



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

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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 REV MARK O'BRIEN OP

This Sunday's readings invite us to explore further the relationship between our limited individual lives and God's overall purpose, as was outlined in the readings for the previous Sundays. The little episode about Elisha and the man from Baal- shalishah provides a basic context for our reflections, a kind of model case. The generous farmer is well aware of the limitations of his gift of food; what the prophet requests looks absurd. But God is able to transform the particular gift into something far greater than what the farmer can imagine, yet it is still his gift, the bread and grain that he provided. God doesn't take things that we do or make away from us and then turn into something else. God takes our lives that are 'incarnated' in flesh and space and time and reveals their true meaning, and in and through them the divine and eternal.

The Gospel reading preaches the same basic message but with an important addition. When the people see the power of Jesus they think they know who he is ('the prophet who is to come into the world') and what his role should be (to be their king and provide for them). In modern terms we could say that Jesus is the capitalist economy's dream, promising unlimited supply for every demand. Whether in ancient or modern guise this desire or temptation springs from our awareness of our limited human condition. Once we see a way of transcending it, of 'escaping', we think we know what needs to be done; we try to grasp what we see as an exalted vision of reality for ourselves, for our own advantage. It's the theme of the garden story again, a theme that runs throughout the Bible. Adam and Eve are tempted by the clever serpent to see God as mean and restrictive rather than generous and giving, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil as a way out. Eat this and you will be free of your constraints. But, as the Bible goes on to point out, this is a distorted perception both of God and of the human condition and the attempt to transcend the latter on our terms inevitably leads to disaster (as we have been made painfully aware in relation to the environment). To make Jesus king in the image of the king that they have in mind would be a distortion of Jesus' mission and destructive for the people. What looks to be an exaltation of Jesus (make him king) would in fact be a diminution, an imprisonment. Hence he must escape in order to reveal in due course the kind of king that he is and what humanity really needs.

The reading from Ephesians provides a timely instruction to counter this kind of temptation. A person confined to prison certainly experiences the limitations of the human condition. Yet Paul claims that it does not limit in any way his ability to live his Christian vocation of love. The community of Ephesus is therefore urged to incarnate itself as fully as possible in the daily round of Christian life. Each of these moments that are so lived becomes a manifestation of the divine: the Spirit of peace that binds the particular members of the community together.

By following this instruction we become aware that we are the recipients of a gift from God that is shared with our brothers and sisters. This provides a healthy antidote to the temptation to grasp it for my benefit on my terms. The gift of the Spirit creates the new reality of the Church of Ephesus but in doing so the unique life of each member is enhanced. The instruction concludes by reminding the members of the Church of the source of it all, the one God who is the Father of all. The life of each person and the life of the community should be lived for the glory of God above all, because it is to the glory of God that the potential of each and every life be fully realised.



### 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

**2 Kings 4:42-44**

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear.' 'Give it to the people to eat', Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some left over, as the Lord had said.

### Responsorial Psalm

**.Ps 144**

**R.** *The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.*

1. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. **(R.)**

2. The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. **(R.)**

3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. **(R.)**

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

**...Ephesians 4:1-6**

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

### Gospel

**John 6:1-15**

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy herewith five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that

nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hamper with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

### SCRIPTURE REFLECTION: PICK UP THE PIECES LEFT OVER, SO THAT NOTHING GETS WASTED

The readings this week focus on the generosity of the Lord who feeds his children 'till they want no more', both physically and spiritually. In the First Reading, Elisha, the man of God, feeds 100 people with only 20 barley loaves. Despite the misgivings of Elisha's servant, everyone is fed and there are some left over. This story is of course the precursor of the feeding of the 5000, which is today's Gospel. Despite Philip and Andrew's doubts, five loaves and two fish feed everyone, and yet 12 baskets are still left over.

The Psalm continues the same theme of God feeding his creatures, using the image of God opening his hands to give his people the spiritual or physical food they desire. In the Second Reading, Paul reminds us that we must preserve unity and peace as we are all part of one Body, sustained by one faith in God the Father of all.

This week then, I might pray that all those who hunger for food and for God may be satisfied. I also ask the Lord to help me give generously when I come across people in need, and to find ways of working towards greater unity and peace.



O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure.

### PARISH NEWSLETTER NOTIFICATIONS

Can all notifications e.g.: sick, anniversaries, recently deceased for the newsletter be submitted to the office by Thursday 5.00pm via email or place a note in the letter box. Thank you for your assistance.

### 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

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy will be on this weekend, 28th July at Sacred Heart Church. All children are welcome.

## CUPPA AND A CHAT

Please join us for a Cuppa and Chat after 10.00am Mass Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August at Sacred Heart Church. It's a great way to meet fellow Parishioners and catch up with friends. All welcome.

## SACRED HEART PARISH SCHOOL



Our new parish priest, Fr Samuel, popped in to say hello and meet with Cath, our Faith Life Leader. We look forward to introducing Fr Samuel to the children and families and

getting to know him more over the coming weeks. A very warm welcome to you, Fr Samuel.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) – RITE OF ACCEPTANCE & RITE OF WELCOME



The Parishes of St Augustine's Yarraville and St Joseph's Newport & Spotswood are working together to provide support and catechetical instruction through the RCIA process for those seeking to become members of the Catholic Church. We are delighted to let you know that

following a period of formal inquiry, four adults are asking to be prepared to become members of our Parish communities.

Emily Tedeschi (Yarraville) and Joanne Juan (Spotswood) will be formally welcomed into the Catechumenate with the Rite of Acceptance this weekend. The period of Catechumenate provides them with the opportunity to 'accept' the Gospel as their guide for life and continue their formation towards baptism, eucharist and confirmation. Nicole Goldspink (Yarraville) and Jaime Bulbeck (Newport) have also joined our RCIA group. They are already baptised Christians and have asked to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church. This weekend we they will be formally received into a time of preparation with the Rite of Welcome of Baptised Candidates. In the coming months, together with their Parish sponsors and catechists they will read and discuss the Word of God and learn more about Catholic prayer and life. We ask you, our Parish communities, to make them welcome and pray for them as they continue to deepen their faith.

The Rites for Emily & Nicole are at St Augustine's on Saturday 27 July at 5:00pm and for Joanne & Jaime at Sacred Heart Church, Newport on Sunday 28 July at 10:00am.

## MASS OF ANOINTING

Thursday 1st August at St Margaret Mary's Church 9.15am.

## OUR SICK

Neil Shepherd, Romano, Serken Taylan, Jo Vassallo, 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

Angelo Prestipino, Pierina Sagona, Ersilia Meilak, Giovanni Spiteri, Paolo Costa, Maria Le Van Hau, Anna Pham Thi Duoc and Maria le Thi Tin

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Giuseppe Andaloro

## WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND ELDERLY

Pope Francis established a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly which took place for the first time on Sunday 25 July 2021.

"Do not cast me off in my old age" (cf. Psalm 71:9).

The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated for the fourth time in 2024 on Sunday 28 July - the Sunday closest to the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, Grandparents of Jesus. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's celebration is:



## SACRED HEART PARISH SCHOOL



Athletics Day 2024 🏃 Blessed with sunshine, sportsmanship and Sacred Heart spirit! Thank you to our PE teacher, Nick Rouse, for his planning, organization and commitment to the day! Stay tuned for more photos coming soon!

## ANN AND LUCY ROWAN ON FAITH, FOOD AND FAMILY

Ann Rowan and her 12-year-old granddaughter Lucy love cooking together. 'We cooked a pavlova the other day,' Lucy says with a smile. One of her earliest memories of her Nana is of being given cauliflower with cheese sauce to eat at a family celebration. 'At first I was like, "What is this? I'm not going to like this." But I ate it, and it was really good. Now I still like it, because it reminds me of Nana.' Ann, who recently celebrated her 80th birthday, is a mother of nine, and Lucy (named after one of Ann's grandmothers) is one of her 21 grandchildren, aged from 10 to 25.

Ann is also a lifelong parishioner of St Mary of the Angels Parish, Geelong. She married her husband, Patrick, there 54 years ago. Lucy and her family worship at St Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Corio, along with some of her aunts, uncles and cousins. 'We've become very much a two-parish family,' Ann says. 'Corio has been absolutely thriving.'

A love of good food and their Catholic faith are just two of the things that Ann and Lucy have in common. Family, of course, is another. Recalling the first time she saw Lucy, Ann says, 'She was the most gorgeous little baby you ever saw, as fair as can be, as she still is today. And she's always been the sweetest thing. To continue reading, please visit:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/ann-and-lucy-rowan-on-faith-food-and-family>

## 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.

## 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.	

## 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.