

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



CORPUS CHRISTI, YEAR B

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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 JOHN THORNHILL SM

We are in the afterglow of our Easter celebration. Last week we reflected upon the divine life of the Trinity, shared with us through the Saviour's Paschal Mystery. This year's Corpus Christi liturgy calls us to a deeper understanding of the Eucharist – the enduring presence in our midst of the Paschal Mystery in its entirety, the very 'foundation and centre' of the Church's life, as Vatican II reminds us. Today's readings take up the theme of Mark's gospel, 'the blood of the covenant poured out' for the whole human family.

To grasp what these readings have to say to us, we must take account of the profound symbolism blood had for old Israel – not a symbol of violence, but the sacred embodiment of life. As Moses ratified the old covenant with Yahweh, therefore, the blood – sprinkled on the altar (representing God) and on the people – expressed the life-giving union with God that was to become the very destiny of Israel. In his Eucharistic words, Jesus deliberately gives a new meaning to this old theme, repeating the words of Moses, 'This is the blood of the covenant', and adding a reference to the Servant Song of Is 53 – his blood will be a source of life for the whole world ('for many' is a Semitic expression used by the Isaian text, meaning 'for all').

For many people, the blood of Calvary has been associated almost exclusively with Christ's horrendous suffering. While not denying that awareness of the Saviour's passion is essential to Christian faith, the message of the Scriptures invites us to enlarge our perspective. St Paul's message to the first Christian generation was 'whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the Lord's death until he comes' (1 Cor 11: 26). The Letter to the Hebrews spells out the magnificent implications of what Paul is saying. In the Saviour's death and resurrection he gives the world its one great act of true worship. He is the 'priest' who 'offers himself as a perfect sacrifice'; his life-giving 'blood' enables us to 'serve the living God'; as he enacts a final 'covenant', he takes us with him beyond the old Temple and its foreshadowing in the ritual of Mount Sinai, beyond 'this created order', into the very presence of God; in the Eucharistic sacrament, he fulfils 'what was promised' – in the Eucharist is fulfilled, the promise of 'new wine' in 'the Kingdom of God', with which Mark's reading ends. The Church has always seen the Eucharistic banquet as a foretaste of the joys of the Kingdom.

Today's liturgy, therefore invites us to reflect upon a theme of great importance for the renewal of the Church's liturgy. The Eucharist is far more than Christ's 'real presence' among us, as a kind of substitute for the fact that he is no longer among us as he was in his earthly life. In its fullness, the Eucharist is an action ('Take and eat', 'Take and drink'; 'Do this'). It is the central action of the Church's life because of the presence of the Lord himself, giving himself into the hands of his Father, as creation's perfect act of worship, and giving himself to us as food and drink, that we may make his Paschal Mystery our nourishment for eternal life.



The Blood of the Covenant

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

Exodus 24:3-8

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This,' he said, 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 115

R. I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

1. How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me?

The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name. **(R.)**

2. O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. **(R.)**

3. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people. **(R.)**

2nd Reading

Hebrews 9:11-15

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than the one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God. He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you

to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.'

After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION: FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI 2024 – SR MARY FERMIO

Trinity Sunday celebrated the sign of the Cross, a bodily gesture to affirm we are people in communion with God. Today's liturgy continues the theme of communion with God with another symbol – eating and drinking of food. Gathering round a table for a meal is a common way of celebrating friendship, community and closeness with our loved ones. And so we continue to do this, especially on a Sunday.

Our liturgy has changed and developed over 2000 years and is now quite formal. It is possible to lose sight of the basic element of a gathering of people around a table to share food. Jesus would have shared many meals with his friends and the Gospel highlights the last one, when Jesus gave bread and wine a new meaning.: that of his own life. Jesus instructed his disciples to continue to gather round a table, to share bread and wine and by his words "This is my Body; this is my blood" promised to be present, instructing them to "do this in memory of me".

Christians have continued this practice of celebrating the Lord's Supper in homes, in caves, in prisons, on war fields, in catacombs, in halls, in cathedrals. The Eucharist gathers God's fragile, frequently failing people, to nourish, forgive and bless.

Let me ask myself: Why do I come to Mass? Why do I "Take and eat!"? Has this made a difference in my life?(Source: Sundays under the Southern Cross – Mary Coloe pbvm)



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy will be on this weekend, 2nd June at Sacred Heart Church. All children are welcome.

CUPPA AND A CHAT

Please join us for a cuppa and chat after 10.00am Mass on Sunday at Sacred Heart Church, Newport. All welcome to attend.

BELIEF TEAM GATHERING

The St Joseph's belief team is represented by a number of sub-groups: Children's Liturgy, RCIA, RCIC, Baptism Team, Sacristans, Liturgy and Prayer groups, Special ministers, Choir and PowerPoint team.

Members of those sub-groups are warmly invited to a gathering on the 4th June from 6.30-7.30pm in the staff room at Sacred Heart Primary School. Your contribution to the Parish is invaluable.

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL IS HERE!

This weekend, our Newport Vinnies Conference will make our annual Winter Appeal for prayers, material assistance and members!

To learn more (and donate online should you wish to), head to the following link:

<https://my.fundraiseforvinniesvic.org.au/vinnies-winter-appeal-2024/newport-conference?tab=donations> or please use the attached barcode.

In particular, this year we're looking for a few people who might be able to help out in our conference admin support roles. Think that might be you? Or want to learn more about Vinnies in our area? Head to the link above, chat with one of our members after Mass or contact Conference President Clare at newportvinnies@gmail.com.



SACRED HEART FEAST DAY- SAVE THE DATE

Please see below an invitation to join us for a celebration of the Feast of the Sacred Heart on Friday 14th June. All welcome to attend.



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. Thankyou for your continued generosity and support of our Parish.



OUR SICK

Shirley Farrar, Edna Fitzgerald, Branko Ujelac, Michelle Jenkins, Anne Sheahan-Lee, Michael Conlon, Paul Orfali, Elizabeth Sundanam, Barbara Payne, Kristy Robinson, John, Helen Kelly.

ANNIVERSARIES

John Penza, Ivka Krivicic, Salvatore Bombaci, Felice Meilak, Maria Costa, John Costa.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Des Richardson, Kata Uzelac, Simon Vassallo.

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK:

National Reconciliation Week—held every year from 27 May to 3 June—is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

What is reconciliation?

'At its heart, reconciliation is about strengthening relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous peoples, for the benefit of all Australians.' Resources:

<https://www.reconciliation.org.au/our-work/national-reconciliation-week/>

<https://www.natsicc.org.au/index.html>

CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S PAPUA NEW GUINEA LANDSLIDE DISASTER APPEAL

Remote communities in Papua New Guinea have been devastated by a catastrophic landslide that struck at 3am on 24th May. The timing of the landslide meant most people were sleeping at the time of the disaster, with little time to escape. Thousands are feared dead. Although the initial estimate from the United Nations was that at least 670 people may have lost their lives, this number could climb dramatically from recent reports. The total population of the entire affected ward is nearly 4,000 people, but this number could be higher due to an increased number of displaced people who have been living in the area in recent times.

As rescue efforts continue, those who have lost their homes urgently need our support now, and in the weeks and months ahead. www.caritas.org.au/png or phone **1800 024 413**

'ALWAYS PRAY': POPE GIVES KIDS LIFE LESSONS AT WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY

Always pray, and pray especially for an end to all wars, Pope Francis told children during Mass concluding the Church's first ever World Children's Day on 26 May. About 50,000 children and adults gathered in St Peter's Square for the Mass, but the celebrations began the day before at Rome's Olympic Stadium as thousands gathered for a sunny afternoon of music, dance and even a brief friendly soccer match. To continue reading, please visit: <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/always-pray-kids-get-life-lessons-from-pope-at-world-childrens-day>



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.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

1st Collection

Presbytery Offering

2nd 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.

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.

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.