

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

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SAFETY OF YOUNG CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND VULNERABLE ADULTS.

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

REFLECTION BY REV MARK O'BRIEN OP

It's a pity that our first reading does not contain the preceding verse that states Elijah was afraid because the formidable queen Jezebel, devotee of the Tyrian Baal, put out a contract on him. Why so? Because, according to the story, Elijah executed four hundred of her prophets in the wake of his triumph over Baal on Mt Carmel. The text has no command from God about this: does Elijah assume that his victory mandates him to do it? The text may be hinting at something important about peak experiences here. Life is about peak experiences and we all hunger for the peak ones. Elijah has a peak experience on Mt Carmel but, as the story unfolds, he ends up almost the complete opposite. He flees from Jezebel and asks to die in the desert. Does he misinterpret the meaning and purpose of his peak experience? Whatever the case, the story portrays God as merciful, pulling Elijah together for a journey to another mountain, Horeb, and a different kind of 'peak' experience – near silence followed by a question 'What are you doing here Elijah? This time God gives him a number of commands but the only one that he actually gets to perform is to anoint 'Elisha as prophet in your place' (1 Kings 19:16). Elijah accepts his commission and anoints his successor. He sees that God's purpose is greater than his own triumphs or failures. The people in John's account of the miracle of the loaves and fish also have a peak experience but it does not change them. They are exposed as voracious consumers, just like us. According to the Gospel, they first eat all the bread they want, then they seek to make Jesus king (secure the supply line for the future), next they demand that he give them 'this bread always' (he must satisfy their demand), and they reject his claim that he is the 'bread from heaven' (the supplier must conform to the consumer's expectations). Once you have a peak experience and convince yourself that you know what it is all about, it can start a chain reaction that is difficult to stop. Pretty soon everything is seen only through this one, distorted lens. In the end, the way the crowd 'sees' this experience of divine power blinds them to seeing the divine presence among them, the only one who can free them from their trap and enable them to become what they really desire – be like God. Instead, their focus is fixed on the thing (the bread) to be consumed, not the person who supplies it.

The reading from Ephesians is important within this context because it provides a timely focus on another side of our experience of God that is just as important and can be just as destructive, if handled the wrong way. The reading speaks of the struggle to live the Christian life day by day, to deal with those very ordinary things such as avoiding grudges, tempers, name calling, spitefulness etc. These things are so common and often seem so petty that we forget that they are, in their own way, just as important as a peak experience. The careful, laborious work of a biblical scribe is just as inspired as the fiery preaching of a prophet, as the community that treasures his or her words and passes them on to succeeding generations. The way we relate to our brothers and sisters in the daily round is also a precious experience of God; they are sons and daughters of God, they are temples of the Holy Spirit. As Jesus says in Matthew 25:40 'in so far as you did it to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me'. And in Mark 9:41, Jesus says that 'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward'.



ACKNOWLEDGMENT 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

1 Kings 19:4-8

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our heart's content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them in this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your heart's content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God."'

And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That,' said Moses to them, 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

Responsorial Psalm

.Ps 33

R. *Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**

2. Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. **(R.)**

3. Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called, the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. **(R.)**

4. The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **(R.)**

2nd Reading

Ephesians 4:30-5:2

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ.

Try, then, to imitate God as children of his that he loves and follow Christ loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 6:41-51

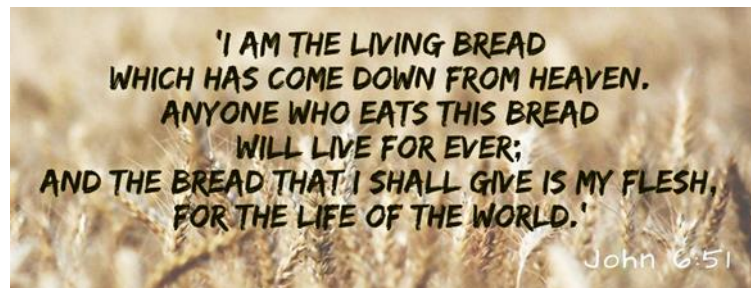
The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other. 'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets: They will all be taught by God, and to hear the teaching of the Father, and learn from it, is to come to me. Not that anybody has seen the Father, except the one who comes from God: he has seen the Father. I tell you most solemnly, everybody who believes has eternal life. 'I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and they are dead; but this is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die. I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION BY SR MARY FERMIO

There have been many times in our history when the unbelievable has become actual eg. A round earth; men on the moon; heart transplants; IVF; and air flights. People who dreamed of these were often thought mad. But a way was found to discover the means and the physics, so that it became possible and believable, despite sceptics at the time.

Jesus had difficulty convincing his listeners who he was, that he came from God and that he was the bread of life. He reminded them of the manna God sent when they were hungry in the desert, but who are now dead. But, he said, "whoever ate this bread would live forever". Not only that, but the bread would be "his flesh given for the life of the world". Imagine what you would think if you were one of the crowd. Is he mad? How is this possible? But Jesus found a way as he demonstrated the night before he died, when he said: "This is my body!" So simple, so available to every person.

Take some time and sit with the last few lines of this Gospel. Do these words have an impact on you? What is your response to Jesus? Tell him and listen to his reply.



Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised.

PARISH DONATIONS



For those of us that do not carry cash, we now have portable smart terminals available at our Mass's for Thanksgiving/Donations. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish.

1ST HOLY COMMUNION



Congratulations to the Grade 5 children at Sacred Heart School who will be receiving their 1st Holy Communion this weekend. May they enjoy the divine presence of Jesus in their lives. May God bless and guide them always

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be no Children's Liturgy this weekend, 11th August at Sacred Heart Church due to 1st Communions.

CUPPA AND A CHAT

Please join us for a Cuppa and Chat after 5.30pm Mass Saturday 17th August at St Margaret Mary's Church. It's a great way to meet fellow Parishioners and catch up with friends. All welcome.

ST COLUMBAN'S MISSION CALENDARS 2025

Are available to order for \$11.00 each. To place your orders please contact Ivana at the Parish office on 9391 1201 or via email.

PARISH NEWSLETTER NOTIFICATIONS

Please submit all notifications for the newsletter e.g. sick, anniversaries, recently deceased by Thursday 5.00pm via phone, email or place a note in the letter box. Thank you for your assistance

ST MARGARET MARY'S PARISH SCHOOL

Thank you to the Hon. MP Ben Carroll (Deputy Premier, Minister for Education) and our esteemed local member for Williamstown, Hon. MP Melissa Horne, for approving and announcing the successful funding grant for SMM. We are excited and grateful to receive the generous grant of \$3.6 million.

ST MARGARET MARY'S PARISH SCHOOL

This week at St. Margaret Mary's, we celebrated Grandparents Day! It was heartwarming to see our beloved grandparents join us for a whole school Mass, followed by delightful classroom visits. Our community coming together in such a meaningful way is truly special. Thank you to all who made the day memorable!



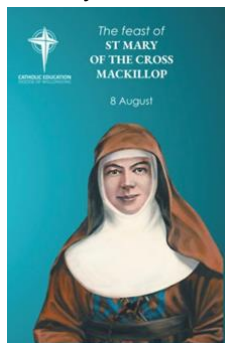
SACRED HEART PARISH SCHOOL

Each year on the 8th of August we celebrate the Feast of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Australia's beloved first saint. On this day, we celebrate the important role she played in making education accessible for children in our country. As educators of Sacred Heart, the teachers walk in the footsteps of our Josephite Sisters who led and taught before us - may we also continue to live out Jesus' message.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, be with us.

St Joseph, pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross, pray for us.



OUR SICK

Neil Shepherd, Romano, Serken Taylan, Jo Vassallo, Shirley Farrar, Branko Ujelac, Michelle Jenkins, Anne Sheahan-Lee, Michael Conlon, Paul Orfali, Elizabeth Sundanam, Barbara Payne, Kristy Robinson, John, Helen Kelly.

ANNIVERSARIES

Margaret Cini, Antonia Cini, John Martuccio, Simon Martuccio, Antun Mijic, Marija Mijic, Antonio Raunik.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Ivan Drozdek

FIRST YEAR SEMINARIANS GO ON THE ROAD WITH ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP

On 8 August, we celebrate the solemnity of St Mary of the Cross McKillop, our first Australian saint and patron saint of our country. Mathews Noble, a first year seminarian at Corpus Christi College in Melbourne, recently joined nine other first year seminarians on a four-day pilgrimage to the places where St Mary lived, worked and prayed. He describes it as a 'positive and spiritually fruitful experience' and 'a very good aspect of first year formation'. To continue reading, visit:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/first-year-seminarians-go-on-the-road-with-st-mary-of-the-cross-mackillop>



MOUNT ST. JOSEPH GIRLS' COLLEGE

has enjoyed a fantastic year celebrating our 60th anniversary. The culmination of this anniversary year is our Gala Dinner and Alumnae Reunion, and we need your help to promote it please. Tickets for the Gala Dinner are \$130 per person, and this includes a 2 course meal with beverages. Entry to the Alumnae Reunion is free but bookings are essential.

Tickets for the Gala Dinner can be purchased via Trybooking

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1265238>

Registration for the Alumnae reunion can be completed via Trybooking

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1270852>

'A BLESSED TIME': BISHOP ELECT FR JOE CADDY'S MELBOURNE STORY



Bishop Elect Fr Joseph (Joe) Caddy AM has fond childhood memories of approaching St Patrick's Cathedral from the northern suburbs. 'I can remember coming in,

driving up Brunswick Street, and just seeing that cathedral right ahead of me,' he says. The spires of St Pat's are emblematic of an Archdiocese and a community that have loomed large in Fr Joe's story. As he prepares to head north to take up his new role as Bishop of Cairns, he spoke to us about his years as a priest in Melbourne, years he describes as 'a really blessed time, a blessed life'. To continue reading, please visit:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/a-blessed-time-bishop-elect-fr-joe-caddys-melbourne-story>

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.

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.

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

My Jesus,

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.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

1 st Collection Presbytery Offering	2 nd Collection Thanksgiving Offering
To support: • Parish clergy • Sick and retired priests • Priests in needy parishes • Archbishop & auxiliary bishops	To support: • Parish running costs • Parish pastoral initiatives • Diocesan and various services
If you would like to join parish thanksgiving programme, please contact the parish office. Thank you.	

ST MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE

O St Margaret Mary, through you, Jesus pours
out His abundant graces o 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.