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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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30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 25 OCT 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

OCTOBER:
29th: First Reconciliation (SMM)
30th: First Reconciliation (SH)

NOVEMBER:
1st: All Saints
1st: Cuppa and Chat (SH)
2nd: All Souls
9th: Rosary Group (Presbytery)
5th: Combined PPC&PFC Meeting
6th: Friday Parish Morning Tea (Presbytery)



NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER - ALL SAINTS DAY

Date	Lector	Special Minister	Powerpoint	Choir	Liturgy
Sat 31 Oct '26	JP Eid	Katherine Wong	Gwyen & Gary	n/a	Katherine Wong
Sun 01 Nov '26	Maria Main	Need Volunteer	Bang Bui	Parish Choir	

Counting team (week beginning 25th October 26)
Team B - Margaret, Mary, Tricia

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 : Exodus 22:20-26

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans."If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him. "If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

Responsorial Psalm Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51

(R) I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. **(R)**
Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. **(R)**

Second Reading Thessalonians 1:5-10

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

Reflection - courtesy *Summit Online*

DID YOU KNOW?

Points of interest and Catholic lore

- The commandment that Jesus quotes first is part of a famous Jewish declaration of faith known as the Shema from Deuteronomy 6:4: 'Hear O Israel, the Lord, our God, is one …' This text is written out and placed inside small boxes called mezuzah, which are placed on the door posts of Jewish homes. Each time a person passes through the door, they touch the mezuzah, thus making this declaration of faith several times a day.
- The second commandment quoted comes from Leviticus 19:18. Both statements are part of the Jewish Law.
- The term 'the Law and the prophets' implies the whole teaching of Judaism. The books of the Law, known as the Torah, are the first five books of the Bible, often called the Pentateuch.

EXPLORING THE WORD

This is the final public encounter between Jesus and his enemies in Matthew's Gospel. They are seeking to expose his lack of professional knowledge of the Scriptures or to trap him into giving more weight to one of the Ten Commandments, which are viewed as equally important. Jesus cuts the ground from under them. No one could argue with his answer!

But if the dual command of love was present in the Jewish Law, what new thing did Jesus bring? His originality places love of God and love of neighbour together. It is not possible to love God and despise people. God and the human situation are intimately interwoven. This is shown most perfectly in the person of Jesus himself: Son of Man and Son of God; fully human and fully divine. Followers of Jesus must also embody the dual commandment of love.

- Do you find it easier to love God or love other people?
- Are there ways you can make your response to the great commandment more balanced?

PARISH NEWS

Draft Parish Strategic Plan for Review

Please find enclosed in this bulletin an insert with a working draft of the Parish Strategic Plan for your review. We hope that this adequately captures your feedback and your hopes for our Parish. Members of the Parish Pastoral Council will be available after Masses on the weekend of November 7-8 to hear your thoughts. Alternatively, you are are welcome to email us at **Newport.Spotswood-PPC@cam.org.au**.

Annual Parish Forum and Expression of Interest to join PPC

As we prepare for our upcoming Annual Parish Forum on November 22, we extend an invitation for EOI to join our Parish Pastoral Council. The Parish Pastoral Council in 2027 will have two vacancies for youth (18-25 years of age), and two vacancies for general members. If you have an interest in becoming a member of the PPC, or if you have a suggestion of a parishioner who you think would make a good member, please get in touch with us. You can do so by sending an email to Newport.Spotswood-PPC@cam.org.au, by leaving a message at the presbytery, or by speaking to Fr Samuel or one of our other PPC members after Mass.

Formal expressions of interest need to be submitted to Parish Office by November the 5th.

October: Month of the Holy Rosary

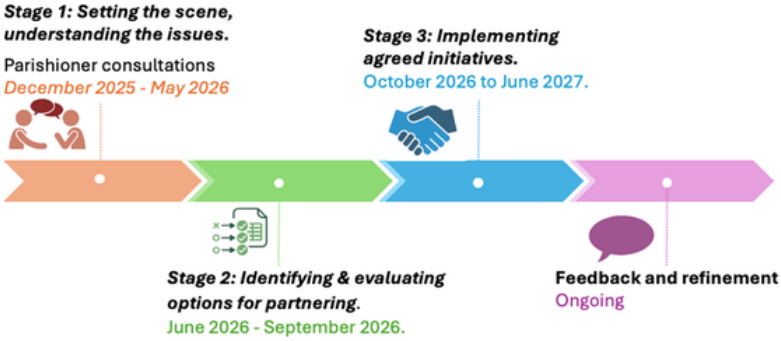
During the month of October, after the weekday Masses, we will be praying the Rosary for the month of Holy October. Everyone are welcome to attend.

Month of November - Month of Remembrance

During the month of November, we ask all Parishioners to write names of their departed family members, which will be projected at weekday Masses. Envelopes for November Masses for the Holy Souls, will be available at church.

Partnering In Mission Corner

The Joint Partnership Steering committee truly appreciate all your valuable thoughts, ideas, feedbacks and suggestions at our consultation sessions. The parishioners will receive an update on 22 November 2026 at the Annual Parish Forum. The "Partnering for Mission" document is available on our website.



Sunday Collections (10th & 11th October 2026)

1st Collection	2nd Collection
$660.15	$800.60

Join Our Parish Mailing List

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Death Anniversaries:

Peggy DOOLEY
Anton BENIC
Danica BENIC
Joseph (1 year) &
Margaret BARRETT

Sick:

Helen KELLY
Maree WALSH
Luke GIANNOUKAS



ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

Melbourne Synod

The Melbourne Synod will be held from Friday 4 to Sunday 6 December 2026. Attendance at the Synod is guided by Canon 463 and includes clergy, religious and lay representatives. In Melbourne, the Synod will comprise approximately 180 Members. Sixty (60) lay Members, comprising fifteen (15) representatives from each region, will be selected through a nomination process to participate in the Synod.

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 interest please contact: Mary Nassar or Christina Leandri

Rosary Group

The group meets every first Monday of the month at 1.00 pm in the presbytery. **However, November's meeting will be on the 9th November 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.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CORNER

SACRED HEART SCHOOL
https://www.shnewport.catholic.edu.au

Tonight our staff were led by Carlie Anderson from #imaginewithscripture in a beautiful experience of Imaginative Prayer, entering more deeply into the story of The Visitation (Luke 1:39–56).
A wonderful opportunity to encounter Scripture through imagination, reflection and prayer. ✨🙏

ST MARGARET MARY'S SCHOOL
https://www.smmspotswood.catholic.edu.au

St Margaret Mary's students are independent life-long learners inspired by Gospel values and empowered with a sense of purpose and responsibility. They confidently engage with others and are equipped with skills to adapt to an ever changing world.



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EVENTS

Rite of First Reconciliation
For students of Sacred Heart (Thurs 29 October) and St Margaret Mary's (Fri 30 October).



Combined Parish Youth Gathering
Every first Saturday of the month
We now have a new age range for The Combined Parishes Youth Group. The age range has changed from 13-19 years and **is now 15-25 years of age.**
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, 7th November



Baptism Dates 2026
SH - 21 November
SMM - 19 December

Australian Catholic Youth Ministry Network