



The parish of *St Joseph*  
Newport & Spotswood

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

13<sup>th</sup> 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**

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Katherine Wong  
Chairperson

**Secretary & Safeguarding Officer**

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Sr Lorraine Robinson  
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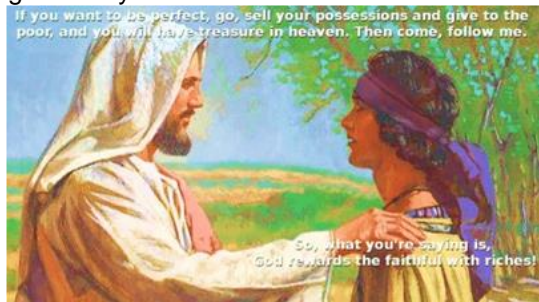
**SAFETY OF YOUNG CHILDREN,  
YOUNG PEOPLE AND VULNERABLE  
ADULTS.**

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**

'Lord, what should I do?' - a question essential to a Christian life well lived. The alternative – drifting along without responsible reflection – is a wasted life. The reply of Jesus to the young man who puts this question to him is surprising. The community that gave us Mark's gospel certainly believed that Jesus was God's unique Son. The response given by Jesus reflects a constant pattern in his teaching: he wanted to lead his hearers to the Father. Like the young man, we will only find the answer to the question of what direction our life should take in the presence of the One Jesus called his 'God' and 'Father'. The life of all who live 'in Christ' is one and the same; there are, however, different forms of discipleship. This paradox has given rise to some confusion in the Church's life when 'states of life' have been compared. The first response of Jesus in this incident is to urge fidelity to 'the commandments' – the pattern of life to which most of the Lord's disciples are called. However, this man was seeking a way that went beyond what had been recommended. Jesus 'looked steadily at him and loved him', and he urged him to 'sell everything he owned and give the money to the poor', and to join Jesus in the radical detachment that was Jesus' own way of life - for the sake of the Kingdom. For many centuries, the comparison of the two ways of life indicated by Jesus has been expressed in misleading terms. The radical following has been spoken of as a 'higher' form of Christian life. But life in Christ, as has been said, is one. The life that is better for each person is the life that they are called to by God – there they will find the way to the greatness that is to be theirs in the designs of God. Since Vatican II this confusion has been left behind. Today, however, it is being suggested that as we have recovered an appreciation of the fact that no baptised Christian is in an 'inferior' state of life, we have obscured the fact that the Lord's call to individual disciples involved different means of living discipleship. As far as means are concerned, a life lived according 'the evangelical counsels' – the radical renunciations of Christ himself - has a heroic excellence that needs to be more clearly affirmed, if we are to foster the 'vocations' the Church so sorely needs.

The reaction of the young man leads Jesus to develop a theme important for all forms of discipleship: earthly possessions can prove a great obstacle to growth of life in Christ. The disciples were amazed, because many texts of the Old Testament seemed to imply that material wellbeing is a sign of God's blessing on a good life. Our reading from Wisdom shows that old Israel was already looking beyond this point of view. The whole life of Jesus is a corrective of this superficial interpretation of God's ways. His final words have a lesson for disciples, whatever the form of following to which they have been called – authentic fidelity is a gift of God, 'Everything is possible to God'. Our reading from Hebrews can serve as a commentary on the call of Jesus to make our life decisions in the presence of the Father. The 'Word of God' is a theme of great importance in the Old Testament. It is a Word that confronts believers with the ways of God. In Jesus we know the Word of God in person, a Word giving expression to the boundless love and generosity of the Father who calls each one of us.



If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.

So, what you're saying is, God rewards the faithful with riches!

**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

Wisdom 7:7-11

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing. I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud.

I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps. In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered.

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 89(90):12-17

*R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!*

1. Teach us to number our days aright,  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.

Return, O LORD! How long?

Have pity on your servants! **(R)**

2. Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,  
that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.

Make us glad, for the days when you afflicted us,

for the years when we saw evil. **(R)**

3. Let your work be seen by your servants  
and your glory by their children;  
and may the gracious care of the LORD our God be ours;  
prosper the work of our hands for us!

Prosper the work of our hands! **(R)**

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

Hebrews 4:12-13

The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

How happy are the poor in spirit:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

Mark 10:17-30

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them 'how hard it

is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

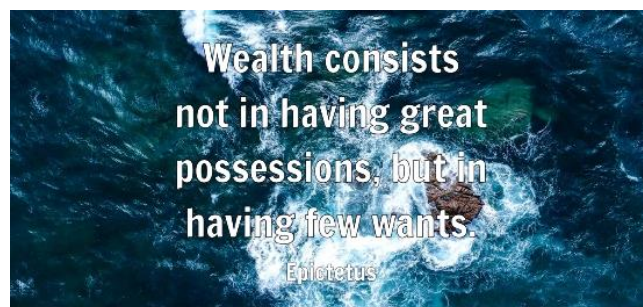
### SCRIPTURE REFLECTION BY SR MARY FERMIO

The TV show The Space Invader fascinates as to how a family can accumulate so much stuff it invades their living spaces. Sometimes one wonders if it is all set up. But we all know we can collect useless stuff, or unnecessary stuff from time to time that is hard to get rid of.

In today's Gospel Jesus encounters a young man who wants to know how to inherit eternal life. When Jesus points out to him to keep the Commandments it is obvious the young man is looking for something deeper. Today we might think the priesthood or religious life might satisfy his longings. But when Jesus suggests he sells all he has (gets rid of all his stuff!) he can't take this step. The challenge is what is most important in his life: 'seeking eternal life or his possessions' and the power and privilege that go with it, or eternal life. The price is simply too high.

We too collect stuff – physical stuff and mental stuff – that prevent us from giving ourselves fully to living the life we are called to through our Baptism. I need to keep asking myself: What stuff do I have in my life that I am not willing to sacrifice – possessions, resentment, lack of forgiveness for someone, attachment to something or money, pride, greed...

Can I let it go for the sake of the Kingdom?



Let us pray for the wisdom to help us show our love of God through the good we do each day.



## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be a Children's Liturgy this weekend 13th October at Sacred Heart 10:00am mass.

## CUPPA AND A CHAT

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

## ST MARGARET MARY'S FEAST DAY

There will be a Mass swap on Tuesday 15th Oct and wed 16th Oct. Tuesday Mass will be at Sacred Heart Church at 9.15am & Wed Mass will be at St Margaret Mary's Church, Spotswood at 9.00am

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

Ivana our Parish secretary has given notice, and her last day will be the 31st of 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>

## ST MARGARET MARY'S 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY FEAST DAY



## 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.

## 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 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

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Dear Fellow Parishioners,  
Please find enclosed in today's newsletter further information regarding Parish Property. A separate email will also be sent.

## OUR SICK

Edi, Joe Attard, John, Helen Kelly

## ANNIVERSARIES

## RECENTLY DECEASED

## MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS, ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

Couples and families are invited to join us as we celebrate our annual Anniversary Mass on Sunday 20 October, 2024 at 11.00 am Mass.

Couples who register and are celebrating the following anniversaries—5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th or 40 years and above—will receive a commemorative certificate. Registrations close Sunday, 13 October, 2024 <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1291296>

For all enquiries, please contact Proclaim on 9926 5721 or [proclaim@cam.org.au](mailto:proclaim@cam.org.au)

## POPE NAMES MELBOURNE'S BISHOP MYKOLA BYCHOK AS ONE OF 21 NEW CARDINALS

In a historic announcement, Pope Francis has nominated Melbourne's Bishop Mykola Bychok, Head of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Sts Peter and Paul, as one of 21 new cardinals to be created at a consistory in Rome on 8 December 2024.



The honour recognises Bishop Bychok's steadfast dedication to his community, especially during the turbulent times his homeland of Ukraine has faced in recent years. At 44, Bishop Bychok will be the youngest cardinal in this latest group of appointees, underscoring his significant role in the Church, both locally and internationally.

This appointment is a great privilege—not a privilege granted to me personally, but a privilege granted by Pope Francis to the entire Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church and the Catholic Church in Australia.

Responding to the news of his nomination, Bishop Bychok said, 'I, as many others, have received this news with great surprise. I am certainly feeling excited, because this appointment is a great privilege—not a privilege granted to me personally, but a privilege granted by Pope Francis to the entire Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church and the Catholic Church in Australia.'

## ST JAMES HOPPERS NORTH CROSSING FETE

will be holding their fete 10-4pm Saturday 19/10/24 on the church grounds. There will be hot food, rides, school kids singing from (10:30am), Martial Arts (1:00pm & 2pm) Samoan performance (2:30pm) and all the usual stalls and bargains. A great fun day for the family. All welcome.

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

We will be having a 3rd Collection on the Sat 19<sup>th</sup> & Sun 20<sup>th</sup> of Oct to support the appeal. Envelopes are currently available in the both churches if Parishioners would like to donate prior to the event.



The Holy Father's Message for World Mission Day 2024

## 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 on 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.