



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

32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

10th NOVEMBER 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

Today's reading from Mark's gospel reminds us what a great teacher Jesus was. The object lesson he gives, as he watches people making their donations, is one of the best remembered stories of the world's religious traditions – the 'widow's mite' has become proverbial. Mark sharpens the lesson by linking this incident with what Jesus has to say about 'scribes' who 'swallow the property of widows while making a show of lengthy prayers'. The situation of widows was insecure. The 'scribes', so often mentioned in the gospels, were interpreters of the Law of old Israel – the lawyers of the day. They benefited as trustees for the estates of widows, and a reputation for piety could be good for business. Jesus' words, of course, have a lesson for all of us – people who make a selfish show of their piety, instead of making it a 'secret' they share with their heavenly Father (Mt 5:6), give Christianity a bad name.

Mark gives the little widow a privileged place in his telling of the story of Jesus. Having entered Jerusalem to meet his fate, Jesus is giving his final instructions concerning the discipleship to which he is calling those who wish to follow him. Using the widow's example, he goes to the very heart of the matter – a giving that counts. Is there any more telling way of expressing the fundamental truth, that as responsible persons we are made in the image of God, than by unselfish giving to others? The most precious things in life - in our family, in the community in which we live – come through the selfless generosity with which we give to others. We know from experience that it is a giving that costs us something that brings real happiness to ourselves and to those around us.

Mark is linking the generous giving of the widow with the great drama of God's generosity soon to take place – as Jesus gives himself into the hands of his Father for the sake of the whole human family. Our liturgy takes up Mark's lesson. Today's reading from Hebrews – a central passage in this great treatise – explains how the ritual of old Israel was only a foreshadowing of the Saviour's Paschal Mystery. The old sacrifices, offered time and again - in a 'man made' temple that was only a model of God's dwelling place, and making use of the blood of animals - have now given way to the world's final act of worship. The Saviour enters 'the actual presence of God on our behalf', making a gift of himself 'once and for all'. He shows us how true it is that a giving that really counts brings true blessings – in his total gift of himself he has become the source of all the blessings that will fill our eternity.



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

1 Kings 17:10-16

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring me a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,
jug of oil shall not be emptied,
before the day when the Lord sends
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 145: 7-10

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R)**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord,
who protects the stranger. **(R)**
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan but
thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign
for ever,=Zion's God, from age to age. **(R)**

2nd Reading

Hebrews 9:24-28

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

How happy are the poor in spirit:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 12:38-44

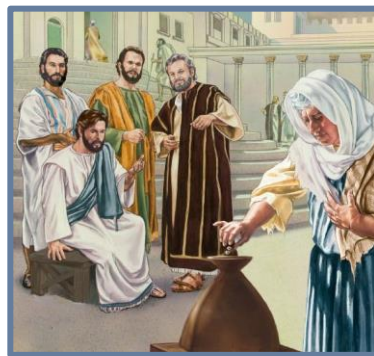
In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

SCRPTURE REFLECTION BY SR MARY FERNIO

Sometimes we read of people donating millions or thousands of dollars to some worthy cause. Most of us can only give a little, as the remainder is needed for our livelihood and well-being. Some of these get into the news, but I am sure there are many who donate privately. Jesus praises a widow who puts in "two small coins – all she had!" into the treasury. This is such a contrast to the money placed publicly in the treasury by the Scribes who flaunt themselves in the streets expecting greetings from one and all and "swallow the property of widows." How Jesus speaks of them is a contrast to his comments about the widow, who put in all she had to live on. To meet the requirements of the law she had to be penniless to get help, as required by the Scribes.

Members of a community should never be valued by their bank balance and how much they contribute to a parish. The true treasures of the church are often the poor, the weak and the suffering. God sees things differently and doesn't measure the amount, but the disposition of our hearts and how we live our lives especially with reference to others.



Almighty and merciful God, graciously keep from us all adversity, so that, unhindered in mind and body alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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

CUPPA AND A CHAT

Please join us for a cuppa and chat on 16th November at St Margaret Mary's Church after 5:30pm mass. Hosted by the lectors. All welcome.

CATHOLIC CARE

This week is CatholicCare Victoria's annual Pastoral Care Appeal. Donations will support vulnerable people in our community. Your support and generosity will ensure Catholic Prison Chaplains can continue to be messengers of God's Mercy, love and compassion. You can donate via envelopes available or online via <https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/> or call 9967 2515.

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.

ANNUAL PARISH FORUM AND PARISH LUNCH - NOVEMBER 24TH

We will hold our Annual Parish Forum directly after 10am Mass at Sacred Heart Church on Sunday, November 24. The forum will be followed by our end of year luncheon that is open to all parishioners, where we will be able to acknowledge and celebrate the contributions so many people have made to the life of our parish this year. All are welcome to attend - please save the date.

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

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.

OUR SICK

Romano, Rita Galea, Editha Begovic, Joe Attard, John, Helen Kelly

ANNIVERSARIES

RECENTLY DECEASED

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.

POWER POINT, MUSIC VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

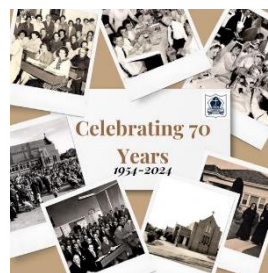
Required to operate PowerPoint Training will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Ivana at the Parish office on 9391 1201 or via e-mail at Newport.spotswood@cam.org.au Please note that you must have a current Working with Children Check and signed Code of Conduct.

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.



ST MARGARET MARY'S PARISH SCHOOL



This week, we came together to celebrate the Feast of St. Margaret Mary and mark an incredible milestone—our school's 70th anniversary! For seven decades, St. Margaret Mary's has been a vibrant community, shaped by generations of families, students, and staff. We're grateful for the time we share together, creating lasting memories in a place that means so much to us all. Here's to the next 70 years of growth, love, and community!

SACRED HEART PARISH SCHOOL

As October and Mission Month come to a close, our Mary MacKillop group hosted a fantastic Crazy Socks Day today! Students joined in the fun, wearing their craziest socks and raising a total of \$229.70 for Catholic Mission. Thank you to everyone who participated and donated!



REMEMBRANCE DAY MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

Remembrance Day is a memorial day observed in Commonwealth member states since the end of the First World War to honour armed forces members who have died in the line of duty. Every year at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, millions around the world pause in silence to remember the sacrifices many have made so we can enjoy life today..

Lest we Forget



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.

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.

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

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 st Collection Presbytery Offering	2 nd Collection Thanksgiving Offering
To support: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parish clergy• Sick and retired priests• Priests in needy parishes• Archbishop & auxiliary bishops	To support: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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