

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

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Mass Times

Tue & Thu: 9.15am, Spotswood

Wed, Fri & Sat: 9.15am, Newport

Sat: 5.30pm, Spotswood

Sun: 10.00am, Newport

Rosary & Silent Adoration

After Saturday mass, ends 10.30am

Reconciliation

Sat 10.00–10.30am, Newport

5.00–5.20pm, Spotswood

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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 26 JULY 2026

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.

PARISH CALENDAR AND COMMUNITY OBSERVANCES

JULY:

26th: Saints Joachim and Anne

AUGUST:

2nd: Cuppa and Chat (SH)

3rd: Rosary Group (Jubilee Room)

6th: Transfiguration of the Lord

7th: Friday Parish Morning Tea (Presbytery)

8th: Mary MacKillop Feast

9th: The Archbishop's Campaign begins

11th: SH SAC Meeting



NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER – 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Date	Lector	Special Minister	Powerpoint	Choir	Liturgy
Sat 01 Aug '26	Clare Martin	Jane Attard	Lilly Mullins	n/a	Katherine Wong
Sun 02 Aug '26	Carmel Crawford	Alice Guinery	Bang Bui	Parish Choir	

Counting team (week beginning 26th July '26): Team A – Helen, Rose

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT 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 :

Kings 3:5, 7-12

Gospel:

Matthew 13:44-52

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

Responsorial Psalm 127-130

Ps 118:57, 72, 76-77,

(R) Lord, I love your commands.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.

The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold. (R)

Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.

Let your love come to me and I shall live
for your law is my delight. (R)

That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.

That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways. (R)

Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.

The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. (R)

Second Reading :

Romans 8:28-30

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of Heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'



Reflection – courtesy Summit Online

DID YOU KNOW?

Points of interest and Catholic lore

- In ancient times, people often buried their treasures as they fled from enemies or invaders. Sometimes their owners may return to recover the treasure, but often it remained buried for many years. Among priceless discoveries of treasure buried as the owners fled invaders are the Dead Sea Scrolls, hidden from the Roman army in the late first century.
- A scribe in the ancient world was someone who could read and write and who often held government positions. At the time of Jesus, the scribes were influential teachers of the Jewish faith, well versed in Scripture and the Law.
- The householder who brings out things both old and new may be a reference to people like Matthew himself, who as well as receiving the teachings of Jesus and believing in him, retain a profound respect for the Law and traditions of Judaism.
- The blazing furnace referred to here is the place of eternal punishment for the wicked, known by the Hebrew terms Sheol or Gehenna. Hell is the English word used to translate these terms.

PARISH NEWS

Novena Day 6 to St. John Paul the Great

Novena Day Six to St John Paul the Great led by Fr Tadeusz Rostworowski SJ. St Leo the Great Parish (Altona North) invites all parishioners to join the Day Six of the Novena to Saint John Paul II as we commemorate the 40th Anniversary of his visit to our parish in 1986. Novena Mass will be led by Fr Tadeusz Rostworowski SJ. As a young man, Fr Tadeusz had the extraordinary privilege of spending time with St John Paul II, and he was also ordained by St John Paul II.

Date: Tuesday, 28 July 2026

Time: Mass at 7:00pm, followed by Novena Prayers and Benediction, and fellowship afterwards.

Live Stream for this Sunday

They'll be no Live Stream Mass available for this Sunday 26th July 2026 as we have no volunteers for that day to do this task. Sorry for the inconvenience caused. If you know of anyone who has this experience, please let the Parish office know. Thank you.

Vocation Expo

The Melbourne Vocations Office and ACU Campus Ministry are hosting a Vocations Expo on Saturday 1 August 2026. You will find a Flyer displayed in both churches.

Mass Roster Volunteers for July - Dec 2026

You would have received a copy of the Mass Roster for July - Dec 2026 via email. If I have missed anyone, please let the Parish office know. **If you are unable to do the date you are allocated, please arrange for someone else to fill in your position for that Mass & let the Parish Office know of this change.** Thank you for your patience.

Partnering In Mission Corner

The Joint Partnership Steering committee truly appreciate all your valuable thoughts, ideas, feedbacks and suggestions at our consultation sessions. Please be assured that the parishioners will receive ongoing updates at every stage of the process. The "Partnering for Mission" document is available on our website.

Upcoming meeting: 29 July 2026

Stage 1: Setting the scene, understanding the issues.

Parishioner consultations
December 2025 - May 2026

Stage 3: Implementing agreed initiatives.

October 2026 to June 2027.

Stage 2: Identifying & evaluating options for partnering.

June 2026 - September 2026.

Feedback and refinement
Ongoing

Sunday Collections (18 & 19 July 2026)

1st Collection
\$444.80

2nd Collection
\$716.80

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Scan the QR code to receive our weekly parish newsletter and stay connected to the latest news and events.



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recent Deaths:

Sick:

Chris SALIBA
John
Michelle NEWMAN
Helen KELLY
Dianna
Tony



Death Anniversaries:

ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

Synod26 Corner

Theme Paper Release

- Guide for Consultation Process
- Young Discipleship
- Missionary Leadership
- Formation and Participation

These resources are accessible via:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/synod2026>

The Synod theme papers are an important step in our journey of listening and discernment as we prepare for the Melbourne Synod. The papers aim to foster a spirit of hope and imagination—trusting that, as we walk together, God is calling us into a future marked by faithfulness, renewal, and deeper communion. The suggested reflection process is a 'Conversation in the Spirit' or a Spiritual Conversation. This method is based in prayer and allows people to come together to both speak and to listen. Different from a discussion, it is an attentive listening process that aims to discern where the Holy Spirit is leading us. At the conclusion of each theme paper, there are prompt questions for reflection. Responses to these prompt questions can be provided via the QR code which is at the end of each paper.

Archdiocese Special Collections 2026

- 9 - 23 August: The Archbishop's Campaign

PRAYER GROUPS

Marian Movement of Priests

Held every Thursday 12.30 pm till 3.30 pm but will no longer be held at the Jubilee Centre. If you are interested please contact: Mary Nassar 0402 329 683 or Christina Leandri 0429 080 003

Rosary Group

The group meets every first Monday of the month at 1.00 pm in the Jubilee Room. The next one is on 3 August 2026.

PORTABLE SMART TERMINALS

For those of us that do not carry cash, we now have portable smart terminals available in the foyer.



You can make your collection offering electronically here

If you would like to join our parish thanksgiving program, and receive a thanksgiving envelope number. Please contact the parish office.



Rite of First Eucharist –

Dates & Mass Times at St. Margaret Mary's Church Spotswood (SMM):

Saturday, 22nd August at 5.30 pm
(only 6 places).

Date & Mass Times at Sacred Heart (SH):

Saturday, 23rd August at 10.00 am
Sunday, 30th August at 10.00 am

Preparation Lessons (Sacred Heart Church at 9 am)

- Sunday, July 26
- Sunday, August 2
- Sunday, August 9
- Sunday, August 16

Students will be accompanied at lessons by family / friend / godparent.

Children's Liturgy

During the 10 am mass at Sacred Heart Church, Newport, the school teachers and volunteers organise children's liturgy in Joseph's Retreat.

Liturgy this term:



Combined Parish Youth Gathering

Every first Saturday of the month

Place: Parish Centre, Williamstown

Time: 7pm (after youth lead vigil mass at 6 pm)

To register, please contact Martin and Branka Briffa.

Sign-in required.

Upcoming date:

Saturday, 2 August



Baptism Dates 2026

SMM - 15 August

SH - 19 September

SMM - 17 October

SH - 21 November

SMM - 19 December



Australian Catholic Youth Ministry Network

Sunday 26 July 2026
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 13:44-52

Look

MY TREASURE!

My favourite things

Here is a bag for your things. Draw some of your favourite things in this bag. Would you swap them for something else? Would you swap them for something really special? The merchant did in the story.

If someone found treasure in a field, they might sell everything they have just to be able to buy the field and own the treasure. A pearl merchant might sell everything so he can buy one fantastic pearl. The kingdom of heaven is the most special treasure!

Sudoku

Can you fill the grid with the pictures of Jesus, a heart, treasure and a pearl?

Put one of each picture in every row, column and mini-grid.

	Jesus		
		Heart	
Pearl			
			Treasure

Maze

This merchant is looking for fine pearls. Help him find the most valuable one in the centre of the maze.

He is happy to leave everything he has so that he can get to the most important pearl.

A PRAYER TO SAY

I would like to be as happy as the pearl merchant, Jesus. Help me to understand what is important in life. Help me to keep on searching for you. Amen.

Sudoku

Hidden around this page are five pearls like this one. Can you find them all?

Answers: Maze: Path 3 will find the pearl.