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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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11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 14 JUNE 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

- JUNE:**
- 14th: Sacred Heart Primary School
125 Year Anniversary
: Vinnies Winter Appeal
 - 16th: SH SAC Meeting
 - 18th: PPC Meeting
 - 20th: World Refugee Day
 - 20th: Baptisms (SMM)
 - 20th: Cuppa and Chat (SMM)



NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER - 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Date	Lector	Special Minister	Powerpoint	Choir	Liturgy
Sat 20 June '26	Clare Martin	Lidia Cammarano	Need Volunteer	Parish Choir	Katherine Wong
Sun 21 June '26	Robert Spolja	Alice Guiney	Bang Bui	Henry, Netty & Neil	

Counting team (week beginning 21st June '26):
Team B - Margaret Lancaster, Mary Kade, Tricia O'Shea

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.

First Reading : Exodus 19:2-6

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp. Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 99:2-3, 5

(R) We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. **(R)**

Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **(R)**

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. **(R)**

Second Reading : Romans

5:6-11

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Kingdom of God is near;
repent and believe the Good News!
Alleluia!



Gospel: Matthew 9:36-10:8

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.' He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows: 'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

Reflection - courtesy Summit Online

DID YOU KNOW?

Points of interest and Catholic lore

- Parables are very short stories with a double meaning. They act like metaphors and can be interpreted very broadly. To understand the parables of Jesus we must be attentive to both the literal and metaphorical language used.
- The nearness of the kingdom (or reign) of God is the central plank of the teaching of Jesus in Mark's Gospel.
- The term 'kingdom of God' occurs only in the New Testament, but similar expressions are found in the Old Testament. It refers to a time when God's will would be done on Earth.
- Matthew uses the term 'kingdom of heaven' as a way of avoiding the use of the sacred name of God.

Sharing the Tradition

The mystery of the kingdom of God is echoed in the mystery of the Church:

It was the Son's task to accomplish the Father's plan of salvation in the fullness of time. Its accomplishment was the reason for his being sent. 'The Lord Jesus inaugurated his Church by preaching the Good News, that is, the coming of the Reign of God, promised over the ages in the scriptures.' To fulfill the Father's will, Christ ushered in the Kingdom of heaven on earth. The Church 'is the Reign of Christ already present in mystery.'

'This Kingdom shines out before men in the world, in the works and in the presence of Christ.' To welcome Jesus' word is to welcome 'the Kingdom itself'. The seed and beginning of the Kingdom are the 'little flock' of those whom Jesus came to gather around him, the flock whose shepherd he is ... To those who he thus gathered around him, he taught a 'new way of acting' and a prayer of their own.

Parish 'Pastoral Worker' - Vacant Position

Our parish intentionally seeks to enhance the growth and vibrancy of our faith and pastoral activities. To assist us in achieving our vision and mission, we feel the need of a Pastoral Worker. This position is now advertised in the Archdiocesan website: <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>
Parishioners, please apply if you can help. Kindly keep this intention in your prayers.

Mass Roster Volunteers for July - Dec 2026

We are currently trying to fill in the Volunteer Mass Roster for July - Dec 2026. Please email the office the weekend dates that you can cover as a Lector, Special Minister, PowerPoint, Choir / Musician or Liturgy. We greatly appreciate all our Volunteers.

Parish May Count 2026

2 & 3 May - SMM (70=M30:F40) & SH (94=M34:F60)
9 & 10 May - SMM (57=M28:F29) & SH (112=M38:F74)
17 & 17 May - SMM (88=M40:F48) & SH (87=M38:F49)
23 & 24 May - SMM (43) & SH (75)
Ages 0-17 (SMM=2; SH=11), 18-29 (SMM=2; SH=6), 30-49 (SMM=13; SH=12), 50-69 (SMM=8; SH=30) and 70+ (SMM=18; SH=16) Special thanks to our volunteers who took the count.



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: 24 June 2026 (Committee with leaders of both parishes and facilitated by the Archdiocesan team)

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



PRAYER GROUPS

Marian Movement of Priests

Held every Thursday 12.30 pm till 3.30 pm held in the Jubilee Room. If you are interest 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 6 July 2026.

Sunday Collections (6 & 7 June 2026)

1st Collection
\$794.95

2nd Collection
\$479.70

Join Our Parish Mailing List

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



Recent Deaths:

Anna MEILAK (*Funeral on 17 June, 11am Rosary & Mass, Sacred Heart*)
Kristy ROBINSON
Francine PETRAN

Sick:

Chris SALIBA
John
Michelle NEWMAN
Helen KELLY



Death Anniversaries:

Ottorino BASILONE
Mary GREEN
Renato LEANDRI



A Historical Snippet from Stone, Wood and Glass (compiled by Timothy Crawford)

- Rev Thomas Brazil (1900-1924) set about providing Catholic education facilities for the children of Newport.
- Mother Mary McKillop judged it a good mission for her Sisters of St Joseph. In a letter dated 29.5.1901, she wrote: "We are expected to open Newport school." In 16.8.1901, "Sisters Camilla, Francis de Sales and another postulant to Newport."
- The Sacred Heart School - originally known as St Joseph's School had its beginnings on the 18th August 1901.
- The first principal of the school was Sr Camilla Brewer (senior classes). Sr Frances de Sales Collolly was her assistant (intermediate classes). A postulant (infants).
- The sisters would sometimes travel by train from Williamstown to Newport but often preferred the walk across the paddocks.
- The earliest school enrolment figures known are of 1913 when the enrolment was 152. In 1917 the school became formally known as Sacred Heart parish School and the staff: pupil ratio in 1919 was 1:96.
- The new brick school opened on 22nd June 1960. In 1961 enrolments peaked at 828 with only 12 staff (till Year VIII).

Portable smart Terminals

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



Join Our Thanksgiving Program

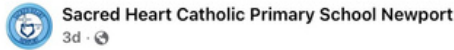
If you would like to join our parish thanksgiving program, and receive a thanksgiving envelope number. Please contact the parish office.



CHILDREN AND YOUTH CORNER

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

<https://www.shnewport.catholic.edu.au>



On Wednesday, our Year 6 students celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation. A special milestone in their faith journey.

As they received the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit, we pray they continue to be guided by faith, wisdom, kindness and courage in all that they do.

Congratulations to all of our Year 6 students and their families on this beautiful celebration. We are so proud of you all. See less

ST MARGARET MARY'S SCHOOL

<https://www.smmspotswood.catholic.edu.au>



Last night, St Margaret Mary's students celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation with our sister school Sacred Heart, Newport.

This special occasion marked an important milestone in their faith journey, and we are incredibly proud of the reverence and commitment they have shown throughout their preparation.

Congratulations to all of our students and their families on this memorable celebration. May the gifts of the Holy Spirit continue to guide them in the years ahead.

EVENTS

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:
22 June



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, 4 July



Baptism Dates 2026

- SMM - 20 June
- SH - 18 July
- SMM - 15 August
- SH - 19 September
- SMM - 17 October
- SH - 21 November
- SMM - 19 December



Australian Catholic Youth Ministry Network



LOST SHEEP!

The crowd listening to Jesus are like sheep without a shepherd. How many lost sheep are here?

Jesus is sad because the people are lost and helpless. They do not know that God loves them. Jesus asks his apostles to help him to share the Good News about God's love. Jesus wants all his friends to share God's love with everyone they meet.

Puzzle

Here are the twelve apostles. Can you follow their initials in the middle back to their names?

Peter	Ja	S	James (Son of Alphaeus)
Andrew	Th	Th	Thaddaeus
James	Ju	Jo	Simon
John	A	P	Judas
Philip	B	J	Thomas
Bartholomew	M	Ph	Matthew

Maze

Jesus wants us to share God's love by helping everyone. Jesus' disciple wants to help the sick girl. Can you help him find the way?



A PRAYER TO SAY

Jesus, you sent your friends out into the world to spread the message of God's love. Help me to carry on this work today. Help me to share love and kindness. Amen.

S	H	E	E	P
H	L	I	L	L
A	G	O	D	E
R	V	X	S	H
E	S	A	D	T

Word search

Can you find these words in the grid? They might be up, down, across or even upside down!

- GOD
- HELP
- ILL
- LOST
- LOVE
- SAD
- SHARE
- SHEEP

Answers: The lost sheep: 17 sheep.

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