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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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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.

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Holy Trinity Sunday

15 JUNE 2025

REFLECTION

JOHN THORNHILL sm

The Easter season – the principal festival of the Church's year – has ended. The celebrations of the Sundays immediately following are like an afterglow. Today the liturgy invites us to renew our faith in the Trinity of Persons made known to us in what God has done for the world in Jesus Christ.

As Jesus awakened the beginnings of faith in his disciples, filling them with wonder at the mysterious depths they recognised in him, he directed their faith beyond himself, to the One with whom he was in continual communion – their prayer and their trust, he told them, should be addressed to their 'Father in heaven'. Later, as the full impact of what had happened in the world's first Easter galvanised them into action, and they found new strength on the day of Pentecost, they remembered that Jesus had promised them the help of his own Spirit to face what lay ahead of them (Mt 10:20 etc). Faith in their Risen Lord gave the themes of the Old Testament a new depth of meaning for them.

Our first reading from Proverbs recalls one of these themes. For the Old Testament, the 'wisdom' of God, like the 'word' of God was understood as God's self-expression in creation and the shaping of human affairs. Now, as his disciples recognised the ultimate identity of their Risen Lord, they knew him as the 'Word' of the Father (Jn 1) and the 'wisdom' of God (1 Cor 1:24), through whom 'all things came into being' (Jn 1:1). For the Old Testament, the 'spirit of God' was another self-expression of God in creation. God's 'spirit' worked interiorly – giving the breath of life, and bringing the call of God to human hearts. After the Resurrection, as today's reading from St Paul to the Romans shows, the disciples were vividly aware of the Holy Spirit as a divine agent carrying forward the work of Christ. And they remembered Jesus speaking of the Spirit as Someone other than himself, sharing as he does in the life of the Father. And in our second reading from Paul to the Romans, what Jesus has achieved for the world is clearly expressed as a work of the Father, Son and Spirit together – the 'Lord Jesus Christ' gives us God's 'grace', an entitlement to our sharing in the divine 'glory'; and at the same time the Spirit brings us the life-giving power expressed in the love the Father has shown us through the life, death and resurrection of his Son. The ultimate mystery of God's life is – not surprisingly – far beyond our complete comprehension. It would be tragic, however, if it remained for us no more than a daunting abstraction. Christian faith should bring us the joy of recognising that – in the overflowing tumult of the divine life that we call the BLESSED TRINITY – we find three friends who invite us to share in their common life as the ONE TRUE GOD. Today's gospel from John expresses this sharing in simple terms, and it brings us this astounding invitation: the Spirit 'will lead us to the complete truth', since he shares all with the Son, who in turn shares in 'everything the Father has'.

Next Weekend's Roster – The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Date	Lector	Special Minister	Power Point	Choir/Musician	Liturgy Roster
Saturday, 21 June 2025	Katherine Wong	Jane Attard	Melissa Tan		Katy Hall
Sunday, 22 June 2025	Bang Bui	Alice Guiney	Branka Briffa	Martin Briffa	

Counting team (week beginning June 23): Team B – Margaret, Mary and 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

Proverbs 8:22–31

The Wisdom of God cries aloud:
The Lord created me when his purpose first unfolded,
before the oldest of his works.
From everlasting I was firmly set,
from the beginning, before earth came into being.
The deep was not, when I was born,
there were no springs to gush with water.
Before the mountains were settled,
before the hills, I came to birth;
before he made the earth, the countryside,
or the first grains of the world's dust.
When he fixed the heavens firm, I was there,
when he drew a ring on the surface of the deep,
when he thickened the clouds above,
when he fixed fast the springs of the deep,
when he assigned the sea its boundaries
- and the waters will not invade the shore -
when he laid down the foundations of the earth,
I was by his side, a master craftsman,
delighting him day after day,
ever at play in his presence,
at play everywhere in his world,
delighting to be with the sons of men.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 8:4–9

**R. O Lord, our God,
how wonderful your name in all the earth!**

When I see the heavens, the work of your hands,
the moon and the stars which you arranged,
what is man that you should keep him in mind,
mortal man that you care for him? (R)

Yet you have made him little less than a god;
with glory and honour you crowned him,
gave him power over the works of your hand,
put all things under his feet. (R)

All of them, sheep and cattle,
yes, even the savage beasts,
birds of the air, and fish
that make their way through the waters. (R)

2nd Reading

Romans 5:1–5

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. But that is not all we can boast about; we can boast about our sufferings. These sufferings bring patience, as we know, and patience brings perseverance, and perseverance brings hope, and this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; the God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 16:12–15

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I still have many things to say to you
but they would be too much for you now.

But when the Spirit of truth comes
he will lead you to the complete truth,
since he will not be speaking as from himself
but will say only what he has learnt;
and he will tell you of the things to come.

He will glorify me since all he tells you
will be taken from what is mine.

Everything the Father has is mine;
that is why I said:

All he tells you

will be taken from what is mine.'

Reflection

To belong to a family is a good and warm feeling. It gives us a sense of security, that someone else cares for me and will help me when needed. Parents will even give their lives to save a child, so strong is their love.

The Trinity helps us to understand this love that exists between Father, Son and Spirit. Jesus spoke to God as "Abba" the Jewish name for "Father". During his account of the Last Supper, John has Jesus praying to the Father. In the Garden of Gethsemane Jesus begged his Father to save him from what was to happen. The Father did, but not in way Jesus had asked. The Resurrection was a greater gift of love for the Son. And that love is given to us through the Holy Spirit.

Like Jesus we beg God to keep us free from harm, to save us from disaster. Sometimes, like Jesus, we find that after what we have suffered, there is a greater gift. Look out for it!

PARISH OFFICE

Please note: due to change of circumstances our parish office is currently unattended. However, your enquiries are important to us and will be responded to as quickly as possible. We thank you for your understanding.

MONTHLY FRIDAY PARISH MORNING TEAS

On the 1st Friday of every month there will be a Parish Morning Tea from 9.45 am - 11 am (after Sacred Heart Mass). This will be held in the Presbytery (Newcastle Street) and will be an opportunity to gather, meet other parishioners, and share story over a cuppa. Our first Friday morning tea will be held 4th July at 9.45 am in the Presbytery. All are welcome.

CUPPA AND CHAT

Please join us for a hot cuppa and chat on Saturday June 14, at St Margaret Mary's Church, after the 5:30pm Mass, hosted by the Youth Group. All welcome.



FEEDBACK

Dear Parishioners,
As you will have noticed, we have been making some changes to our weekly bulletin. We would love to hear your thoughts and ideas. Please send your feedback through to newport.spotswood@cam.org.au or contact the parish office. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The next children's liturgy mass will be at 10am, on Sunday, June 22 at Sacred Heart's.



PARISH VACANCIES

Dear Parishioners,
As you will be aware, our parish office is currently unattended. In order to fill this vacancy, we are offering 2 positions: a parish secretary (15hours/week) and a bookkeeper (4hours/week). If you, or someone you know, might be interested in either, or both, of these positions, please share the links below:
[Parish Bookkeeper, St Joseph's Parish](#) | [Melbourne Catholic Parish Secretary, St Joseph's Parish](#) | [Melbourne Catholic](#)

Please Pray For

OUR SICK

Helen Kelly, Kristy Robinson

RECENTLY DECEASED

Maria Lilai, Joseph Kade, John Bowers

ANNIVERSARIES

Nicolina Pizzuti, Van Lam, Gesulda Spiteri, Mary Green, Ottorino Basilone

SCHOOL NEWS

ST MARGARET MARY'S
TRIVIA NIGHT
WE NEED YOUR HELP!
16 AUGUST
Raising funds for upgrades to the yard
CAN YOU DONATE A SILENT AUCTION ITEM?
Know someone in the community who can?
ARE YOU A GRAPHIC DESIGNER OR CREATIVE PARENT?
We'd love your help designing the official Trivia Night poster!
CONTACT: Cara Lithgow - FSG
0438 063 578



Sacred Heart Feast Day Family Mass

Friday 27th June, 5.30 pm

All parishioners are warmly invited to come and celebrate the love and compassion of Jesus with our school families as we gather for our special Feast Day Mass.

Mass will be followed by a pizza dinner in the Sacred Heart school hall. All welcome!

We are excited to welcome **Gen Bryant**, who will lead us in music for this joyful occasion!



St Margaret Mary's Primary School - Spotswood

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The FSG is busy getting ready for the next major event in the SMM calendar — Trivia Night on 16 August! But to make it a huge success, we need your help.

Can you donate a silent auction item?

Are you a graphic designer or a creative parent who can help design the official Trivia Night poster?

See the poster below for more details and how you can get involved. Keep an eye on the newsletter in the coming weeks for other ways to support this exciting event.

Thank you for your ongoing support,
St Margaret Mary's – FSG Team

PARISH CALENDAR & COMMUNITY OBSERVANCES



JUNE

June 14: Cuppa & Chat (SMM)
June 15: Most Holy Trinity
June 17: SH SAC Meeting
June 20: World Refugee Day
June 21: Baptisms (SMM)

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

JULY

July 4: Friday Parish Morning Tea
July 6: St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal
July 12: Extra baptism at SH
July 17: Safeguarding Committee Meeting
July 19: Baptisms (SH)

ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

Melbourne Corpus Christi Procession

When: **Sunday 22 June 2025 (11.00am–3.00pm)**

On the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), all are invited to this special Corpus Christi Procession as our Archdiocese of Melbourne publicly and joyfully bears witness to Christ—the hope who does not disappoint—in this Year of Jubilee.

Following the 11am Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne, a Eucharistic procession will commence from the Cathedral, making a pilgrimage through Melbourne CBD in prayer and song before concluding with Benediction at Federation Square.

We encourage parishes, schools, communities and movements to begin preparing for this pilgrimage.

Communities are invited to bring their banners! 'Did not our hearts burn within us while he walked with us ...' (Luke 24:32).

For more information see link:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/events/melbourne-corpus-christi-procession>

Catholic Mission Propagation Of The Faith Appeal

This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Zambia to help women overcome poverty and mothers give birth safely.

The Women's Cooperative, led by Sr Jane will provide women with the training and support required to break the cycle of scarcity, and the Chilonga Mission Hospital is determined to ensure every woman and baby receives a safe and dignified start to life.

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to be 'Missionaries of hope among all peoples', and we invite you to extend Christ's love to those in need in Zambia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/mission, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/mission



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.

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.

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

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



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.

