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Wed & Fri – 9.15am, Newport

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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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17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27 JULY 2025

REFLECTION

JOHN THORNHILL sm

Luke presents the teaching of Jesus concerning prayer having in mind converts like himself. Christians coming from a Jewish background were accustomed to a tradition of daily prayer; Gentile converts, on the other hand, had to acquire a habit of regular prayer; Luke, therefore, stresses perseverance. This gospel may have something to say to us - as the pressures of daily life make regular prayer more difficult. 'Teach us to pray'. The disciples are not merely asking how to pray; they want to know what should be the content of the prayer that makes them true followers of Jesus. The Lord's Prayer, as it came to be called, soon had a central place in the Church's life. It was a badge of membership, a measure of the true Christian spirit. In the early Church, those preparing for Baptism learned the Lord's Prayer, but they did not join in public recitation until they shared in the celebration of the Eucharist. In constant use in the Church's life, this prayer has evolved. We are more familiar with the form it has in Matthew's gospel (6: 9-13). Luke's succinct wording, however, makes clear the essentials of the prayer of Jesus. God is addressed as 'Father'. In a sense this says all. Jesus came that we may know the mercy and generosity of his Father – the Father who is ready to give nothing less than the Holy Spirit to those who ask him. God will be given all honour, and God's 'kingdom', or reign, will certainly come - whether we pray for these things or not. In making these petitions, we are really asking that we - and all who share our world - may play our part in this fulfilment. (One of the Prefaces of the weekday liturgies expresses well the spirit of these petitions: 'Our prayer of thanksgiving adds nothing to your greatness, but makes us grow in your grace'.) We are encouraged to pray for 'our daily bread' – in the ups and downs of life, we can place all our trust in the Father who watches over us. And the prayer ends on a realistic note. We acknowledge our sinfulness, confident that we shall be forgiven - because we have learned the Father's ways, and are ready ourselves to forgive. Finally, whatever lies ahead, we put ourselves in God's care. The insistence of Jesus on perseverance may puzzle us. Clearly, he does not mean that the Father has to be cajoled into granting the favours we ask. He has himself warned against thinking our prayer will be heard because we 'use many words' (Mt 6: 7). If, as we plead for what seems important to us, we bring our needs before God in simplicity and faith, and our relationship with the Father will grow and mature. Our prayer will certainly be heard, we have God's word for it – especially prayer made 'in the name of Jesus' (Jn 15:16) – though it may not be answered in the way we first expected.

Jesus tells us that our first prayer should be made to the Father – with whom, of course, he shares all things. It has often been pointed out that, for many Catholics, prayer made directly to the Father is not the familiar practice it should be.



Next Weekend's Roster – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Date	Lector	Special Minister	Power Point	Choir/Musician	Liturgy Roster
Saturday, 2 August 2025	Imelda Gibson	Jane Attard	Lilly Mullins	n/a	Des Devlin
Sunday, 3 August 2025	Bang Bui	Mary Kade	Tom Penna	Parish Choir	

Counting team (week beginning August 4): Team B – Margaret, Mary, 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

Genesis 18:20–32

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.' The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.' Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No,' he replied, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will be only forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.' Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 137:1–3, 6–8

**R. Lord, on the day I called for help,
you answered me.**

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **(R)**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **(R)**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of affliction
you give me life and frustrate my foes. **(R)**

You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **(R)**

2nd Reading

Colossians 2:12–14

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 11:1–13

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy,
your kingdom come;
give us each day our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us.
And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it to him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. what father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

PARISH NEWS

WELCOME TO IMMA

We welcome Ms Immacolata (Imma) Marguglio as our new Parish Secretary. Please come and say "hi" and extend a warm welcome. The Parish Office will now be available Wednesday to Friday from 9am - 2.30pm.



WELCOME TO LEANNE

We welcome Leanne Rajendran as our new Parish Bookkeeper. She will begin with us on Tuesday, July 29. Welcome Leanne!

CLEANERS REQUIRED

The parish is looking for some additional hands to help with the cleaning roster at Sacred Heart Church. If you can help on a Tuesday evening once every 2 months please contact the Parish Office, or speak to Fr. Samuel.



MONTHLY FRIDAY PARISH MORNING TEAS



Our next Friday Parish morning tea will be 1st August at 9.45 am in the Presbytery. All are welcome.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Please join us for children's liturgy this Sunday (July 27) at 10am, at Sacred Heart Church.



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Stay connected with all the latest news and events from our parish. Simply scan the QR code to join our mailing list to receive our weekly Newsletter.



Please Pray For

OUR SICK

Helen Kelly
Kristy Robinson

RECENTLY DECEASED

ANNIVERSARIES

Giuseppe Andaloro
Paolo Costa
Francesco Meilak
Anthony Meilak



DAILY MORNING PRAYER

**"Dear Lord, thank You
for the gift of a new day.
Please guide my steps
and help me make
choices that reflect Your
love and wisdom. Be with
me in every moment,
giving me clarity,
strength, and purpose.
Amen."**

Hymns and Verses

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PARISH CALENDAR & COMMUNITY OBSERVANCES



JULY

July 27: Children's Liturgy
July 31: PFC Meeting

AUGUST

August 01: Friday Parish Morning Tea (Presbytery)
August 03: Cuppa and Chat (SH)

August 06: Transfiguration of the Lord
August 08: Feast of St. Mary MacKillop
August 12: SH SAC Meeting
August 15: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
August 16: Baptisms (SMM)
August 21: PPC Meeting

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

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS RELIC AND INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBITION

St Luke the Evangelist Church, Blackburn South, and St Timothy's, Forest Hill, warmly invite you to experience the first-class relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis and the International Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition, which was put together by Carlo himself.

This event will include an exciting series of talks with special guests.

Tuesday 29 July

- Stories of Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition (3–6pm)
- Rosary, veneration of relics, adoration and Confession with contemporary Christian music (6–7pm)
- Mass (7pm)
- Talk by Josephine Plazzer, Proclaim Team: 'It is always the era of saints' (7.30pm)
- Veneration, adoration and Confession with contemporary Christian music (8.15–8.45pm)

For more information visit: <https://melbournecatholic.org/events/blessed-carlo-acutis-relic-and-international-eucharistic-miracles-exhibition-2>

ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

LUMEN

When: Friday 15th of August (7-9:30pm).

Venue: Our Lady of Lourdes (631 High Street Prahran)
Lumen is a place for Catholic young adults (ages 18–35) from across Melbourne to grow in faith and build authentic connections. Beginning with adoration, followed by food and relaxed conversation, the evening features a talk from a local speaker on faith and Catholic life.

6.30pm: adoration

7.15pm: pizza and socials

8.15pm: talk

9.30pm: finish

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.

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.

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



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

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

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