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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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18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 02 AUG 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

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 – 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Date	Lector	Special Minister	Powerpoint	Choir	Liturgy
Sat 08 Aug '26	Katherine Wong	Clare Martin	Gwyen & Gary	n/a	Katherine Wong
Sun 09 Aug '26	Patrick Conheady	Lori Penna	Branka Briffa	Martin Briffa	

Counting team (week beginning 2nd August '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 :

Isaiah 55:1-3

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David.



Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:8-9, 15-18

(R) The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R)**
The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. **(R)**
The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
call on him from their hearts. **(R)**

Second Reading :

Romans 8:35, 37-39

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us. For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 14:13-21

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.



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

Australia's National Census - Shape the Future - Be Counted as Catholic this Census

Australia's National Census will be held on Tuesday, 11th August 2026. Catholics are encouraged to mark "**Catholic**" in the question on religion. In a time when some would seek to diminish the importance of faith, it is vital that the Catholic community be represented in our national statistics. Census data supports Church pastoral planning & contributes to government decision making on health, education, infrastructure and social services - guiding resource & funding allocations across Australia. By identifying as Catholic, you can help ensure that the contribution & needs of faith communities are properly recognised & considered in future planning & policy decisions.

Clergy Conference 2026

Fr. Samuel will be away at a clergy conference from Monday 10th August till Friday 14th August 2026 inclusive so no weekday Masses will be available at this time.

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: 21st October 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 (25 & 26 July 2026)

1st Collection	2nd Collection
\$463.45	\$685.00

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recent Deaths:

Ivan MADZAR

Sick:

Chris SALIBA

John

Michelle NEWMAN

Helen KELLY

Dianna

Tony

Adrian Ring

Death Anniversaries:

Slavko, Srecko, Kaya &

Jakov SARIC

Anton & Vesna

KUDRESANIN

Janja JURIC

Francesco MEILAK

Carmelo MEILAK

Joseph VIDUKA (10 yrs)

Anna Rose VIDUKA (12 yrs)



ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

Synod26 Corner

Last Saturday Fr. Samuel and I attended the Regional Synod Consultation Session for the Western Region, entitled Melbourne Synod - Take the Way of the Gospel. This is a consultation process which will inform the actual Melbourne Synod in December this year. We were guided through a process called Spiritual Conversation based on prayer, attentive listening and discerning where the Holy Spirit is leading us.

Archbishop Comensoli invited us to reflect on one of three key themes for the Synod: Young Discipleship, Missionary Leadership and Formation and Participation. Fr Samuel and I were involved in dialogue with others around the theme of Young Discipleship. Feedback from these Spiritual Conversations will be compiled and used during the Melbourne Synod later this year.

Please continue to pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance during this consultation process, which will conclude across all regions by mid-August 2026,

Miriam Kruse

Further information: Melbourne Synod 2026 | Melbourne Catholic

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 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 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, August 2
- Sunday, August 9
- Sunday, August 16

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

Sunday 2 August 2026
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 14:13-21

LOOK

SHARE!



Sharing

Sarah wants to share her chocolates with her friends. How many chocolates can each friend and Sarah have?



Lots of people have been listening to Jesus all day and are now hungry. Jesus takes five loaves and two fish and blessed them. The disciples hand out the food – and everyone has enough to eat! They even have twelve baskets of left-overs!

Puzzle

There are **ten loaves** and **ten fish** hidden in this picture. Can you find them all?



A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Jesus, for all the food we enjoy. Please help us to share what we have. Amen.

Wordsearch

Can you find these words? Look, up, down and across.

L	C	M	F	Q	F
X	R	Z	I	J	I
L	O	A	V	E	S
T	W	O	E	S	H
Y	D	P	V	U	G
E	R	A	H	S	X

CROWD **FIVE** **JESUS** **FISH**
LOAVES **TWO** **SHARE**

Feeding 5,000

Here is a boy holding the basket of food. Can you draw the five loaves of bread and two fish on the basket? After he had blessed the bread Jesus asked his disciples to share this food out to everyone in the crowd! Draw yourself in the crowd.



Answers: Sharing: Sarah her friends can have 3 chocolates each.

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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