 NOV 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.

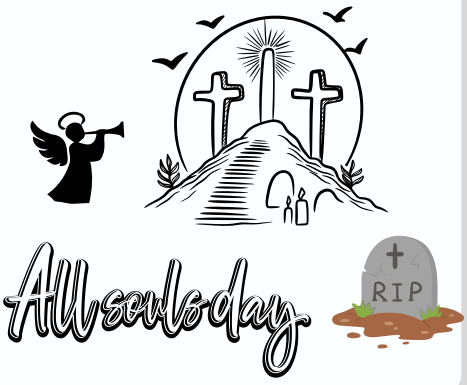
We are led by the example of Christ, the cornerstone of all we are and all we do. We are guided by the Spirit to be the heart of God, as we find grace in each other. We are inspired by the charism of Mary MacKillop and the work of the Sisters of St Joseph. We pray that we will follow St Margaret Mary's 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

NOVEMBER:

1st: All Saints
1st: Cuppa and Chat (SH)
2nd: All Souls - Mass at SH church, 9.15 am
5th: Combined PPC & PFC Meeting
6th: Friday Parish Morning Tea (Presbytery)
8th: Diwali
9th: Rosary Group (Presbytery)
11th: Remembrance Day
12th: Safeguarding Committee Meeting



NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER - 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Date	Lector	Special Minister	Powerpoint	Choir	Liturgy
Sat 07 Nov '26	Khim Yap	Jane Attard	Melissa Tan	n/a	Katherine Wong
Sun 08 Nov '26	Tony Nicholson	Need Volunteer	Branka Briffa	Martin Briffa	

Counting team (week beginning 1st November 26)
Team A - Helen, Rose, Angela

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 : Apocalypse 7:2–4, 9–14

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel. After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.' One of the elders then spoke and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 23:1–6

℟ Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. **(R)**
Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. **(R)**
He shall receive blessings from the Lord?
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. **(R)**

Second Reading John 3:1–3

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come to me all you that labour and are burdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 5:1–12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

Reflection - courtesy *Summit Online*

DID YOU KNOW?

Points of interest and Catholic lore

- A solemn procession from the house of the bride's father to the house of the bridegroom was an important part of the Jewish wedding ceremony. These bridesmaids are a 'guard of honour' to greet the groom on his return with his bride. Sometimes problems with the marriage contract or the unhurried exchange of gifts between families led to long delays in their return.
- Jesus referred to himself as a bridegroom (Mark 2:19–20), and the Church is sometimes referred to as the bride of Christ.

EXPLORING THE WORD

As the public ministry of Jesus draws to a close, Matthew introduces the themes of delay and the need to be ready for the second coming of Christ. Matthew's community were living in the 'in-between' times. Christ's victory over death through his resurrection had begun a new phase in history, but it was not yet complete. Completion would only come with his return in glory.

We again hear the familiar imagery of the messianic banquet or wedding feast to which all are invited. But only those who live with an attitude of openness and readiness will come into the great hall.

This parable speaks strongly of the need to live in the present with an eye to the future. We cannot live only for the 'now' with no thought for our ultimate goal, nor can we ignore the sufferings and responsibilities of the present and set our hearts only on heaven.

- How well do you balance the spiritual and practical realities of life?
- In what ways are you ready for Christ's coming in baptism?

PARISH NEWS

Thank you - October: Month of the Holy Rosary

Thank you to all the Parishioners for praying the Rosary for the month of Holy October after the Weekday Masses.

Monday 2nd November - All Souls Day Mass

They'll be a special Mass on Monday at 9.15 am at Sacred Heart Church for All Souls Day. Everyone are welcome.

Month of November - Month of Remembrance

During the month of November, we ask all Parishioners to write names of their departed family members, which will be projected at weekday Masses. Envelopes for November Masses for the Holy Souls, will be available at church.

Draft Parish Strategic Plan for Review

Please find enclosed in this bulletin an insert with a working draft of the Parish Strategic Plan for your review. We hope that this adequately captures your feedback and your hopes for our Parish. Members of the Parish Pastoral Council will be available after Masses on the weekend of November 7-8 to hear your thoughts. Alternatively, you are are welcome to email us at **Newport.Spotswood-PPC@cam.org.au**.

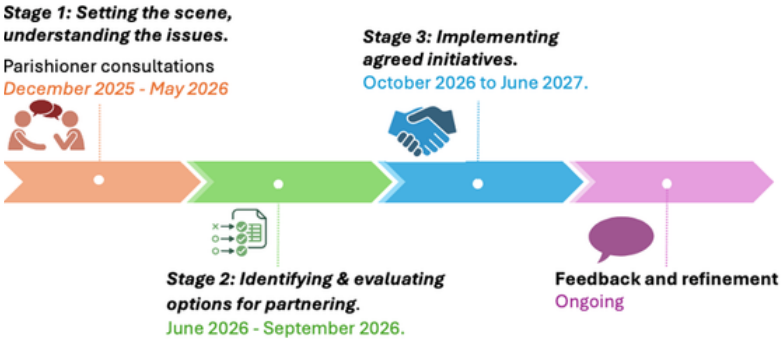
Annual Parish Forum and Expression of Interest to join PPC

As we prepare for our upcoming Annual Parish Forum on November 22, we extend an invitation for EOI to join our Parish Pastoral Council. The Parish Pastoral Council in 2027 will have two vacancies for youth (18-25 years of age), and two vacancies for general members. If you have an interest in becoming a member of the PPC, or if you have a suggestion of a parishioner who you think would make a good member, please get in touch with us. You can do so by sending an email to Newport.Spotswood-PPC@cam.org.au, by leaving a message at the presbytery, or by speaking to Fr Samuel or one of our other PPC members after Mass.

Formal expressions of interest need to be submitted to Parish Office by November the 5th.

Partnering In Mission Corner

The Joint Partnership Steering committee truly appreciate all your valuable thoughts, ideas, feedbacks and suggestions at our consultation sessions. The parishioners will receive an update on 22 November 2026 at the Annual Parish Forum. The "Partnering for Mission" document is available on our website.



Sunday Collections (24th & 25th October 2026)

1st Collection	2nd Collection
$512.75	$535.85

Join Our Parish Mailing List

Scan the QR code to receive our weekly parish newsletter and stay connected to the latest news and events.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Death Anniversaries:

Joseph (1 year) &
Margaret BARRETT
Therese RABOT
Rosario TIRICOLA

Sick:

Helen KELLY
Maree WALSH





ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

Faith in Action: An election guide from the Bishops of Victoria

Ahead of the 2026 Victorian election, the Bishops of Victoria have issued an election statement highlighting key issues for Catholics to consider when deciding their vote. You are invited to read the statement and prayerfully discern how your vote can contribute to the common good. View the statement online at: bit.ly/StateElection2026 or via the QR code.

PRAYER GROUPS

Marian Movement of Priests

Held every Thursday 12.30 pm till 3.30 pm but will no longer be held at the Jubilee Centre. If you are interest please contact: Mary Nassar

Rosary Group

The group meets every first Monday of the month at 1.00 pm in the presbytery. **However, November's meeting will be on the 9th November 2026.**

PORTABLE SMART TERMINALS

For those of us that do not carry cash, we now have portable smart terminals available in the foyer.



You can make your collection offering electronically here

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

Tonight our staff were led by Carlie Anderson from #imaginewithscripture in a beautiful experience of Imaginative Prayer, entering more deeply into the story of The Visitation (Luke 1:39–56).
A wonderful opportunity to encounter Scripture through imagination, reflection and prayer. ✨🙏

ST MARGARET MARY'S SCHOOL
https://www.smmspotswood.catholic.edu.au

Our Principal, Colleen, recently celebrated her 60th birthday, and our wonderful staff came together to surprise her with a special lunch to mark the occasion. Happy 60th birthday, Colleen! We hope you enjoyed your special day as much as our staff enjoyed celebrating you!



EVENTS

Rite of First Reconciliation

Please keep in your prayers the children who have received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation this week.



Combined Parish Youth Gathering

Every first Saturday of the month

We now have a new age range for The Combined Parishes Youth Group. The age range has changed from 13-19 years and **is now 15-25 years of age.**

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, 7th November



Baptism Dates 2026

SH - 21 November
SMM - 19 December

Australian Catholic Youth Ministry Network

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.