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Sat: 5.30pm, Spotswood
Sun: 10.00am, Newport

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After Saturday mass, ends 10.30am

Reconciliation
Sat 10.00-10.30am, Newport
5.00-5.20pm, Spotswood

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12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 21 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:

- 20th: World Refugee Day
- 20th: Baptisms (SMM)
- 20th: Cuppa and Chat (SMM)
- 25th: PFC Meeting
- 28th: Peter's Pence



NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER - 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Date	Lector	Special Minister	Powerpoint	Choir	Liturgy
Sat 20 June '26	Clare Martin	Lidia Cammarano	Lilly Mullins	Parish Choir	Katherine Wong
Sun 21 June '26	Robert Spolja	Alice Guiney	Bang Bui	Henry, Netty & Neil	

Counting team (week beginning 28th June '26):
Team A - Helen, 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 : Jeremiah 20:10-13

Jeremiah said: I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side!" Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, 'Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!' But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 68:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35

(R) Lord, in your great love, answer me.

It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,
an alien to my own mother's sons.

I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me. **(R)**

This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. **(R)**

The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needs
and does not spurn servants in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures. **(R)**

Second Reading : Romans 5:12-15

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord,
and you also will be my witnesses.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.

Reflection - courtesy Summit Online

DID YOU KNOW?

Points of interest and Catholic lore

- Sparrows were sold in market places as inexpensive food for the poor and were a symbol of something of minimal value.
- Members of the Church who have died rather than renounce their faith are called martyrs. The word martyr literally means 'witness'. Throughout history, many have given their lives for the faith, and in our own time, people are still martyred because they will not swerve from their commitment to Christ.
- By the time Matthew wrote his gospel, the Church was already undergoing persecution in some areas, and Christian faith was being sorely tested.

Sharing the Tradition

In the early centuries of the Church, many people were persecuted and even killed for confessing faith in Jesus Christ. Under the Roman Emperor Nero, the first persecution of Christians began in Rome. We all know the stories of believers being thrown to the lions! What is more surprising is that people are still being martyred for their faith today. In 2019, 29 Catholic pastoral care workers, including priests, nuns and lay people, were killed while performing their duties. In 2017 Pope Francis authorised the Congregation for the Causes of Saints to promulgate the decree on the martyrdom of Sister Regina Maria Vattalil (nee Maria), professed nun of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Poor Clare's Franciscans, who was killed very publically in India on 25 February 1995. Sister Maria had been working with village women and poor farmers in providing social assistance and empowering them to seek civil rights in an area dominated by large landowners and moneylenders.

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.

Baptism

This weekend, we welcome Lisha Salvosa, Marco, Lucie & Mateo Perese, Rio De Nisi, Matteo Calligaro Simpson and their families, Godparents / Witnesses to our parish community. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Cuppa & Chat

Our Cuppa & Chat after Mass this Saturday night at SMM will be hosted by the Pastoral Care Team.

Parish Pastoral Council Member Update

The PPC would like to acknowledge with grateful thanks the contribution Jean-Pierre Eid has made to our PPC as he steps down from this role. Since joining the PPC in 2024, JP has taken on the role of Deputy Chair of the PPC, as well as facilitating the Safeguarding group. JP has made significant impacts during his time in these roles, especially with ensuring the Parish meets our Safeguarding commitments, and we have all benefited from his insights and valued his contributions. On behalf of our Parish community we thank JP for his dedication and service.

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: 24 June 2026 (Committee with leaders of both parishes and facilitated by the Archdiocesan team)

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 (12 & 13 June 2026)

1st Collection
\$607.15

2nd Collection
\$693.80

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



Recent Deaths:

Teresa BIALECKI

Sick:

Chris SALIBA

John

Michelle NEWMAN

Helen KELLY

Dianna

Tony



Death Anniversaries:

Renato LEANDRI

ARCHDIOCESE NEWS



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Synod26 Corner



19. Synodality and joy

When people are invited to participate meaningfully, joy increases. A synodal Church is not weighed down by bureaucracy but energised by shared mission.

20. Synodality and the Eucharist

The Eucharist is the heart of synodality. Around one table, many are gathered as one Body. What we celebrate sacramentally must shape how we live communally.

21. Why the Church is embracing synodality now

The call to synodality is a response to the signs of the times. In a fragmented world, God calls the Church to witness communion, dialogue, and hope.

Archdiocese Special Collections 2026

- 7 June - 26 July: Propagation of the Faith (12 July - Appeal at the Parish)
- 14 June: Winter Appeal - St Vincent de Paul Society
- 28 June: Peter's Pence
- 12 July: Parish Appeal for Propagation of the Faith
- 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>

History: The name of our school, Sacred Heart Primary School, means that Jesus Christ is central to our identity as a Catholic school. In August 1901, Mary MacKillop was instrumental in the opening of Sacred Heart. A wooden building from Williamstown was erected next to the church in Newcastle Street.

ST MARGARET MARY'S SCHOOL

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



St Margaret Mary's Primary School - Spotswood
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Our Year 3 and 4 students enjoyed a fantastic excursion into Melbourne, visiting the Immigration Museum and the NGV.

Students explored stories of migration and identity at the Immigration Museum before discovering Indigenous and Australian artworks at the NGV. It was a wonderful opportunity to deepen their learning and appreciation of Australia's rich history, culture and creativity.

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, 4 July



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

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DON'T BE AFRAID!

Sunday 21 June 2026
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 10:26-33

In the GOSPEL TODAY

Don't be scared

Join the dots to find out what the little boy is scared of. Jesus tells us today "do not be afraid", he will always be with us. Tell Jesus about anything that frightens you.

God loves us

God loves us so much he can count the hairs on our heads. Give these people some hair, long, short, curly or straight. Do any of them look like your friends?

God loves the birds that he made. Draw a circle around each sparrow you see on this sheet

How many sparrows can you count?

A special secret

This little girl knows something very special.

A=	L=
D=	O=
E=	S=
G=	U=
I=	V=

Use the code to find out what she knows!

A PRAYER TO SAY

Help me, Jesus, to understand just how special I am. Thank you for loving me so much and for always being with me. Help me to tell you when I am frightened. Amen.

Answers: A special secret: God loves us all. God loves the birds: 10 sparrows.

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