

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



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## Parish Office Hours

Tue: 9am - 3.00pm

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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

## Parish Priest

Fr Samuel Kapani PP

## Parish Staff

Leanne Misquitta (Bookkeeper)

Jill Dooley (Secretary)

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Sr Lorraine Robinson

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Larissa Cairns - Director

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## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST - 07 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:

7th : Launch of Propagation of Faith

: Cuppa and Chat (SH)

12th: Sacred Heart of Jesus

14th: Sacred Heart 125 Year  
Anniversary

: Vinnies Winter Appeal

16th: SH SAC Meeting

18th: PPC Meeting



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[catholicmission.org.au/unity](http://catholicmission.org.au/unity)

## NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER - 11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SACRED HEART 125 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Date	Lector	Special Minister	Powerpoint	Choir	Liturgy
Sat 13 June '26	Ante Dragovic	Clare Martin	Katherine Wong		Katherine Wong, School
Sun 14 June '26	Students	Teachers	Volunteer	Students	

### Counting team (week beginning 14 June '26):

Team A - Rose, Helen

### 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 : Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart - whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord. 'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 109:1-4

(R) Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

Zion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates,  
he has blessed the children within you. (R)

He established peace on your borders,  
he feeds you with finest wheat.

He sends out his word to the earth  
and swiftly runs his command. (R)

He makes his word known to Jacob,  
to Israel his laws and decrees.

He has not dealt thus with other nations;  
he has not taught them his decrees. (R)

## Second Reading : Corinthians 10:16-17

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;  
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

## Gospel: John 6:51-58

Jesus said to the Jews: 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.' Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

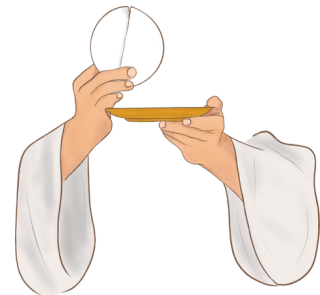
## Reflection - courtesy Summit Online

### DID YOU KNOW?



Points of interest and Catholic lore

- Gathering together to break bread and share the cup is the most ancient practice of the Church. Paul wrote a description of 'The Lord's Supper' in I Corinthians 11:23 in about the year 56.
- This feast, which used to be known as 'Corpus Christi', originated in the Middle Ages as a celebration of the real presence of Christ in the Eucharistic bread.
- In John's Gospel, there is no narrative of the institution of the Eucharist. Rather, with the sharing of the loaves and fishes, combined with this Bread of Life discourse, John elaborates in a much deeper way the significance of the Eucharist.



### Sharing the Tradition

The Eucharist completes Christian initiation. Baptism confers the roles of priest, prophet and king on the faithful, and we are drawn more deeply into these roles at confirmation. In the Eucharist, we participate with the whole community in the sacrifice of Christ.

This raises interesting issues. If Christ gave his body and blood to save the world and bring life to all, what does it mean when we say 'Amen' to receiving that body and blood? John makes it clear that by receiving this nourishment, we become the body and blood of Christ in the world today, living with him and the Father.

What are the implications of this? It means that we too must make an option for the poor of our world as Jesus did. How are we called to bring small glimpses of 'salvation' to others? How are we called to bring healing and fullness of life to others and to the world?

The Eucharist has four central actions, which echo the actions of Jesus at the Last Supper. There he 'took' the bread, 'blessed' it, 'broke' it and 'shared' it with his friends.

- The Second Vatican Council stated that the Eucharist is the 'source and summit' of the life of the Church. You might discuss what this means.
- You might also like to discuss what it has meant for the faithful to refrain from receiving the Eucharist if we have prepared sufficiently. Does a time of abstaining from the Eucharist give us a new appreciation of the significance of the Eucharist? Has it given us a greater hunger and thirst for Christ's presence?

**Parish Pastoral Council Update – Strategic Plan**

The Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Committee had a combined meeting on Thursday, May 21 to discuss the review of our Parish Strategic Plan. Our current Parish Strategic Plan was approved by parishioners at the 2023 Annual Parish Forum. It outlines our Vision, Mission and Guiding Principles and identifies the three Priority areas that we want to focus on: Belonging, Belief, Sustainability. This 3-year Strategic Plan is now due to be reviewed, assessed and updated as required. The groups met to discuss progress on the current Strategic Plan and identify changes since 2023 that may indicate required revisions. In July, we will also hold consultations with Parishioners to review the current strategic plan and assess progress on priorities so that we can hear your thoughts before drafting an updated Strategic Plan to be shared at this year’s Annual Parish Forum.

**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.

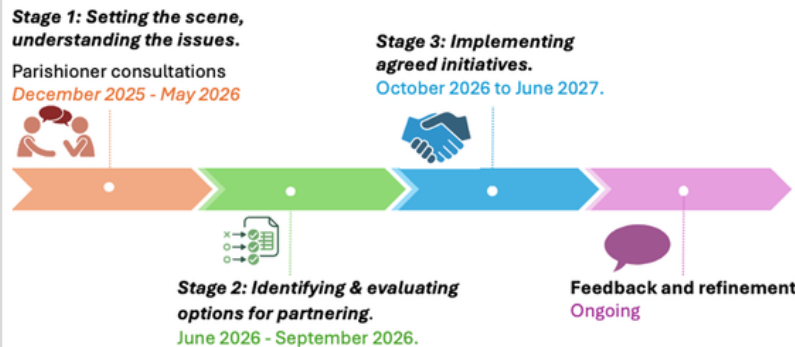
**Parish May Count 2026**

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.



**Sunday Collections (30 & 31 May 2026)**

1st Collection \$623.15      2nd Collection \$797.60

**Join Our Parish Mailing List**

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



**Recent Deaths:**

Anna MEILAK (Funeral on 17 June, 11am Rosary & Mass)  
 Antonio ESPOSITO

**Sick:**

Chris SALIBA  
 John  
 Michelle NEWMAN  
 Helen KELLY  
 Kristy ROBINSON



**Death Anniversaries:**

John Costa  
 Marie Francisca Rita Anthony

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO

**SACRED HEART 125 YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June, 10am

Come and celebrate 125 years of education at Sacred Heart Primary School, Newport. Join us on Sunday 14th June for our 10am Parish Mass, followed by open classrooms featuring historical displays, Devonshire tea and entertainment as we celebrate our rich history and community together.

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**ARCHDIOCESE NEWS**

**Synod26 Corner**



**15. A listening Church is a credible Church**

In a world where many feel ignored or dismissed, a Church that listens becomes a sign of hope. Synodality teaches us that listening can heal wounds and rebuild trust.

**16. Synodality and the margins**

A synodal Church pays attention to voices often overlooked: the poor, the wounded, the disaffected, and those who feel distant from the Church. Their experiences matter, and their stories can teach us where renewal is most needed.

**Archdiocese Special Collections 2026**

- 7 June - 26 July: Propagation of the Faith
- 14 June: Winter Appeal - St Vincent de Paul Society
- 28 June: Peter’s Pence
- 9 - 23 August: The Archbishop’s Campaign

**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.

**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>

## ST MARGARET MARY'S SCHOOL

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

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF EDUCATION

COME AND JOIN US!

SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE



St Margaret Mary's Primary School - Spotswood  
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This week we celebrated National Simultaneous Storytime. 📖  
The Foundation and Year One students enjoyed an online reading of this years chosen book, Luna Roo The Kangaroo Baller, and participated in a buddy craft activity.  
They all made Kangaroo-ear sweat bands in honour of the Kangaroo who loves to play soccer, and were part of a nationwide initiative to bring books to life for hundreds of thousands of Australian children.  
Go Luna Roo, and Go SMM Spotswood 🐨

## 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, 6 June



### 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



Sunday 7 June 2026  
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)  
John 6:51-58

In the GOSPEL TODAY

### BREAD OF LIFE!

#### Ring of Love

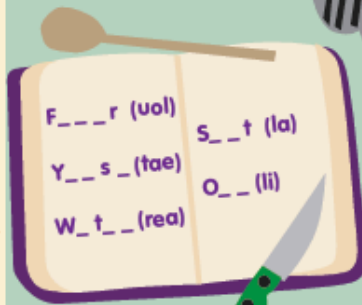
When Jesus shared his last meal with his friends, he explained he would be with them forever. Starting at the arrow, read every other letter to find out what we call that special forever presence of Jesus.



Jesus wants us to know how much he loves us. Jesus is the living bread. If we eat the living bread, we will share Jesus' life and love!

#### Recipe for bread

What do we need to make bread? Add the missing letters to find the ingredients.



#### Recipe for life

What do we need for a good life? Write your own recipe. The first two ingredients are there. What will you add? Draw or write your ideas.



#### Maze

Help Emma find the church so she can go to Holy Communion.



#### Word search

FOOD

LIFE

BREAD

B	R	E	A	D
O	F	O	O	D
D	R	I	N	K
Y	L	I	F	E
B	L	O	O	D

DRINK

### A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Jesus, for loving me. Help me to share and to show love just like you did. I know that you will help me live a good life. Amen.