



The parish of *St Joseph*
Newport & Spotswood



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Tue & Thu – 9.15am, Spotswood
Wed & Fri – 9.15am, Newport
Sat - 5.30pm, Spotswood
Sun - 10.00am, Newport

Reconciliation

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

Parish Clergy

Father Binh Le PP

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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 JOHN THORNHILL SM

Today's reading from Mark's gospel - telling how Jesus calmed one of the storms that are common on the Sea of Galilee - is one of three accounts of miraculous actions of Jesus which Mark brings together as he concludes his account of the ministry of Jesus in Galilee. The impact of this dramatic narrative would have been heightened for the first Christians, as they recalled the Saviour's triumph over the storm and confusion of his passion and death: the very centre of their new-found faith. Listening to this story, they would have found a new joy in the triumph of the Paschal Mystery. For those of Mark's community who were from a Jewish background, the Lord's mastery over the violence of the sea would have called to mind an Old Testament theme echoed in the first reading from the Book of Job.

For ancient cosmologies of the Middle East, the sea was mysterious and threatening – beneath the visible waters, they imagined a vast abyss upon which the flat earth rested precariously – as we hear in the biblical account of creation, as God's almighty power over the sea establishes the 'dry land of earth' (Gen 1:9). This outlook is recalled in the magnificent poetry of the Book of Job – the Lord responds to Job's complaints by appealing to the mysterious sovereignty of divine action evident in creation.

In this narrative, Jesus displays the mastery which belongs to the Creator; but the disciples in the boat with him are still far from the 'faith' that will be theirs when they recognize the full implications of his actions. In a typically Marcan detail – evidencing an immediacy that may well reflect Peter's telling of the story of Jesus – they abruptly confront Jesus: 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And when Jesus had calmed the storm, they were confronted by the sub-text we have already noted in Mark's gospel: 'WHO CAN THIS BE?'

It is possible, as we have noted, that Mark's community belonged to the infant Church of Rome, who found themselves in the storm unleashed by Nero's persecution - that was to lead to the martyrdom of Peter. They have found the 'faith' to which Jesus had invited the disciples in the boat - a trusting awareness of God's almighty presence in the ordeal that they were facing. This gospel speaks to the Church in every age – its relevance to our stormy times needs no elaboration.

As so often happens, the reading from Paul accords well with the gospel reading. Paul recalls the time when, like the disciples in the boat, he had not found faith in Christ, but judged the Saviour 'by the standards of the flesh'. But now, aware of the 'new creation' brought forth in the Paschal Mystery, he can face even the martyrdom that he is to share with Peter.



Why are you so frightened?
How is it that you have no faith?

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

Job 38:1, 8-11

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said: Who pent up the sea behind closed doors when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb, when I wrapped it in a robe of mist and made black clouds its swaddling bands; when I marked the bounds it was not to cross and made it fast with a bolted gate? Come thus far, I said, and no farther: here your proud waves shall break.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 106

R. Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

1. Some sailed to the sea in ships to trade on the mighty waters.

These men have seen the Lord's deeds, the wonders he does in the deep. **(R.)**

2. For he spoke; he summoned the gale, tossing the waves of the sea up to heaven and back into the deep; their soul melted away in their distress. **(R.)**

3. Then they cried to the Lord in their need and he rescued them from their distress. He stilled the storm to a whisper: all the waves of the sea were hushed. **(R.)**

4. They rejoiced because of the calm and he led them to the haven they desired. Let them thank the Lord for his love, the wonders he does for men. **(R.)**

2nd Reading

2 Corinthians 5:14-17

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them.

From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 4:35-41

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION 12TH SUNDAY ORD TIME – BY SR MARY FIRMIO'

During the last one hundred years the world and Church have weathered many storms – World Wars, a depression, millions of refugees, droughts, abuse by trusted clergy and a pandemic and its fallout. But we are still here, though at times we have been afraid, maybe depressed, maybe affected physically and mentally.

Jesus and the apostles set forth across the water, knowing this lake could throw up a storm at a moment's notice. Darkness, wind, waves breaking over the boat would make anyone afraid. Jesus seemed quite unaware of the danger, so they woke him, chiding him for his seeming lack of care. They seemed to have forgotten all they had seen Jesus do previously. "How is it that you have no faith?" he said. As the wind and sea calmed, they were filled with awe. "Who can this be?" they wondered. That whole feeling that God has deserted us in our storms, can cause fear and depression. BUT God is always with us. I must have faith and trust God is walking with me. A good time to Google the poem "Footprints" and read it slowly especially the following:



He whispered, "My precious child, I love you and will never leave you

Never, ever, during your trials and testings.

When you saw only one set of footprints,

It was then that I carried you

BEYOND 'SAFE SPACES': CLAUDIO BETTI ON GOING WHERE JESUS SENDS US

In 1971, when Dr Claudio Betti first encountered what is now the Community of Sant' Egidio in Rome, it had fewer than 50 members and no name.

Three years earlier, just after the Second Vatican Council, teenager Andrea Riccardi had brought together a small group of fellow high-school students to live out their Christian faith as 'ordinary people' in those parts of Rome where 'there was no Church'. Committing themselves to daily prayer and to serving the poor and marginalised, the young community drew inspiration from both the Acts of the Apostles and the life of St Francis.

To continue reading, please visit:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/beyond-safe-spaces-claudio-betti-on-going-where-jesus-sends-us>

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.



“A BIG THANK YOU”

to the 125 parishioner households who have returned their Parish Census form. Forms can still be returned to via email, the presbytery or at Mass.

FAITH FORMATION SURVEY

Parishioner feedback has expressed interest in attending Parish Faith Formation sessions. Currently our Parish is circulating a survey asking feedback regarding specific programs that would be of interest. The survey is being emailed to Parishioners who digitally receive a copy of the bulletin and will also be available in paper form at each Mass. Completed forms can be emailed or returned to Mass next week or left at the Parish Schools or the Presbytery

CHILDREN’S LITURGY

Children’s Liturgy will be on this weekend, 23rd June at Sacred Heart Church. All children are welcome.

FR BINH FAREWELL MASS AND MORNING TEA

Sacred Heart Church, Sunday 7th July. Please come along to celebrate mass with Fr Binh and give him the sendoff he deserves, for all the hard work he has put into our Parish, to ensure that we are able to flourish going forward. All Welcome.



‘LIGHTING A CANDLE’ IN REFUGEE WEEK

When we think of refugees, Andrew Hamilton SJ writes, it is easy to be overwhelmed by the numbers and bad news. But Refugee Week, he says, is not a time to curse the darkness, but ‘a time to turn our eyes to the myriad lights that shine in refugees’ eyes, to the candles of their generosity of spirit in the face of so much rejection, and to the pools of light surrounding their families.’ It also calls us ‘to light our own candles as we reach out to people who seek our protection and as we plead their cause’. To continue reading, visit:



<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/lighting-a-candle-in-refugee-week>

OUR SICK

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

Paul Le Quoc Viet

RECENTLY DECEASED

Mary Deguara

SACRED HEART PARISH SCHOOL

Still sharing our Feast Day celebrations... A big shout out



to our friends at Mary MacKillop Primary School in Keilor Downs for their special cards filled with kind words and beautiful images of Jesus' Sacred Heart #feelingthelove

NEW VICAR GENERAL FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE - A LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE

Dear Bishops, Fathers, Deacons and God’s People of Melbourne Archdiocese,
My prayerful greetings to you in the Lord.

Following the joyful news of Fr Joe Caddy’s appointment as Bishop-elect for the Diocese of Cairns, I now have the pleasure to share with you the appointment of Very Rev Anthony (Tony) Kerin EV JCL,



currently Episcopal Vicar for the Eastern Region; Episcopal Vicar for Life, Marriage and Family; and Parish Priest of Box Hill, as the new Vicar General for the Archdiocese of Melbourne, commencing in the role, 5 August 2024. As you would well understand, the role of Vicar General is both complex and challenging. It requires professionalism and diligence, and a strong pastoral heart. The position is also a critical one in support of my own leadership, and I believe Fr Tony will bring many gifts and more in offering guidance, wisdom and support to our Clergy and parishes. There will be further considerations to make around obligations of the role, and various Parish appointments—which will be made in due course.

I wish to share that I am deeply grateful for Fr Tony’s willingness and generosity to step into this Office, and ask that we keep both Fr Tony, and of course Fr Joe, in our prayers as these new journeys begin.

With every grace and blessing, I remain,

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli

Archbishop of Melbourne

2024 PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL

We would like to thank you for your generosity supporting the Church in Mongolia and House of Mercy. Thanks to your kindness, people like Chuluunbaatar will have access to the support they need to help them get back on their feet. Your gift will also support a variety of Church programs around the world.

To learn more about the impact your support is making, please visit: <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/our-work..>

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.

Amen.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

1st Collection

Presbytery Offering

To support:

- Parish clergy
- Sick and retired priests
- Priests in needy parishes
- Archbishop & auxiliary bishops

2nd Collection

Thanksgiving Offering

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 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.