

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

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Mass Times

Tue & Thu: 9.15am, Spotswood

Wed, Fri & Sat: 9.15am, Newport

Sat: 5.30pm, Spotswood

Sun: 10.00am, Newport

Rosary & Silent Adoration

After Saturday mass, ends 10.30am

Reconciliation

Sat 10.00–10.30am, Newport

5.00–5.20pm, Spotswood

Parish Priest

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22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 30 AUG 2026

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.

PARISH CALENDAR AND COMMUNITY OBSERVANCES

AUGUST:

30th: First Eucharist (SH)

30th Social Justice Sunday

SEPTEMBER:

4th: Friday Parish Morning Tea (Presbytery)

7th: Rosary Group (Jubilee Room)

6th: Father's Day

6th: Cuppa and Chat (SH)

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER – 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Date	Lector	Special Minister	Powerpoint	Choir	Liturgy
Sat 05 Sept'26	Imelda Gibson	Jane Attard	Gwyen & Gary	n/a	Carmel Crawford
Sun 06 Sept'26	Patrick Conheady	Lori Penna	Tom Penna	Parish Choir	

Counting team (week beginning 30th August '26): 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 :

Jeremiah 20:7-9

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.' Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 62:2-6, 8-9

(R) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **(R)**
So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **(R)**
So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R)**
For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. **(R)**

Second Reading :

Romans 12:1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life? 'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'



Reflection – courtesy Summit Online

DID YOU KNOW?

Points of interest and Catholic lore

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- This text marks the beginning of the fourth major section of Matthew's Gospel, which follows Jesus' journey to Jerusalem and death.
- The word Satan originally meant 'adversary' or 'accuser'. Later it came to mean personified evil. Here Jesus uses it figuratively of Peter, who does not yet understand the meaning of Jesus' mission.
- The name Peter comes from the Latin word for 'rock'. In last week's gospel, Jesus named Peter as the rock on which the Church would be built. In this week's gospel, that rock has become a stumbling block in Jesus' path!

PARISH NEWS

First Holy Communion

This weekend we congratulate all our First Holy Communion candidates. May God bless them with this most holy sacrament.

Pastoral Care Worker

Please welcome Veronica Biddle as our new Pastoral Care Worker to our Parish Community. She comes with a wealth of knowledge and experience. She will be based at our Newport office on Tuesdays & Wednesday, 10.00 am till 4.00 pm

Parish Morning Tea

Everyone are welcome to our Monthly Parish Morning Tea after Mass on Friday 4th September at the Presbytery.

Clergy Conference: A sharing

The annual clergy conference, 10-14 August, Cape Schanck, was a time of blessing, quality input sessions, workshops, fraternal bond and a period of rest. The theme was "Becoming a catechumenal church" guided by Bishop Etienne Veto, Auxiliary Bishop of Reims, France.

Why this discussion of the catechumenal church? The catholic church in France is witnessing a huge wave of adults getting baptised. He says, "God is at work." Based on surveys, the results show age group of 18-25=42%, 26-40=40%, over 41=18%; Gender ratio: women=60%, men=40%; it seems more of an urban reality: Urban=71% and rural=29%.

There were three clusters of reasons:

First cluster

1. A spiritual experience
2. Going through a difficult moment and turned to God
3. Had questions about life and turned to the church

Second cluster

1. Entered a church and struck by peace
2. Reading Bible
3. Needed to be part of a community
4. Struck by Christian witness
5. Because of their own children

Third cluster

1. Follow Christian influencers
2. Influenced by their Muslim friends who had such pride and fervour in religious observances

The key takeaways:

1. Know the Lord Jesus Christ = an ongoing journey of faith. This is what is meant: Going through a SECOND CONVERSION.
2. Get back to the paschal mystery - passion and resurrection. Just as the catechumens go through the process of dying to sin and rising to new life in Christ, the faithful are called to CONTINUAL RENEWAL in Grace.
3. Live out the baptismal grace each day. As we hear at the end of mass: "Go forth, the mass is ended", it meant to go forth and change the world with God's grace.

Sunday Collections (22nd & 23rd August 2026)

1st Collection
\$987.55

2nd Collection
\$863.80

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recent Deaths:

John STYZINSKI
Stanley GORNIK
Colin KRUSE

Sick:

Bill DOOLEY
Chris SALIBA
Helen KELLY
Maree WALSH



Death Anniversaries:

Salvatore FALZON
Mary GRECH
Annunziata & Carmelo BRIFFA

ARCHDIOCESE NEWS



Melbourne Synod

The Melbourne Synod will be held from Friday 4 to Sunday 6 December 2026. Attendance at the Synod is guided by Canon 463 and includes clergy, religious and lay representatives. In Melbourne, the Synod will comprise approximately 180 Members. Sixty (60) lay Members, comprising fifteen (15) representatives from each region, will be selected through a nomination process to participate in the Synod.

Partnering In Mission Corner

The Joint Partnership Steering committee truly appreciate all your valuable thoughts, ideas, feedbacks and suggestions at our consultation sessions. Please be assured that the parishioners will receive ongoing updates at every stage of the process. The "Partnering for Mission" document is available on our website.

Upcoming meeting: 21st October 2026

Stage 1: Setting the scene, understanding the issues.

Parishioner consultations
December 2025 - May 2026



Stage 3: Implementing agreed initiatives.

October 2026 to June 2027.



Stage 2: Identifying & evaluating options for partnering.
June 2026 - September 2026.



Feedback and refinement
Ongoing



PRAYER GROUPS

Marian Movement of Priests

Held every Thursday 12.30 pm till 3.30 pm but will no longer be held at the Jubilee Centre. If you are interest please contact: Mary Nassar 0402 329 683 or Christina Leandri 0429 080 003

Rosary Group

The group meets every first Monday of the month at 1.00 pm in the Jubilee Room. The next one is on 7 September 2026.

PORTABLE SMART TERMINALS

For those of us that do not carry cash, we now have portable smart terminals available in the foyer.



You can make your collection offering electronically here

If you would like to join our parish thanksgiving program, and receive a thanksgiving envelope number. Please contact the parish office.



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School Newport
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Congratulations to our students who celebrated their First Holy Communion this weekend with the Parish of St Joseph. It was a beautiful and special occasion as they received the Body of Christ for the first time, surrounded by their families, friends and faith community. [See less](#)

St Margaret Mary's Primary School - Spotswood
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Our students were treated to an unforgettable live performance today as Perform Education brought this year's CBCA Book Week theme, Symphony of Stories, to life right on stage! Through catchy music, high-energy acting, and interactive storytelling, the performative adventure brought a selection of the 2026 CBCA shortlisted books off the page and onto the stage. We loved the inspiring messages focused on kindness, perseverance, creativity, and never judging a book by its cover. 📖❤️

Rite of First Eucharist

Sunday, 30th August at 10.00 am



Combined Parish Youth Gathering

Every first Saturday of the month

Place: Parish Centre, Williamstown

Time: 7pm (after youth lead vigil mass at 6 pm)

To register, please contact Martin and Branka Briffa. Sign-in required.

Upcoming date:

Saturday, 5 September



Baptism Dates 2026

SH - 19 September
SMM - 17 October
SH - 21 November
SMM - 19 December



Australian Catholic Youth Ministry Network



FOLLOW ME!

Jesus gives us life

Following Jesus isn't easy, but it will bring us life and make us happy.

Jesus warns his friends he is going to die but that he will rise again. Anyone who wants to follow Jesus might sometimes find it hard – but they will also find new life and happiness!

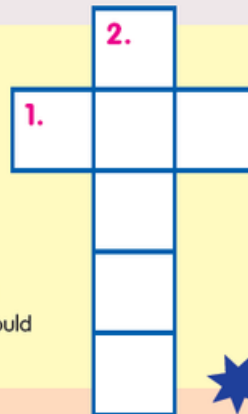
A Puzzle

Find the answers and write them on the cross.

1. How did the disciples feel when Jesus said he would die?



2. How did they feel when he said he would come to life again?



Code Word

Can you decode this message? Take the first letter of each picture to find out what each word is.



Off to Jerusalem

How will Jesus get to Jerusalem? Draw his followers with him.



Answers: A Puzzle: 1. Sad 2. Happy. Code Word: Let's follow Jesus together.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Lord, may I see you more clearly, love you dearly and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.