

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

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Wed & Fri – 9.15am, Newport

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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 adults at risk** as a central and fundamental responsibility for our community.*

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

26 OCTOBER 2025

REFLECTION

JOHN THORNHILL sm

The parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector speaks so clearly to us that it needs little commentary. We can recognise the deep implications Luke saw in this story, when we situate it within the compilation made by the evangelist - that we have followed during the past weeks.

As Jesus courageously takes the road to meet his fate, he is giving his final instructions to the disciples he will leave behind. Faith, he has taught them is an obedient openness to God's coming in their lives, and to the plan of God about to reach its moment of climax. Their prayer should be the living expression of this faith, teaching them to trust in the Father who will show his care for them – whatever the difficulties they may have to face. In the end they should see themselves as God's 'unprofitable servants'. Today's short parable sums up what his teaching should have brought home to them – in a few words, everything depends, in the end, not on our own efforts, but upon the grace and mercy of God. It is this outlook that has shaped the lives of the outstanding disciples of Jesus, one after the other, down through the ages.

The Pharisees are a tragic group in the gospel story. Theirs was a movement of popular piety that aimed to promote a revival of Israel's traditions. Many of them were honourable; and not a few found faith in Christ. This parable, however, highlights the issue that brought some of them into conflict with Jesus. These people thought they were 'at rights with God', and faithful to the God of the covenant, through their strict observance of the externals of the Law's requirements. Luke has already described Jesus' criticism of the Pharisees for preferring external observance to 'justice and the love of God' (11:42), and for a love of money that had no thought for almsgiving (16:14). The Pharisee in the story is pleased with himself, because he does more than the Law requires in his fasting and the tithes he gives. He brings these practices of his to the Lord, as establishing his claim on God's favour. His spirit of self-sufficiency is echoed ironically in the telling of the story – in his prayer, he is speaking 'to himself'. The only attitude on our part, that opens a genuine meeting with God, is one of humility. We should stand naked before the Lord, aware that there is nothing we can bring to God that is not, in the first place, his gift. All that we bring before him that is truly our own is our sinfulness. The tax collector, on the other hand, 'went home at rights with God' because of the humble confession that made up his prayer. The generous mercy of God is emphasised by the fact that a repentant tax collector would probably bring before God an impossible situation, as far as recompense was concerned. Despised by his people for being the agent of the occupying power, and constantly tempted to take advantage of his position by defrauding the people, he was bound to make restitution of the amount unjustly taken, plus twenty per cent.



Next Weekend's Roster – All Souls Day

Date	Lector	Special Minister	Power Point	Choir/Musician	Liturgy Roster
Saturday, 1 November 2025	Mirizebel Saliba	Lidia Cammarano	Katherine Wong	n/a	Carmel Crawford
Sunday, 2 November 2025	Thang Nguyen	Lucia Pace	Bang Bui	Parish Choir	

Counting team (week beginning Nov 2): Team A – Helen, Angela, Rose

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 Ecclesiasticus 35:12–14, 16–19

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story. The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable, nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement. And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2–3, 17–19, 23

R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R)

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress. (R)

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. (R)

2nd Reading Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing. The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 18:9–14

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else. 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

REFLECTION

Mary Fermio

Would you laugh if someone gave you a Free ticket: **HEAVEN admit one?** Actually, it is not a joke, because when we think about it, salvation is a free and total gift of love – from God.

Some people, like the tax collector in today's Gospel, realise this – know they need God and ask for God's mercy. Others feel they have no need of God and try to save themselves by their own efforts. We don't save ourselves. No number of Masses, Rosaries, Novenas, indulgences can achieve salvation for us. You ask: Why do we do all this then?

We pray and act generously as a THANK YOU to the God who has given us the gift of Jesus, not because we are perfect, but because we need him. How often do I thank God for this gift of eternal life?

THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

WEEK & THEME	PRAYERS TO WORK ON	BIBLE STORY TO READ	ACTIVITY	EXTRA RESOURCES
THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES OCT. 4-10	• Younger Kids: <i>The Sign of the Cross</i> • Older Kids: <i>The Hail Mary</i> • Rosary Prayer Book • <i>Mysteries Cards</i>	The Nativity • Luke 2:4-15 Questions to Ponder: • What surprises you about how Jesus was born? • What gift would you have brought to baby Jesus?	• Make your own Rosary Book with all the prayers • Pray one decade of the Rosary together • Guide to Praying the Rosary	• Tips for Parents • Introduction to the Rosary for Kids • Rosary Craft • Read the other Bible stories for the Joyful Mysteries
THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES OCT. 11-17	• Younger Kids: <i>The Hail Mary</i> • Older Kids: <i>The Our Father</i> Use the Rosary Book you made during Week One	The Baptism of Jesus • Matthew 3:11-17 Questions to Ponder: • Where is Jesus in this story? Can you find God the Father and the Holy Spirit? • What do you know about your own Baptism?	• Add all the Mystery Cards to your Rosary Book • Pray one decade of the Rosary together	• Rosary Coloring Pages • Origin of the Rosary Video • Read the other Bible stories for the Luminous Mysteries
THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES OCT. 18-24	• Younger Kids: <i>The Glory Be</i> • Older Kids: <i>The Apostles Creed</i> Use the Rosary Book you made during Week One	The Crucifixion • Luke 23:33-46 Questions to Ponder: • What powerful things happened when Jesus died on the cross? • How does Jesus' death show He loves us?	• Draw a picture of your favorite Mystery of the Rosary • Pray the Rosary together- try while on a walk or in the car	• How to Draw a Rosary • Read the other Bible stories for the Sorrowful Mysteries
THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES OCT. 25-31	• Younger Kids: <i>The Our Father</i> • Older Kids: <i>The Hail Holy Queen</i> Use the Rosary Book you made during Week One	The Resurrection • Matthew 28:1-10 Questions to Ponder: • What would you think if you were Mary Magdalene at the tomb on Easter morning?	• Pray the Rosary together- try before bed or while making dinner together. Have each person in the family lead a decade.	• Audio of the whole Rosary • Make your own Rosary • Read the other Bible stories for the Glorious Mysteries

PARISH NEWS

First Reconciliation- 30th October

The First Reconciliation for the students of our schools will commence at 6 pm at Sacred Heart Church Newport

NOVEMBER - MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE

Parishioners are welcome to bring a small photo of their departed loved ones to place at the altar. Envelopes available

MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY (OCTOBER)

To honour our Mother please join us at Sacred Heart church for 9.15am Mass, followed by the Holy Rosary, Adoration, and Confession. We will be finishing with Benediction at 10.30am.

Saturday October 25

COLUMBAN CALENDAR 2026 (ORDER) - \$12

Columban Calendars for 2026 are now available to order.

Please contact the Parish Office **before Friday 14th November** to place your order. \$12 each.

CUPPA AND CHAT

Please join us for a Cuppa and Chat at Sacred Heart Newport on Sunday (2/11) after the 10:00am mass.



Please pray for :

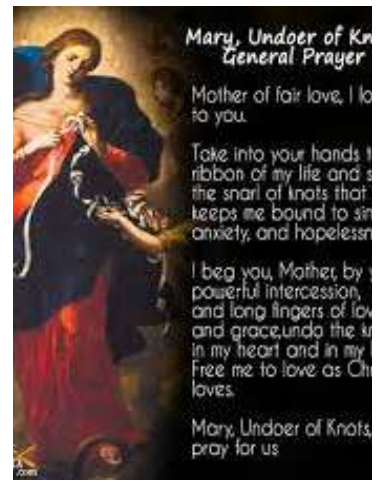
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Khan Marr
Helen KELLY
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Nico PEHAR
Elizabeth



ANNIVERSARIES

Lucia Marchione
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Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School Newport

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Art Show Appreciation Post 🎨

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to support our amazing students at the Art Show! 🙌

It was fantastic to see the creativity on display and the strong sense of community throughout the event. Parents enjoyed viewing the beautiful artwork, and students were proud to see their pieces on display and even for sale! 🎨

A big highlight was our drawing competition, which saw so many creative and thoughtful entries from students of all ages. Our silent auction of staff artwork was also a great success. Staff were excited to share their representation of Newport Lakes 🌿

Thank you to everyone who placed a bid. And of course, the "Guess the Lollies in the Jar" brought smiles all around! 🍬

Thanks again to all who joined us. What a great way to celebrate creativity and connection! 🙌



PARISH CALENDAR & COMMUNITY OBSERVANCES

OCTOBER

30th: First Reconciliation (Parish Schools)

NOVEMBER

1st: All Saints Day

2nd: All Souls Day

2nd: Cuppa and Chat (SH)

6th: Safeguarding Committee Meeting

7th: Friday Parish Morning Tea (Presbytery)

11th: Remembrance Day

13th: PPC Meeting

15th: Baptisms (SH)

15th: Cuppa and Chat (SMM)

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

ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

St Carlo Acutis Exhibition

Story of St. Carlo Acutis

Born in London in 1991, Carlo loved football, Pokémon, action films, and all animals (he had four dogs, two cats, and many goldfish as pets). But from early childhood, his first love was Our Lord in the Eucharist. Neither of his parents were religious, yet from an early age Carlo never wanted to pass a church without going in to "say hello to Jesus." Because of this, his mother came back to faith, then his father.

Carlo received his First Holy Communion early, at his own request, in a local convent. His love, appreciation and reverence for the Eucharist were exceptional and he would often say: "The Eucharist is my Highway to Heaven!" Carlo began visiting Eucharistic Miracles around the world from age 11, and documenting them.

A computer whizz by age fourteen, he had created a Eucharistic Miracle display that would tour the world, as well as his website. He believed that if people knew that Jesus was truly in the Eucharist, they would turn to God.

Carlo hated to be enslaved by anything, so although he loved computer games, he allowed himself to play for only one hour a week, and gave the rest of his time to good works helping children, the elderly, and the poor. He was popular at school, but also befriended children who were unhappy at home. He defended the disabled, and treated girls with respect.

He would also defend his Catholic faith – including his pro-life views – fearlessly in class. In early October 2006, Carlo became ill with flu – so it was thought. He was admitted to hospital, receiving the terrible diagnosis of fulminant leukemia.

The fifteen-year-old boy who loved to laugh had a few days to live. Carlo took the news calmly. Immediately offering all his sufferings for his Pope and the Church, "I am happy to die," he said, "because I have lived my life without wasting a minute on those things which do not please God."

REGISTER NOW!



(<https://saint-acutis.org>)

Registration for School Visitation:
Send us your school's details to:
carloacutis.au@gmail.com

Stella Maris Church
2 Charlotte Road Beaumaris VIC 3193

St Joseph's Hall
544 Balcombe Rd, Black Rock VIC 3193



12th-26th
OCTOBER

ST. CARLO ACUTIS EXHIBITION

First-class Relic of Carlo Acutis & his International Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles.

PARISH INVITATION

Sister Karen Donnellon
Leader of the Institute of Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea
warmly invites

Parishioners of St Joseph,
Newport and Spotswood
to the Celebration of Perpetual Profession of
Emma Jane Llewellyn

to be held at St Monica's Parish Church
820 Mt Alexander Road, Moorac Ponds, Victoria
Warrundjeri Waa Warrung country

on Saturday, 22 November 2025
Mass will commence at 11.00am

followed by refreshments in the parish hall next door

RSVP by 22 October to
Judy Blessing (0438 886 170) or
judy.blessing@smmavq.org.au
(Please advise if you have any dietary requirements)

With all your heart, soul, strength and mind

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 NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and
invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son
of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God,
Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from
heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin
Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the
third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended
into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. 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

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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.

