



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

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

20th OCTOBER 2024

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### Mass Time

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 Administrator

Father Samuel Kapani PA

### Parish Pastoral Council

Katherine Wong  
Chairperson

### Secretary & Safeguarding Officer

Ivana Toulmin  
Tuesday & Friday: 9am – 4pm

### Sacramental Co-Ordinators

Sr Lorraine Robinson  
Irene Bongetti  
Carmel Crawford  
Katherine Wong

### Sacristans

Irene Bongetti  
Maureen Llewellyn  
Michael Nardella  
Barbara Payne  
Rose Santo

### Choir

Larissa Cairns  
Director

## REFLECTION BY JOHN THORNHILL SM

In Mark's telling of the story of his final journey to Jerusalem, Jesus three times warns the twelve of the fate that will overtake him in the Holy City. During this time, Jesus must have reflected frequently upon the Servant Songs of the Isaian writings, and their paradoxical anticipation of the way in which God would fulfil the hopes of Israel. Our first reading is a brief excerpt from the greatest of these Songs. The Servant who will bring to realisation the true destiny of Israel will know great 'suffering ... offering his life as an atonement'; he will take the 'faults' of the people 'upon himself'. But by doing so he will turn the nation's failure into God's final triumph, as he achieves 'what the Lord wishes'. 'By his suffering my servant shall justify many'.

With these things in his mind, Jesus has to contend with the naïve ambitions of James and John – and with the indignation of the 'other ten', resentful that the sons of Zebedee have tried to steal a march on them. Given the context we have described, it comes as no surprise that the response of Jesus refers to the ordeal that lies ahead of them. 'You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink with me the cup of suffering, share in the ordeal in which I am soon to be plunged?'

Our Christian language often speaks of 'conversion'. The incident we are considering points to the fact that true conversion is much more than a reform of personal morals. It is a revolution in our understanding of what our life 'in Christ' means; it is the starting point of true discipleship. Jesus now urges the twelve to be converted, to broaden their vision, change their values – by identifying with the paradoxical ways of God that are the subject of his reflections as he journeys to Jerusalem. If they are to be leaders and guides in the community of disciples, their exercise in authority must be more than the realisation of their ambitions for a place of prestige and power. If they want to be truly great, they must make themselves 'servants' – even 'slaves' – of all.

Jesus will teach us, not merely by his words, but also by the living witness of his example: 'For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve' – words that sum up the whole tenor of his life. The reading from Hebrews reminds us how truly he lowered himself to share our life: 'feeling our weaknesses with us ... tempted in every way that we are, though without sin'. These are amazing words; truly, God's Servant is also our brother. This reading introduces the great theme of Hebrews, Jesus 'the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven'. This theme will interpret the saving mission of Jesus to Jewish converts – for whom the temple observances meant so much – by a comparison with the role of the priests in temple worship.

We live in the time of fulfilment. The Spirit of Christ has been given to the Church; and great heroes down through the ages have followed Christ's example, making themselves servants of all. Genuine renewal is linked with such a conversion to God's ways making the Church a sign of hope in a world without hope, a true foreshadowing of the final Kingdom in which God's ways will shape all things.



### CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS

#### Sacred Heart

Principal: Kaylene Carlin  
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#### St. Margaret Mary's

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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.

### 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

**Isaiah 53:10-11**

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering. If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done. His soul's anguish over, he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.

### Responsorial Psalm **Psalms 32(33):4-5,18-20,22**

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

1. Upright is the word of the LORD,  
and all his works are trustworthy.  
He loves justice and right;  
of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full. **(R)**
2. See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him,  
upon those who hope for his kindness,  
to deliver them from death  
and preserve them in spite of famine. **(R)**
3. Our soul waits for the LORD,  
who is our help and our shield.  
May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us  
who have put our hope in you. **(R)**

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

**Hebrews 4:14-16**

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;  
No one can come to the Father except through me.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

**Mark 10:35-45**

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them, 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among

you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

### SCRIPTURE REFLECTION BY SR MARY FERMIO

We have people in our towns and cities vying for positions of Mayor or Councillor. We hope they are doing so with the intention of serving their communities, to make them a better place to live in, rather than seeking a position of power and privilege.

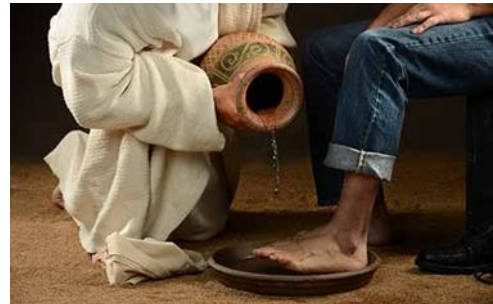
James and John still haven't figured out their role in the Kingdom of Jesus. Positions of authority on the right and left, given to the top men in an earthly Kingdom, do not exist in the Kingdom of Jesus. To walk with Jesus will mean to suffer, to lose their lives. Jesus explains that to be part of his kingdom one must be ready and willing to serve others, to the point of giving their lives. The glory of Jesus will only come about after his death and resurrection. Like Jesus they too will have to suffer to share this glory.

Many of us serve others in our positions of authority – our families, our children, where we work. Many have given their lives in the service of others – our soldiers, airmen and sailors, those who rescue others. This can often involve hardship, self-sacrifice and dying.

How do I see my role in giving of my life, my time, my abilities, in the service of others – my family, my parish, my local community, our world-wide community? Do I do it generously or grudgingly?



Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart.



## WORLD VISION DAY SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER APPEAL



The Holy Father's Message for World Mission Day 2024

We will be having a 3rd Collection this Sat 19th & Sun 20th of Oct to support the appeal. Envelopes are currently available in both churches if you want a receipt issued for Tax purposes. All donations over \$2.00a re Tax deductible.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be no Children's Liturgy this weekend 20th October at Sacred Heart 10:00am mass.

## CUPPA AND CHAT

There will be a Cuppa and Chat this Saturday on the 19th of October at St Margaret Mary's Church after the 5:30pm mass. All are welcome to join.

## JOB VACANCY PARISH SECRETARY ST JOSEPH PARISH, NEWPORT & SPOTSWOOD

Ivana our Parish secretary has given notice, and her last day will be the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025. The position has been posted on the Cam website. There is also a position available for a Parish Secretary at Mary Help of Christians Parish, Altona. If you are interested in the applying for either role, please visit:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

## ANNUAL PARISH FORUM AND INVITATION TO JOIN THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

In preparation for the upcoming Annual Parish Forum on November 24 the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) would like to invite Expressions of Interest for vacant positions on the PPC. We currently have 3 vacancies for general members and 1 vacancy for a youth member. We will have current members of our PPC at our Masses this weekend to explain the role of the council and the process for nomination. Formal nominations need to be submitted to Parish Office by November 8.

Nominees will be presented at the Annual Parish Forum on Nov 24

## LECTOR AND SPECIAL MINISTERS REQUIRED

We are looking for Volunteers to be Lectors and Special Ministers at Mass. Training will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Ivana at the Parish office on 9391 1201 or via email [Newport.Spotswood@cam.org.au](mailto:Newport.Spotswood@cam.org.au) Please note that you must have a current Working with Children check, and signed code of conduct.

## POWER POINT, MUSIC VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Required to operate PowerPoint Training will be provided. If you are interested please contact Ivana at the Parish office on 9391 1201 or via e-mail at [Newport.Spotswood@cam.org.au](mailto:Newport.Spotswood@cam.org.au). Please note that you must have a current Working with Children Check and signed Code of Conduct

## FLOWER VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

We are looking for Volunteers to assist with flower arrangements at Sacred Heart Church and St Margaret Mary's Church each week/fortnight. If you are interested, please contact Ivana via Phone on 9391 1201 or via e-mail at [Newport.Spotswood@cam.org.au](mailto:Newport.Spotswood@cam.org.au). Please note that you must have a current Working with Children check, and signed code of conduct.

## PARISH PROPERTY DISCUSSION

Following both our Masses this weekend (Oct 19 & 20) there will be members of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) and Parish Finance Committee (PFC) available for questions regarding Parish Properties or if you would like to offer ideas or suggestions.

## ROSARY GROUP

A rosary group is held via zoom on a Thursday night at 7:30pm. For further information including the zoom

## OUR SICK

Edi, Joe Attard, John, Helen Kelly

## ANNIVERSARIES

Peggy Dooley, Rita Galea

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Giuseppe Meilak (At Sacred Heart Church.  
Rosary Wednesday, 23rd October 2024 at 7:00pm.  
Requiem Mass on Thursday, 24th October 2024 at 12:30pm)

meeting ID number please contact Chris Spiteri on 0409214438. All Welcome to join the group.

## 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



## ST MARGARET MARY'S HEART PARISH SCHOOL

On Wednesday we celebrated the feast day of St Margaret Mary Alacoque. She was a French Visitation nun who received revelations from the Sacred Heart of Jesus, becoming a pivotal figure in promoting devotion to the Sacred Heart. Her story highlights the importance of openness, faith, hope, and self-confidence in the face of adversity. We send good wishes to our neighbouring parish school, St Margaret Mary during their celebrations today. 😊 St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, pray for us! ❤️



## SACRED HEART PARISH SCHOOL



We have had some exciting enhancements to our yard over the break and this week. The GAGA pit has been a very welcome addition, and it has been full of

excited children at every recess and lunch break! The garden bed has had a facelift, and we now have a cricket net as well! Exciting times at Sacred Heart



## YOUNG HEARTS: CREATING BONDS THAT TRANSCEND GENERATIONS

An intergenerational volunteering program is bridging the gap between generations and fostering a sense of family for young and old. For-purpose aged and disability services organisation VMCH has partnered with Mannix College, a Catholic residential college affiliated with Monash University, to create an innovative community service program, Mannix Young Hearts. Since September, seven students have been visiting VMCH's nearby Corpus Christi Aged Care Residence in Clayton, taking part in activities such as music, arts and crafts, exercises, technology lessons and pampering days. To continue reading please visit:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/young-hearts-creating-bonds-that-transcend-generations>

## 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.

## 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.

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

### 1<sup>st</sup> Collection

Presbytery Offering

### 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.