

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



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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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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 10 MAY 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

MAY:

10th: Mother's Day

16th: Baptisms (SH)

16th: Cuppa and Chat (SMM)

17th: Ascension of the Lord

18th - 24th: National Volunteer Week

21st: PPC Meeting

24th: Pentecost

26th: National Sorry Day



NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER - ASCENSION SUNDAY

Date	Lector	Special Minister	Powerpoint	Choir	Liturgy
Sat 16 May '26	Khim Yap	Irene Bongetti	Katherine Wong	Parish Choir	Katherine Wong
Sun 17 May '26	Thang Nguyen	Need Volunteer	Bang Bui	Henry, Netty & Neil	

Counting team (week beginning 17 May '26):

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 : Apostles 8:5-8, 14-1

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm 65:1-7, 16, 20

(R) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,

O sing to the glory of his name.

O render him glorious praise.

Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! **(R)**

'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. **(R)**

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might **(R)**

Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. **(R)**

Second Reading : St Peter 3:15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14:15-21

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, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave your orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him

Reflection - courtesy Summit Online

DID YOU KNOW?

Points of interest and Catholic lore

- The word advocate means 'called to the side of' and thus is often used to describe a mediator or assistant in a lawsuit.
- Some translations of the Bible use the word paraclete instead of advocate; others use the word counsellor or comforter.
- In John's Gospel, the Holy Spirit continues the work of Jesus himself (14:17, 26), recalling things the earthly Jesus taught or revealing things he was unable to convey. In John's view, this spiritual knowledge or insight, unavailable until after Jesus' death and resurrection, makes Christian faith and understanding fully possible.

A Mother's Day Prayer



Dear Lord,

Today we pause in gratitude for the gift of mothers — those who gave us life, those who nurtured us, and those who have mothered us in spirit and love.

We thank You for their patience in our growing, their strength in our struggles, and their joy in our successes. May their hearts be filled with peace, knowing their love has shaped lives in ways words can never fully capture.

For mothers who are near, bless them with health, laughter, and moments of rest. For mothers who are far, surround them with comfort and connection. For mothers who have passed, hold them tenderly in Your eternal embrace.

Help us to honor them not only with words today, but with lives that reflect the kindness, courage, and compassion they have shown us. Amen.

New PPC Members

Following our Annual Parish Forum in November, we reached out earlier this year for expressions of interest to join our PPC for 2 general member vacancies. We were very blessed to have had a number of gifted parishioners offer to serve our Parish through these roles. After careful deliberation, we now welcome **Paul Sharkey** and **Gary Nunes** to the PPC.

In accordance with our Constitution, we will put forward their nominations to parishioners at our next Annual Parish Forum for your formal endorsement.

The PPC would like to thank all those who applied for these positions. We are blessed to have such an engaged and supportive community.

Annual Finance Report

There will be copies of the full 2025 Parish Financial Report at the back of the church.

Thanksgiving Envelopes

The new thanksgiving envelopes are available. Please collect them at your convenience from the church foyers. Some of the parishioners will receive a new number. Thank you for your generous contribution and understanding. For any further clarifications or change of details, please email the parish office.

May Count

This will be held during the weekends in May



Partnering In Mission Corner

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



Partnership with Williamstown Consultation

A reminder that immediately after Mass, at the front of the church, there will be a discussion about a process for forging a partnership with the Williamstown parish.

The Joint Partnership Steering committee really wants to hear your thoughts and ideas. Copies of the "Partnering for Mission" document that we will be discussing will be available.

We expect the discussion will be for about 30 minutes.

So please feel welcomed to join us.

We truly appreciate all who remained back at the last weekend's discussion and for your valuable feedbacks.

Sunday Collections (2 & 3 May 2026)

1st Collection
\$470.90

2nd Collection
\$651.25

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:

Fr. Peter FOLEY

Sick:

Bozo MADZAR

Dragica ZIVKO

John DEBRINCAT

John Francis SANTOS

Victoria ROMERO

Chris ROMAN

John

Michelle NEWMAN

Helen KELLY

Kristy ROBINSON



Death Anniversaries:

Francesca RUNDO

Michelina BASILONE

Rosaria MANGION

Nicoletta DEL GROSSO

Concetta BASILONE

Rosina VIGNALE

Maria & Joseph GALEA

Carmen & Peter SAMMUT

Paula & Paul SAMMUT

Kathleen & Bernard McCARDLE

Vesna STOJKOVIC

ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

Synod26 Corner



9. Synodality and the laity

Synodality affirms that the Holy Spirit is at work in the lives of all the baptised. Lay people are not simply helpers of clergy; they are active disciples called to witness to Christ in families, workplaces, and society. A synodal Church takes this vocation seriously.

Archdiocese Special Collections 2026

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

Vocations Invitation

A special invitation from the Archbishop of Melbourne to join him at Corpus Christi College on Saturday 23rd May 2026. Corpus Christi is the place where young men discern and study for the priesthood. You are receiving this invitation because your Parish Priest believes you have the qualities that may suggest a vocation to the priesthood or you may like to hear more about a vocation. You may or may not be considering a vocation, however, I would encourage you to join us and hear more about a vocation and enjoy lunch with current Seminarians.

For catering purposes, please **RSVP by Tuesday 19 May via vocations@cam.org.au**. If you have questions, the Vocation Director, Father Dishan Candappa, would be pleased to assist you. Please be in touch via vocations@cam.org.au.

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

SCHOOL NEWS

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

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



ST MARGARET MARY'S SCHOOL

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



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:

- 17 May
- 31 May
- 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



ACYF Participants Sharing

On **Sunday, 10 May**, the youth group that participated in the Australian Catholic Youth Festival 2025 will share their experience with the parishioners.

The participants are grateful to the parish communities for their support and prayers.



RULES TO HELP!

Code

Jesus has given us a special helper. Use the code to work out who it is.



H=		O=		S=	
I=		P=		T=	
L=		R=		Y=	

Jesus says that anyone who loves him will live as he asks and keep his commandments. The Holy Spirit will help us to live as Jesus asks, loving God and other people.

Keep my commandments

The disciples are trying to work out one of Jesus' commandments.

Can you help them by putting the letters they have caught in the right order?

1 4 2 11 12 5 6 7 9 12 3 8 6 10

Keeping God's commandments

Circle the people in the playground who are doing what Jesus asks.



A PRAYER TO SAY

I know, Jesus, that your rules will help me. Thank you for sending the Holy Spirit to help me live as you ask. Amen.



- If we love God we will live as Jesus asks and keep Jesus' commands.
If we love God we will... (cross out the wrong answer)
- ...help others - True/false?
 - ...share our things - True/false?
 - ...fight with others - True/false?
 - ...say our prayers - True/false?
 - ...ignore our parents - True/false?



Jesus commands us to love ___ (d G o) and to ___ (v e o l) others

Answers: Love one another. True, True, false, true, false. Code: Holy Spirit.

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