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Safeguarding

The Parish of St Joseph, Newport and Spotswood, holds the care, safety and wellbeing of children, young people and all vulnerable people/adults as a central and fundamental responsibility for our community.

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY

27 April 2025

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

A life of mercy, hope and joy

Today we share in the sorrow of billions of people around the world as we mourn the death of Pope Francis. The Holy Father died last night, on Easter Monday, only hours after blessing the crowds who had gathered in St Peter's Square on Easter Day. It is especially poignant that we are giving thanks for the life of Pope Francis at Easter, a fitting time to remember a man whose inspiring life and papacy were so marked by hope, joy and mercy.



Tributes have flowed from both Church and secular leaders—including Archbishop of Melbourne Peter A Comensoli and Australian Catholic Bishops Conference President Archbishop Timothy Costelloe—as Catholics from across Melbourne also remember and give thanks for a pope who for more than 12 years shepherded us with such joyful and humble dedication.

The joy, hope and spirit of renewal that are Pope Francis' legacy were powerfully on display over the weekend as we celebrated the culmination of Holy Week at St Patrick's Cathedral on Holy Thursday and Good Friday, and at the Easter Vigil. We share some images and highlights.

May the peace of the risen Christ be with us all as we remember and pray for Pope Francis in the coming days and weeks.

'A witness of joy and hope': Pope Francis dies on Easter Monday, aged 88

On Easter Monday, the world received the sad news that Pope Francis had died in Rome at the age of 88, having struggled with lung disease in recent months. Only a day after he had appeared in St Peter's Square to bless the thousands of people gathered there to celebrate Easter, Church leaders and others paid tribute to a pope who 'taught us to live the values of the Gospel with fidelity, courage and universal love, especially in favour of the poorest and most marginalised'.

Continue reading: ['A witness of joy and hope': Pope Francis dies on Easter Monday, aged 88](#)

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 Acts of the Apostles 5:12–16

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:2–4, 22–27

**R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.**

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' (R)

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. (R)

O Lord, grant us salvation; O Lord, grant success.

Blessed in the name of the Lord

is he who comes. We bless you from the

house of the Lord; the Lord God is our light. (R)

2nd Reading Apocalypse 1:9–13, 17–19

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle. When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

Alleluia!

Gospel John 20:19–31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

REFLECTION SR MARY FERMIO

Each of us have at some time tried to believe a "yarn" which seemed too preposterous to be true and we needed proof. Maybe Columbus had difficulty getting others to believe what he

had seen and experienced. We can then understand Thomas being sceptical about the story his friends were telling him.

A man dead, now alive! Unbelievable! Yet they had seen the widow's son, the daughter of Jairus and Lazarus, all brought back to life by Jesus. Even so, Thomas wanted proof for himself. It had to be seen to be believed! How surprised he must have been when Jesus appeared in the room and knew what he had said! He saw, he felt, he believed. Jesus says that we are blessed because we have not seen, yet we believe. What about you? Those of us who were taught "Jesus has risen" from our childhood can be a bit blasé. Have you ever really sat and reflected about your own belief? What this really means for you and your life! Now and after death!

PARISH NEWS

CHILDRENS LITURGY

Children's liturgy will resume on, Sunday 27 April at Sacred Heart Church at the 10am mass. Please also find copies of our children's newsletter.

THANKS GIVING ENVELOPES

Thanksgiving envelopes along with statements were available from last week at Sacred Heart and St Margaret Mary's for collection, if you are part of the electronic thanksgiving program statements were also available for pick up. If you do not have envelopes and wish to be assigned one, please contact the Parish office. If you wish to sign up to electronic giving, please use the barcode on the back of the newsletter.

CUPPA AFTER MASS

There will be a cuppa after St Margaret Mary's Mass on Saturday 26 April hosted by St Margaret Mary School families. Please join in the time of fellowship after the 5:30pm Mass.

ANZAC DAY

We also acknowledge the gathering held in Newport this week as ANZAC day was commemorated. May we continue to pray for our ANZACs, their families, and for peace in our world.

Lest we forget.



OUR SICK

Helen Kelly

RECENTLY DECEASED

Pope Francis, Michelle Jenkins, Nicolas Nahas

ANNIVERSARIES

Vincenzo Nardo, Marie Duckworth

FAREWELL MESSAGE

ENES BOWEN

Although my time in the church office has been short, I leave with a grateful heart. It has been a joy to work alongside so many dedicated volunteers and to witness the life and spirit of this vibrant parish community.

I'm especially pleased to see the parish in the capable hands of Fr Samuel, whose heart for the community is clear. I'm confident that under his guidance, the parish will continue to grow and thrive in the next chapter of its journey.

A special thank you to the core team who welcomed me so warmly. Wishing the parish all the very best for the future.



Caritas
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COMPASSION

THANK YOU!

Caritas Australia would like to express our heartfelt thanks for your incredible support of Project Compassion this Lent.

If you still have your Project Compassion box or donation envelope at home, please return them next week at Mass.



It's not too late to donate.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

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



JOSEPH'S CORNER

High Tea

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS IN THE WEST

Sunday 4th May 2025
2pm - 5pm

Mount St. Joseph Girls' College
133 Maidstone St, Altona

Guest Speaker: TBA
Bookings through Trybooking (scan QR code)
Bookings essential by Monday 28th April 2025

All proceeds provide free counselling to families and individuals affected by a loved one's addiction

Cost = \$40 pp

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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 APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God,

the Father Almighty,

Creator of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died and was buried;

he descended into hell;

on the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the

Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

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

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.

