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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

5.00–5.20pm, Spotswood

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

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Pentecost

8 JUNE 2025

REFLECTION

JOHN THORNHILL sm

The reading from Acts sets the tone for today's celebration. Luke tells how the Church's universal mission was inaugurated, in the power of the Holy Spirit, as faithful Jews gathered for their Pentecost festival, fifty days after the Passover celebration. Luke was conscious of his task of telling the world what had really happened – as he makes clear in introducing each of his two works. He faced a great challenge, however, as he set out to describe and interpret the vast complexity of the Church's early development. He met this difficulty by choosing several events that were turning points in the Church's history, and presenting them in a dramatic way that made clear their profound significance – a device used by other writers of the day.

Luke's story of the Church's first Pentecost is an example of this approach. The Church's first courageous witness, and its subsequent announcing of the Good News throughout the known world, was a remarkable fulfilment of the Saviour's promise that he would give his disciples courage and power through the gift of his own Spirit (Mk 13:9-11). The universality of the Church's mission is made clear. The Church's first witness is to 'devout people from every nation' - in the first place to 'Jews', but with the mention of 'proselytes' among the crowd addressed the conversion of the gentiles is also anticipated. In the continuation of our passage, Peter's sermon gives a summary of the Church's early witness.

It is in the power of the Spirit that the Church takes up its mission. Today, before all days, the Church invites us to deepen our faith in the Saviour's gift of his own Spirit. Already in the Old Testament, 'the Spirit of God' was active as a life-giving force at work in creation. Anointed by the Spirit as God's 'Servant', in fulfilment of the prophecies of the Book of Isaiah, Jesus has led us to know the Spirit as a Person sharing the one divine life with the Father and the Son. Today's gospel reading is a meditation upon this shared life, and the way in which those who find faith in Christ have the Father and the Son 'make their home' in them. Those who have received the gift of Christ's own Spirit will be led to know how the Saviour is the source of hope for the whole world - as the Spirit 'reminds' them of all that Jesus said and did..

The Spirit is the Spirit of Christ; the Spirit is the very life principle of the Church; the Spirit dwells in each believer as our 'paraclete' – the companion who stands by us in all our trials, providing whatever is needed to survive every trial. We live 'in Christ' because he has given us his own Spirit. Writing to the Romans St Paul reminds these new converts that, together with the Father and the Son, the Holy Spirit will come to 'live in them' – renewing their lives, as they set aside their old fears, and find joy and encouragement, as the Father's beloved 'children' who are 'coheirs with Christ', sharing the blessings of his resurrection.

Next Weekend's Roster – Trinity Sunday

Date	Lector	Special Minister	Power Point	Choir/Musician	Liturgy Roster
Saturday, 14 June 2025	Clare Martin	Lorraine Robinson	Katherine Wong	Parish Choir	Des Devlin
Sunday, 15 June 2025	Janice Adams	Bang Bui	Maria Main	Henry, Netty and Neil	

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 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them.

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language.

They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34

R. Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. (R)

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. (R)

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. (R)

2nd Reading

Romans 8:8-17

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though

your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia.

Gospel

John 14:15-16, 23-26

Jesus said to his disciples

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another advocate to be with you for ever.

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,

and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him
and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my words.

And my word is not my own;

it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you while still with you;

but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,

whom the Father will send in my name,

will teach you everything

and remind you of all I have said to you.'

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.

COMBINED PARISH YOUTH GROUP

The Combined parish youth group will have their monthly gathering this Saturday June 7, at St Mary Parish Centre (116 Cecil St, Williamstown, VIC 3016) from 7pm-8:30pm. The youth group will also volunteer at the 6pm mass. All youth aged 13-18 are welcome to join us!

CUPPA AND CHAT

Please join us for a hot cuppa and chat on Saturday June 14, at St Margaret Mary's Church, after the 5:30pm Mass. All welcome.



FEEDBACK

Dear Parishioners,

As you will have noticed, we have been making some changes to our weekly bulletin. We would love to hear your thoughts and ideas. Please send your feedback through to newport.spotswood@cam.org.au or contact the parish office. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The next children's liturgy mass will be at 10am, on Sunday, June 22 at Sacred Heart's.



PARISH VACANCIES

Dear Parishioners,

As you will be aware, our parish office is currently unattended. In order to fill this vacancy, we are offering 2 positions: a parish secretary (15hours/week) and a bookkeeper (4hours/week). If you, or someone you know, might be interested in either, or both, of these positions, please share the links below:

[Parish Bookkeeper, St Joseph's Parish](#) | [Melbourne Catholic Parish Secretary, St Joseph's Parish](#) | [Melbourne Catholic](#)

Please Pray For

OUR SICK

Helen Kelly, Kristy Robinson

RECENTLY DECEASED

Maria Lilai - Funeral Service to be held on Wednesday, June 11, at Sacred Heart Church, Newport with rosary at 1:00pm, followed by Funeral Mass at 1:30pm, burial at 3:00pm, Altona Memorial Park, Altona North.

ANNIVERSARIES

John Costa

SCHOOL NEWS



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School Newport
20h

At Mass, our Prep students reflected on the theme of Hope. Inspired by Romans 5:5, they joyfully welcomed God and the Holy Spirit into their hearts, embracing the hope that comes from God's everlasting love. It was beautiful to see the Prep students, their teachers and families join together in Prayer and receive a blessing from Fr Samuel.

✨ "Hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit" - Romans 5:5 ✨



St Margaret Mary's Primary School - Spotswood
5d

Our senior students gave it their all at last week's interschool Sports Gala Day, competing in soccer and netball against local schools!

Both soccer teams made it to the grand final, with our C team taking the win 3-0 against Yarraville West, and our B team narrowly missing out, going down 2-1 to Footscray.

Our netball teams also shone, each finishing as runners-up after winning 2 of their 4 games.

We're so proud of all students for their effort, teamwork, and wonderful sportsmanship throughout the day!

#SportsGalaDay #SoccerAndNetball #Teamwork #SMM #SMMcommunity



PARISH CALENDAR & COMMUNITY OBSERVANCES



JUNE

June 7: Combined Parish Youth Gathering (7-8:30pm)
June 8: Pentecost
June 12: SMM SAC Meeting
June 14: Cuppa & Chat (SMM)

June 15: Most Holy Trinity
June 17: SH SAC Meeting
June 19: PFC Meeting
June 20: World Refugee Day
June 21: Baptisms (SMM)

SH: Sacred Heart SMM: St Margaret Mary's PFC: Parish Finance Committee PPC: Parish Pastoral Council SAC: School Advisory Council

ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

Theology @ the Pub: Hearing God's Call for Your Life - Vocational Discernment with Fr Casey Cole OFM

When: Tuesday 10 June 2025 (6.00pm-9.00pm)
Where: Beer DeLuxe Fed Square Federation Square Flinders Street

Join young people aged 18-35 at the next Theology @ the Pub, where special guest Fr Casey Cole OFM will share his own journey and offer practical guidance on how to recognise God's voice. With wisdom drawn from his life as a Franciscan and author, Fr Casey invites us to consider how we are each called to live with purpose and faith. Please note the new venue.

6:00pm: Doors open for dinner

6:30pm: Music followed by a talk at 7:30pm

For more information see link: <https://www.facebook.com/tapmelb>



Love and faith celebrated at annual Marriage Anniversaries Mass

Sunday 1 June at St Patrick's Cathedral for the annual Marriage Anniversaries Mass - one of the largest turnouts in the event's history. With the Cathedral filled to capacity, couples were joined by family and friends in a joyful celebration of love and commitment.

Celebrated by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, the Mass coincided with the global Jubilee of Families, Children, Grandparents and the Elderly, part of the ongoing Jubilee calendar. Couples marked anniversaries ranging from five years to an extraordinary 70 years of marriage and, during the liturgy, renewed their vows to each other, receiving a blessing from the Archbishop.

To read more see link: <https://melbourne.catholic.org/news/love-and-faith-celebrated-at-annual-marriage-anniversaries-mass>



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.

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.

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



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.

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

JOIN OUR THANKSGIVING PROGRAM

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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.

