

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



30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

27th OCTOBER 2024

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Mass Time

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

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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

Mark invites us to join him as he describes Jesus' progress to Jerusalem: situating ourselves among the group that – though they are truly attached to the Saviour – still have so much to learn. At Jerico, with the journey to Jerusalem almost completed, Mark includes the story of Bartimeus the blind beggar. Typical of Mark's style, the brief story has a vivid ring of immediacy. But it also has a telling lesson. Making the blind see is the first of the messianic signs (see Is 42:7) appealed to by Jesus, when – from his prison – John the Baptist sent his friends to ask of Jesus, 'Are you the one who is to come?' (Lk 7:22). Jesus is surrounded by blindness – the bewildered confusion of the twelve; the cruel reaction of the crowd, who 'scolded Bartimeus and told him to keep quiet'; the blindness of those in Jerusalem determined to destroy him. Through his miracle, Jesus makes Bartimeus a living sign of what he is doing in the name of his Father – healing the world's blindness, leading the human family to see in him the truth of God's ways.

God's grace has prepared the blind beggar. As he works the miracle for him, Jesus commends his 'faith'. Unfortunately, many people have a very abstract understand of 'faith' – as an acceptance of revealed truths. 'Faith' has a very concrete meaning when it is referred to by Jesus. For old Israel, God was known through the 'great things' God had done for Israel. God had a plan that was unfolding through the history of the chosen people. The reading from the prophet Jeremiah gives us a glimpse of the startling confidence of old Israel's faith. Though the people have lived through the horrors of defeat and exile, they must look forward, the prophet assures them, to a future filled with blessings – 'Shout with joy... Proclaim! Praise! Shout! The Lord has saved his people'. If they 'left in tears' for the trials of life in a foreign land, their return will be like a new Exodus, the whole company – the strong and the weak – will be led back, as God shows himself to be their loving 'Father'. The 'faith' Jesus frequently speaks of as he works a miracle is a blessed openness that recognises in his coming that the Father's generous plan is beginning to be realised. In contrast to those around Jesus, Bartimeus has this openness. He is the first person in the gospel accounts to address Jesus publicly with the messianic title, 'Son of David' – a title Jesus avoided because of the political overtones it had assumed in his time. He throws off his cloak and hurries forward to ask for the miracle that had been promised as a sign of the messiah of Israel's hopes. His readiness is instantly rewarded, and he joins the company of Jesus' disciples. It is unusual for a person miraculously healed to be named in the gospels. Perhaps Bartimeus was a character who became well known in the apostolic community – soon to be dramatically enlightened by the blessings of the Saviour's Paschal Mystery.

The reading from Hebrews develops the theme of Christ, 'given the glory of becoming high priest of the order of Melchisedech' by the Father. Through his resurrection, in the Paschal Mystery, he is revealed as a messiah far greater than Israel's expectations – the eternal Son who comes forth from the Father.



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

Jeremiah 31:7-9

The Lord says this: Shout with joy for Jacob! Hail the chief of nations! Proclaim! Praise! Shout: 'The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel!' See, I will bring them back from the land of the North and gather them from the far ends of earth; all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour: a great company returning here. They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble. For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 125(126)

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

1. When the LORD brought back the captives of Zion,
we were like men dreaming.
Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with rejoicing. **(R)**
2. Then they said among the nations,
"The LORD has done great things for them."
The LORD has done great things for us;
we are glad indeed. **(R)**
3. Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the torrents in the southern desert.
Those that sow in tears
shall reap rejoicing. **(R)**
4. Although they go forth weeping,
carrying the seed to be sown,
They shall come back rejoicing,
carrying their sheaves. **(R)**

2nd Reading

Hebrews 5:1-6

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel

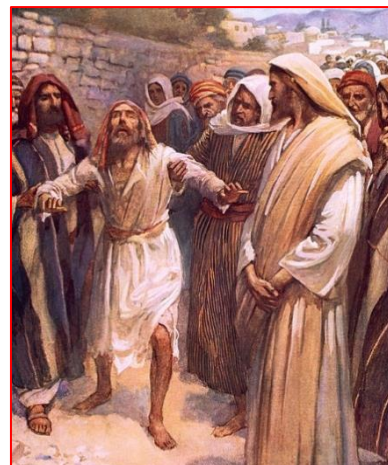
Mark 10:46-52

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to

Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION BY SR MARY FERMIO

There are many types of blindness e.g. the people of Germany were blind to the wiles of Hitler; or walking past homeless people on the street without noticing them; refuse to see because of fear of speaking up about some wrong. But to lose one's eyesight is a different type of blindness and must lead to great difficulty.



Jesus was approached by Bartimaeus who wanted to see "again". So he must be able to remember how he once saw the beauty of the world and wanted to see again. He believed Jesus could do this, hence his plea. But though he made the first move by calling out, he needed the assistance of others to meet Jesus. Bartimaeus' sight was restored, and he responded by following Jesus.

We also need help to remove our blindness to enable us to see Jesus more clearly and in a deeper relationship. Like Bartimaeus, we need to ask Jesus to do this, or ask someone else to help us, to remove any blindness we may be experiencing, so that we may live a fully Christian life.

Let us not be afraid to pray for this



Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise.

ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS DAY MASSES

As the feast of All Saints and All Souls is approaching, we invite all Parishioners to join us for the following Masses on Friday 1st Nov at 9.15am at Sacred Heart Church, Newport & Sat 2nd Nov at Sacred Heart Church Newport at 9.15am. No changes to normal weekend Masses.



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

There will be a Children's Liturgy this weekend 27th October at Sacred Heart 10:00am mass.

REMEMBRANCE AREA

There will be a Remembrance area at both churches in November for families to place photos (no large photos) and names of deceased loved ones, asking the community to remember them in prayer, This November. memories of our deceased loved ones fill our hearts in a special way. So many encounters recalled, laughter, tears, hopes and fears, good wishes, disappointments, expressions of love-all fixed in our memories and brought to life, if for a few moments. Praying to our loved ones and for them manifests the common life we all share together in this beautiful mystery, the Communion of Saints.

PARISH FAITH FORMATION



Amidst the busy preparations for the joyous feast of Christmas, you invited to join us for an evening of reflection and prayer.

Through the theme Waiting in Hope and reading of the Gospel of the 4th Sunday of Advent, Luke

1:39-45, we will take time to reflect on God's action in our own lives.

As we think about how Mary's 'yes' to God unfolded into joy and blessing for the world, we will take time to discover where the moments of hope and joy are for us. We look forward to journeying with you this Advent season.

Venue: Sacred Heart Primary School

Date: Thursday 28th of November

Time: 7-8:30pm

RSVP: Newport.Spotswood@cam.org.au

COMBINED PARISH YOUTH GATHERING

All youth aged from 13 to 18 years old, we would love for you to come and join our monthly Youth gathering. The next Youth Gathering will be a movie night including Pizza. Please join us on **Saturday 2nd November** (7.00pm – 9:00pm) at St Mary's Parish Centre, 116 Cecil Street Williamstown.



ANNUAL PARISH FORUM AND INVITATION TO JOIN THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

In preparation for the upcoming Annual Parish Forum on November 24 the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) would like to invite Expressions of Interest for vacant positions on the PPC. We currently have 3 vacancies for general members and 1 vacancy for a youth member. We will have current members of our PPC at our Masses this weekend to explain the role of the council and the process for nomination. Formal nominations need to be submitted to Parish Office by November 8.

Nominees will be presented at the Annual Parish Forum on Nov 24

POWER POINT, MUSIC VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Required to operate PowerPoint Training will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Ivana at the Parish office on 9391 1201 or via e-mail at

OUR SICK

Rita Galea, Edi, Joe Attard, John, Helen Kelly

ANNIVERSARIES

Gina Meilak, Rosario Tiricola, Anton Benic Editha Begovic, Robert Cavallaro, Carmelo Sagona

DECEASED

Antonio DiMichele, Francesco Barbalaco,

Newport.Spotswood@cam.org.au. Please note that you must have a current Working with Children Check and signed Code of Conduct.

LECTOR AND SPECIAL MINISTERS REQUIRED

We are looking for Volunteers to be Lectors and Special Ministers at Mass. Training will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Ivana at the Parish office on 9391 1201 or via email Newport.spotswood@cam.org.au Please note that you must have a current Working with Children check, and signed code of conduct.

FLOWER VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

We are looking for Volunteers to assist with flower arrangements at Sacred Heart Church and St Margaret Mary's Church each week/fortnight. If you are interested, please contact Ivana via Phone on 9391 1201 or via e-mail at Newport.Spotswood@cam.org.au. Please note that you must have a current Working with Children check, and signed code of conduct.

SACRED HEART PARISH SCHOOL

Our Year 6 students have just returned from an unforgettable 3-day adventure at Camp Campaspe! The camp was filled with exciting activities designed to challenge, inspire, and motivate—and of course, our students rose to the challenge!



We are so proud of their resilience, independence, and the way they encouraged each other throughout the journey. ✨ It was amazing to see them step outside their comfort zones, build confidence, and work together as a team. Well done, Year 6!

'GOD'S WAY OF SERVICE': POPE CREATES 14 NEW SAINTS

Pope Francis called on the faithful to yearn to serve, not thirst for power, as he proclaimed 14 new saints, including Canada-born St Marie-Léonie Paradis, founder of the Little Sisters of the Holy Family, and 11 martyrs.

'Those who dominate do not win, only those who serve out of love,' he said on 20 October.

'When we learn to serve, our every gesture of attention and care, every expression of tenderness, every work of mercy becomes a reflection of God's love,' he said. 'And so, we continue Jesus' work in the world.'

he Pope said the new saints lived Jesus' way of service. 'The faith and the apostolate they carried out did not feed their worldly desires and hunger for power but, on the contrary, they made themselves servants of their brothers and sisters, creative in doing the good, steadfast in difficulties and generous to the end.'

On World Mission Sunday in St Peter's Square, during the synod on synodality, the Pope created the following new saints: to continue reading, please visit:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/gods-way-of-service-pope-creates-14-new-saints>

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.

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.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

1st Collection

Presbytery Offering

2nd 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.