



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

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18<sup>th</sup> OF JUNE 2023

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Sat 10.00-10.30am, Newport  
5.00-5.20pm, Spotswood

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### SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND ALL VULNERABLE PEOPLE

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

We all love peak or privileged experiences. We believe they have a profound impact on us and can radically change the way we live. But there are two issues that we need to reflect on peak experiences – especially when they concern our relationship with God. The first is what constitutes a peak or privileged experience of God? The second is how do we know that it has really, radically changed us?

The reading from Exodus provides some food for thought. The people have experienced liberation from slavery in Egypt and now they are invited into an intimate and privileged covenant with God who delivered them, who speaks to them from the mountain via Moses the chosen mediator. They are, as a nation, to be consecrated as God's priestly ministers to the world. Israel readily agrees to the terms of the covenant and the deal is sealed at the foot of the mountain in Exodus 24. But then Moses is summoned up the mountain and things go quiet. Same God, just as present on the mountain as before, but now for those below there is silence and waiting. The people judge that this is an absence of God and set out to make gods whose 'presence' they can control. This text invites us to reflect that God is as present in the silence and waiting as in the intensity of the theophany on the mountain. It also invites us to reflect that what Israelites see as a privileged experience of God does not change them at all. They remain fickle as they were when confronted by the Egyptian forces at the sea.

The gospel reading invites reflection on our perceived experiences of God by focusing on the exercise of divine power. As in the Exodus story, Jesus has invited the twelve into an intimate relationship and now sends them out on a mission with power over unclean spirits and diseases. We all thrill to the exercise of power; to exercise the kind of power the disciples enjoyed must have been heady stuff indeed. One would think that this experience would secure their undying commitment to Jesus. But what happens? At the first major crisis, they abandon him. Yet, as Paul takes pains to point out to his Roman readers, the experience of the suffering, reviled and crucified Jesus was as much a presence of the God of infinite power as the disciples' experience of casting out demons and curing the sick. Why so? Because it brought our reconciliation with God, from whom we were estranged because of our sins. The passion of Christ completely rewrites our understanding of power and how it is exercised. In our modern world we find it difficult to equate power with biblical notion of love as loyalty, particularly to the helpless and powerless. If we think of love in relation to power, it tends to be romantic love and sex. Our understanding of both words is warped. Only God can show us, through the experience of Jesus and his disciples that the ultimate power, divine power, is love and it is a transforming power.

I remember once being at a lecture by the great Pauline scholar Ernst Kasemann, at which he said, 'thank God for the canon(of the Bible), otherwise we would all have our own canons'. As devoted believers, we all hunger for the experience of God and rightly so. God entrusts to us the freedom and responsibility of judging whether this or that experience is of God. We all have our own ideas what an experience of God should be like. But there is the danger that we will have our favourite ideas, as we have our favourite biblical passages, and that we will forget those other ones that the Bible holds up for our consideration, above all of course that of the suffering and crucified Christ.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

*The Parish of St Joseph, Newport & Spotswood, acknowledges the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation, who are the traditional custodians of the land on which the churches of Sacred Heart & 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

**Exodus 19:2-6**

From Rephidim the sons of Israel set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."'

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 99**

**R.** We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.  
Come before him, singing for joy. **(R.)**
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.  
He made us, we belong to him,  
we are people, the sheep of his flock. **(R.)**
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,  
eternal his merciful love.  
He is faithful from age to age. **(R.)**

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

**Romans 5:6-11**

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near;  
repent, and believe the Good News!  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

**Matthew 9:36-10:8**

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and

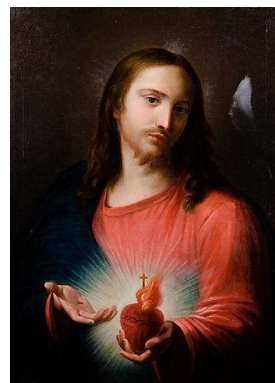
Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

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## THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS AND HUMAN INTIMACY

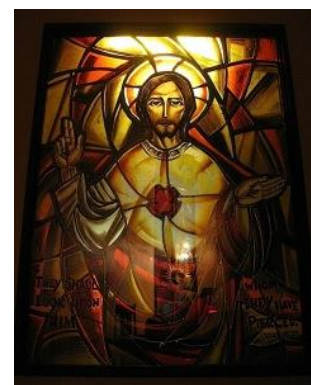
On Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> we celebrated the solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.



The feast of the Sacred Heart is about the heart of Jesus filled with love for humanity that always seeks to reach out in solidarity and love. This is where we begin and the truth that gives us hope – 'God loved us first'. Here is the great love that we proclaim first, at all times and in all circumstances - that God has a place in his heart for people like you and me and a place in his plans for all of us. On the

cross, the loving heart of Jesus was pierced and wounded to show how much God's love was prepared to endure. God's heart suffers for the ones he loves. The gushing forth of blood and water from his heart represents the sacraments of Eucharist in baptism where God comes to meet us and renews us in his love time and time again. As water and blood poured out of his heart so his love and mercy pours out from the sacraments to offer us his divine life and healing.

But this feast is also about our hearts. It is about the love of God's heart reaching and moving ours. What does that mean? The late Blessed Cardinal Henry Newman's motto was 'heart speaks to heart': the human love of Christ speaks to or engages with the human heart and every aspect of our humanity: our past, present and future; our emotions, our memory, anxiety, hopes, imagination, sins, wounds, sexuality, need to love and be loved, talents, creativity, physical health and finally our deaths (the full list of the components of our humanity is much longer). Christianity is a religion of the heart. It speaks to the heart and lifts up the heart to new heights and horizons. As the philosopher Aristotle once said 'educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all'. This is why St Paul could pray for fellow believers that 'the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you might know the hope to which he has called you' (Eph. 1:18).



On the Feast of the Sacred Heart, may the merciful love of the heart of Jesus warm our hearts so that we may have a heart ever more like His.

## FAMILY MASS

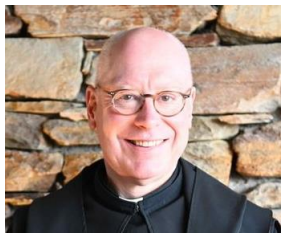
To celebrate the solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, we welcome families, educators, staff and friends from our two parish schools, Sacred Heart, Newport and St Margaret Mary's, Spotswood to the Parish Mass on Sunday at 10:00am.

## EMMANUEL COLLEGE

We welcome Dr Janine Biggin, School Principal of Emmanuel College, together with her leadership team to our parish Mass on Sunday at 10:00am. Dr Biggin will briefly address the parish about Emmanuel College after Holy Communion.



## ASTONISHED BY THE LITURGY: A CONVERSATION WITH ABBOT PAUL GUNTER



Elected last year as the 11th Abbot of Douai Abbey in England, Abbot Paul Gunter OSB is in Melbourne to speak at the Archdiocese's annual Clergy Conference. He spoke to us about the surprising and sustaining beauty of the liturgy and its

integral role in the mission of the Church.

*'From Sunday to Sunday, the bread broken is energy; it's food; ... it's a person, Jesus Christ, sustaining us to announce the Gospel, from which the missionary impulse of parishes—the authenticity of a rejuvenated life—will make the Church ever-young.'* Abbot Paul Gunter OSB

To continue reading, visit:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/astonished-by-the-liturgy-a-conversation-with-abbot-paul-gunter>

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The parish is hoping to reinstate regular Children's Liturgy during the 10am Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart Church.

We are looking to form a group of 3-5 adults/youth (16 years and older) who are interested in taking turns to lead these sessions and create opportunities for the children of our parish to learn more about the life of Jesus.

Resources and guidance would be provided.

If you are interested, please speak to Fr Binh after Mass or contact Ivana at the parish office on 9391 1201 or email to [Newport.Spotswood@cam.org.au](mailto:Newport.Spotswood@cam.org.au)

## BRINGING CHRIST TO THE STREETS

Last weekend, Corpus Christi College hosted a string of events to mark the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, including an outreach to the homeless, an open lunch for the neighbourhood, visits by seminarians to retired priests, and a Solemn Mass and Eucharistic procession that was attended by more than 700 people.



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## OUR SICK

Elizabeth Sundanum, Eric Moore, Helen Callinan, John Nguyen Canh Ty, Esther Colton, Bozo Madzar, Juliana Mijoc, Marij Knez, Mary Fenech, Kristy Robinson, Paul Orfali, Kay Conlin, Rosalind Vincent, Barbara Payne, Alex Abou Saba.

## ANNIVERSARIES

Maria Pham Thi Dieu, Maureen Green, Raymond, Cassar, John Berty Nettare, Maria Trang Ha

## RECENTLY DECEASED

## DRAWING US TO THE HEART OF CHRIST: THE SACRED HEART CHAPEL AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

When the second archbishop of Melbourne, Thomas Joseph Carr, died on 6 May 1917, he was laid to rest beneath the floor of Sacred Heart Chapel in St Patrick's Cathedral. At the



time, there was no crypt for his body to go to, but this final resting place was fitting for other reasons.

Not only had Archbishop Carr overseen the completion of St Patrick's Cathedral, but the completion of the Sacred Heart Chapel was one of the final phases, and much of its décor was donated or paid for by Carr himself. The stained-glass windows were paid for exclusively from Carr's own pocket.

The Sacred Heart Chapel is one of seven chapels surrounding the sanctuary, forming the semi-circular 'apse' at the eastern end of the cathedral. That St Patrick's has an apse is surprising, since it was modelled primarily on English Gothic cathedrals, and they tended to be built with a square end. By including an apse, the architect of the cathedral, William Wardell, created a unique blend of the English and French Gothic traditions.

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<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/drawing-us-to-the-heart-of-christ-the-sacred-heart-chapel-at-st-patricks-cathedral>

## 2023 PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL

The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic is a vital project for the Salesian Sisters and the Church in Venilale. Since its establishment, the clinic has provided life-saving treatment for families in need, like Petrolina's, whose daughter Vitoria was found to have tuberculosis. But, with an increase in the demand for treatment, the Sisters' resources can only carry them so far.

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope or going online at [www.catholicmission.org.au/timor](http://www.catholicmission.org.au/timor)

## BAPTISM

We pray with and congratulate the *Dalton* and *Orchard* families whose children will be baptised this week.



May these children and their families always receive the loving and joyful support of our parish community.

## 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 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.  
Amen.

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

1 <sup>st</sup> Collection Presbytery Offering	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection Thanksgiving Offering
To support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Parish clergy</li><li>• Sick and retired priests</li><li>• Priests in needy parishes</li><li>• Archbishop &amp; auxiliary bishops</li></ul>	To support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Parish running costs</li><li>• Parish pastoral initiatives</li><li>• Diocesan and various services</li></ul>
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 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.