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

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ALL SOULS' DAY

02 NOVEMBER 2025

REFLECTION

JOHN THORNHILL sm

Our liturgical traditions reflect their origins in the northern hemisphere. From pre-historic times, the waning of the winter sun has prompted reflection upon life's end and what lies beyond the grave. In the closing weeks of the liturgical year, the Church has wisely taken account of these old traditions. After celebrating All Saints, we remember All Souls - all those who have died and gone before us. What a contrast there is between the outlook of those who join in these celebrations united in Christian faith and its certainty of sharing in the risen life of the Lord, 'the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep' (1 Cor 15:20), and the uncertainty of those who have no hope, or who turn to other human traditions to understand what lies beyond the grave. The 'Communion of Saints', one of the articles of Catholic faith, assures us that our shared life 'in Christ' establishes a fellowship that overcomes the limits of space and time. On All Souls Day, this sense of being united in God's family is a very real part of our celebration.

In this awareness of family bonds, 'Purgatory' has loomed large in our Catholic outlook. For a renewed faith, the Church's teaching on Purgatory should be a source of encouragement. Emphasis upon Purgatory as a state of punishment was misleading. As the name itself indicates, the Church's belief is in a blessed renewal that makes those who have died ready to enter finally into God's friendship, to share all things with God. Given our human frailty, few of us die with hearts ready for this. If this mysterious transition involves the pain of the final roots of our selfishness being removed, it must also be a joyful experience for those who know that they are about to know God's self-giving in eternal happiness. The readings, therefore, bring us the message of Christian hope. The first reading, from the prophet Isaiah, promises that God 'will destroy death for ever', and that the family of God will gather rejoicing around one table. Or 'hope is not deceptive', Paul assures us, grounded as it is in 'the love of God poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit' – a love demonstrated to the world by the fact that 'Christ died for us', an astounding fact, that 'fills us with joyful trust'. Mark's account of the death that Christ died for us is a masterpiece – a wealth of meaning expressed in so few words: creation stands still as the earth is covered with darkness; the old order passes away as the Temple veil is rent; and the pagan centurion is the spokesman of a world about to find faith in what God has done. It is important to recognize that the words of Jesus, 'My God, why have you deserted me?' – a cry, certainly, that gave expression to the anguish of one going to his death in the darkness of a lost world – are the first words of a psalm (Ps 22) that ends with a magnificent expression of hope and confidence in the God who 'has listened to the cry for help'. 'And those who are dead', it continues, 'their descendents will serve him, will proclaim his name to generations still to come'. Year A 2014 - Today's gospel reading from Matthew - filled with light and joy - is all the more remarkable, in that it follows passages that recall a lack of response to the ministry of Jesus in his own region of Galilee. The leaders of the nation have rejected him; in Judea, he is despised as a Galilean; and now his own people have turned against him. Perhaps this passage, that promises 'rest', recalls the times he took his disciples aside to encourage them. But his call is universal, it includes 'all' who are overwhelmed by discouragement to come to him. We will find our encouragement in the joy brought by faith in him.



Next Weekend's Roster – Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Date	Lector	Special Minister	Power Point	Choir/Musician	Liturgy Roster
Sat 8 Nov 2025	Katherine Wong	Lorianne Robinson	Gwen / Gary	n/a	Katherine Wong
Sun 9 Nov 2025	Lucia Pace	Patrick Conheady	Branka Briffa	Martin Briffa	

Counting team (week beginning Nov 9): 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 25:6-9 **Gospel Acclamation**

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord God will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 26:1, 4, 7-9, 13-14**

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink? **(R)**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple. **(R)**

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face. **(R)**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! **(R)**

2nd Reading

Romans 5:5-11

Hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

Alleluia, alleluia!

It is my Father's will, says the Lord,
that I should lose nothing of all he has given to me,
and that I should raise it up on the last day.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 7:11-17

Jesus went to a town called Nain, accompanied by his disciples and a great number of people. When he was near the gate of the town it happened that a dead man was being carried out for burial, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a considerable number of the townspeople were with her. When the Lord saw her he felt sorry for her. 'Do not cry,' he said. Then he went up and put his hand on the bier and the bearers stood still, and he said, 'Young man, I tell you to get up'. And the dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Everyone was filled with awe and praised God saying, 'A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.' And this opinion of him spread throughout Judaea and all over the countryside.

REFLECTION

Mary Fermio

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Today we remember those who have died, especially our loved ones – friends and relations – we pray for them and ask them to pray for us. Those who were close to us, we remember them especially and consciously miss their presence.



Over the years, the question: **Where is heaven?** I am sure puzzles people, as well as me. We know that beyond earth seems to be endless space, yet we are taught there is endless life after death. People, like St Mary MacKillop who has died, have been seen by people, whom have been helped or spoken to. For me, heaven is here with us, another dimension, where those who have died, live in another way in joy and peace. After my mother died, I had a "vision" of mum and dad together, looking over a fence in the country, a place they both dearly loved, and I thought: "You are okay!" During this month pray as a family the simple prayer: Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

PARISH NEWS

ROSARY GROUP - 3 NOVEMBER

The Rosary group meets at the Jubilee Room on the first Monday of every month at 1pm. The next Rosary group will be this Monday, 3 November. Everyone is welcome.

NOVEMBER - MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE

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

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The parish office will remain closed on Tuesday, 4 November. Please leave a voicemail and we will get back to you at the earliest or send through an email.

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 :

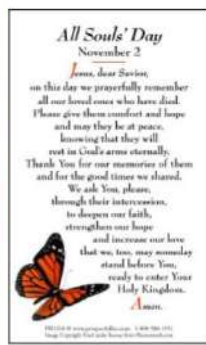
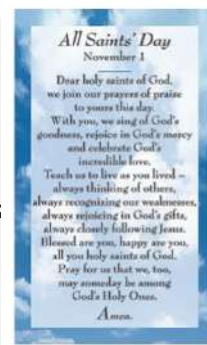
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St Margaret Mary's Primary School - Spotswood

We opened a special piece of history — our school's contribution to the Hobsons Bay Millennium Time Capsule, sealed 25 years ago! Students loved discovering the treasures, memories, and messages from the past. Here are some of our favourites...
#TimeCapsule #SchoolMemories #HobsonsBay #CommunityHistory #melbournecatholicsschools



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School Newport

In our Research Spaces, Year 1 students are exploring their connection to Country and special places. Through small world play, creative art, and mark-making, they are sharing their learning and ideas. Inspired by the book Magic Beach and our recent excursion to Williamstown Beach, students have been reflecting on what the beach means to them.



PARISH CALENDAR & COMMUNITY OBSERVANCES

NOVEMBER

1st: All Saints Day
1st: Combined Parish Youth Group Gathering
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

Australian Catholic Youth Festival 2025

When: Sunday 30 November 2025 – Tuesday 2 December 2025

Venue: Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre 1 Convention Centre Place South Wharf

ACYF returns to Melbourne at the end of 2025!

Capping off a rich program of Jubilee events in our Archdiocese this 2025 Jubilee Year, the Australian Catholic Youth Festival is a fun and faith-filled national festival. It provides young people from Year 9 to 25 years old with the opportunity to come together, connect, deepen their relationship with Jesus, be empowered to live their faith in the world and experience the breadth of the Church in Australia.

Join in and celebrate with thousands of young people from across the country!

PARISH INVITATION



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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prompts.

Thank you for your continued
support.

