

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

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## Mass Times

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Wed & Fri – 9.15am, Newport

Sat – 5.30pm, Spotswood

Sun – 10.00am, Newport

## Reconciliation

Sat 10.00–10.30am, Newport

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## Safeguarding

The Parish of St Joseph, Newport and Spotswood, holds the care, safety and wellbeing of children, young people and all vulnerable people/adults as a central and fundamental responsibility for our community.

## 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

4 MAY 2025

### REFLECTION

**JOHN THORNHILL sm**

Last Sunday we found encouragement in the fact that it was not easy for the apostles to grasp the difference the Lord's Resurrection should make in their lives. Today's gospel reading from John tells us of the conversion that brought this difference in Peter, destined to become the fearless leader of the Twelve. According to this account, the disciples have already been in the presence of the Risen Lord more than once; but - still uncertain what is required of them - they are taking up their old life: 'I'm going fishing' 'We'll come with you'. Most are slow to recognise Jesus on the shore of the lake; it is the disciple bonded to Jesus by a special love that is the first to do so. And even when they have joined him they hesitate to interrogate him. The whole account underlines the change of heart they still have to undergo.

It is Peter especially who must be converted, if he is to be their leader, when with him they come to know that they are called to be 'fishers of men' – with the Lord at their side. Peter is confronted with his threefold denial as Jesus asks him three times, 'Do you love me?'. Scholars have long discussed the fact that, in this exchange, two different terms for 'love' are used. In his first two questions, Jesus uses the word Christian faith came to identify with the New Law brought by Jesus (agapao). When Peter responds evasively, using another less demanding term (phileo), Jesus asks for a third time, now using this less demanding term – as if to say, reminding Peter of his recent failure, 'Are you really sure that you care for me at all?' Now Peter is 'upset': confronted by his inadequacy he knows that he can only rely on the Lord's decision to entrust him with a role of leadership, and now he used the word he has been avoiding (J. Marsh): 'Lord you know everything; you know I love you'.

We see how well this new trust in the Risen Lord sustains Peter as he faces the Sanhedrin, the very body in the presence of which he had felt intimidated when he betrayed his Master. Unafraid of them now, he has 'filled Jerusalem' with his teaching. Now he sees his life, shaped by the Lord's call, as 'obedience to God' – whatever it may cost. He gives his fearless witness to the God of Israel as the one who raised Jesus to be 'leader and saviour' – confident that he is supported by 'the Holy Spirit whom God ; has given to those who obey him'; and he calls those who unjustly put Jesus to death to 'repentance and the forgiveness of sins'. Now the lessons of the Risen Lord, given on the evening of his resurrection day, have become the charter of his life.

An encouraging memory for each of us in our Easter reflections, as we seek to respond to the call of the Risen Lord in the confusion of our lives. In a trusting acknowledgment of our weakness we shall find our true strength.

### INSTALLATION OF THE NEW PARISH PRIEST

The Parish of St. Joseph, Newport and Spotswood, cordially invite you to the installation ceremony of Fr Samuel Kapani as the new Parish Priest on 11 May at the 10 am Sunday Mass, Sacred Heart Church, Newport, which will be presided over by Most Rev Martin Ashe, Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne, Western Region.

### CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

For the parishes in the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, the annual CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal will be held during the weekend of 3rd and 4th May 2025.



### 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

#### Acts of the Apostles 5:27–32, 40–41

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning,' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

### Responsorial Psalm

#### Ps 29:2, 4–6, 11–13

#### **R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.**

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me  
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.  
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,  
restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. (R)

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,  
give thanks to his holy name.  
His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life.  
At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. (R)

The Lord listened and had pity.  
The Lord came to my help.  
For me you have changed my mourning into dancing;  
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. (R)

### 2nd Reading

#### Apocalypse 5:11–14

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.'

Then I heard all the living things in creation – everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ is risen: the Lord of all creation,  
He has shown pity on all people.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

#### John 21:1–19

Jesus showed himself again to his disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No,' he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord,' Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?' He answered, 'Yes Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep.' Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'

'I tell you most solemnly, when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will put a belt around you and take you where you would rather not go.' In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, 'Follow me.'



## PARISH NEWS

### PARISH OFFICE

Please note: due to change of circumstances our parish office is currently unattended. However, your enquiries are important to us and will be responded to as quickly as possible. We thank you for your understanding.

### PARISH MASS COUNT 2025

This year, the four weekends of 3-4 May, 10-11 May, 17-18 May and 24-25 May have been selected for the count.

### THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

Thanksgiving envelopes along with statements were available from last week at Sacred Heart and St Margaret Mary's for collection. If you are part of the electronic thanksgiving program, statements were also available for pick up. If you do not have envelopes and wish to be assigned one, please contact the Parish office. If you wish to sign up to electronic giving, please use the barcode on the back of the newsletter.

### GRADE 6 CONFIRMATION

We are pleased to announce that Grade 6 students from St. Margaret Mary and Sacred Heart will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, May 9th, at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Please keep these young members of our community in your prayers as they prepare for this important step in their faith journey. Families and parishioners are welcome to attend and show their support.

### COMBINED PARISH YOUTH GROUP

Our next Combined Parish Youth Gathering will be held this **Saturday 3rd of May from 7:00pm-8:30pm**. We invite all Youth aged 13-18 years old to come and join us for a fun evening with pizza, religious talk reflecting on the mass readings and games. The youth will also be volunteering for this Saturday's mass at St Mary's Church (Williamstown) at 6pm.

#### Address for Youth Gathering:

St Mary's Parish Centre, 116 Cecil Street Williamstown.

### OUR SICK

Helen Kelly

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Rosalie Hong Chau, Michelle Jenkins

### ANNIVERSARIES

Josephine Walsh, Agostinho Fernandes, Janina Nowaczek

### INVITATION: THE VIBRANT PARISH FORMATION

Based on the Take the Way of the Gospel Framework for Parish Renewal, speakers and presenters will inspire participants to animate and strengthen the 5 characteristics of a vibrant parish: worship, evangelisation, formation, fellowship, and service.

**Open to all** who hope for parishes that nurture and send forth disciples. Come and connect with people from other parishes and communities and discover new opportunities for mission.

This new formation series will be held over 5 sessions:

- Wednesdays (6.30pm - 9pm): 14 May 2025, 11 June 2025, 2 July 2025, 13 August 2025, 10 September 2025
- Club Italia, 128-132 Furlong Road, Sunshine

Trybooking Link: [The Vibrant Parish Formation Series Tickets, Various Venues | TryBooking Australia](#)

### MOUNT ST. JOSEPH GIRLS' COLLEGE OPEN DAY

We are delighted to invite you and your family to our Open Day at Mount St. Joseph Girls' College - a wonderful opportunity to experience firsthand the vibrant learning environment, strong community spirit, and outstanding opportunities that await your child. Sunday 18 May 10:00am - 2:00pm. Please register your intention to attend.



### 'Pray for me': thousands mourn Pope Francis at St Patrick's Cathedral

The bells of St Patrick's Cathedral tolled on the afternoon of Monday 28 April as more than 2,500 people from across the Archdiocese of Melbourne gathered to mourn the passing of Pope Francis, 266th successor of St Peter, in a Solemn Pontifical Mass for the repose of his soul.



Archbishop Peter A Comensoli was principal celebrant for the Mass, joined by bishops and priests from across the Archdiocese, alongside members of religious congregations, the faithful and representatives of civic life.

A spirit of prayerful gratitude, sorrow and hope filled the Cathedral, reflecting the life of a pope remembered for his humility, joy and proclamation of God's boundless mercy.

To continue reading visit: <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/pray-for-me-thousands-mourn-pope-francis-at-st-patricks-cathedral>

### St Patrick's Cathedral - Light into the City

For information regarding a Bipartisan pledge of \$60 million to restore Melbourne's St Patrick's Cathedral please visit: <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/bipartisan-pledge-of-60-million-to-restore-melbournes-st-patricks-cathedral>

A vibrant poster for 'High Tea' at Joseph's Corner. The top features the 'JOSEPH'S CORNER' logo with a red and white floral design. Below it, the text 'High Tea' is written in a large, elegant script. A banner reads 'CELEBRATING 25 YEARS IN THE WEST'. The event is scheduled for 'Sunday 4th May 2025' from '2pm - 5pm' at 'Mount St. Joseph Girls' College, 133 Maidstone St, Altona'. It mentions a 'Guest Speaker: TBA' and that bookings are essential by Monday 28th April 2025. A note states 'All proceeds provide free counselling to families and individuals affected by a loved one's addiction'. The cost is '\$40 pp'. A QR code is at the bottom, and the website 'josephscorner.org.au' is in the footer.

JOSEPH'S CORNER

High Tea

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133 Maidstone St, Altona

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Bookings through Trybooking (scan QR code)  
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## 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 APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God,

the Father Almighty,

Creator of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died and was buried;

he descended into hell;

on the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the

Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

## 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.

## 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

## 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

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

### 1st Collection

Supports: *Parish clergy,  
Sick and retired priests,  
Priests in needy Parishes,  
Archbishops & auxiliary  
bishops.*

### 2nd Collection

Supports: *Parish running costs,  
Parish Pastoral initiatives,  
Diocesan and various services.*

**If you would like to join our parish thanksgiving program,  
and receive a thanksgiving envelope no. please contact  
the parish office.**

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



## JOIN OUR THANKSGIVING PROGRAM

If you would like to join our parish  
thanksgiving program electronically or  
make a one-off gift to the church scan  
this QR code and follow the prompts.  
Thank you for your continued support.

