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Mass Times

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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28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 11 OCT 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

OCTOBER:

13th: SH SAC Meeting

15th: PPC Meeting

16th: St Margaret Mary Feast Day

17th: Cuppa and Chat (SMM)

17th: Baptisms (SMM)

22nd: PFC Meeting

22nd: SMM SAC Meeting

29th: First Reconciliation (SMM) - TBC

30th: First Reconciliation (SH) - TBC

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER – 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Date	Lector	Special Minister	Powerpoint	Choir	Liturgy
Sat 17 Oct '26	Mark Dooley	Lidia Cammarano	Katherine Wong	Parish Choir	Carmel Crawford
Sun 18 Oct '26	Tony Nicholson	Ivan Vадnjal	Bang Bui	Henry, Netty & Neil	

Counting team (week beginning 11th October 26)

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 25:6-10

Gospel Acclamation

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. 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 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; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22

**(R) I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.**

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R)**
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name,
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **(R)**
You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **(R)**
Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **(R)**

Second Reading **Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20**

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere; full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Mathew 22:1-14

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited," he said, "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Reflection - courtesy [Summit Online](#)

DID YOU KNOW?

Points of interest and Catholic lore

- The wedding banquet is a commonly used image for the kingdom of God in the Hebrew and the Christian Scriptures. The feast was a symbol of the abundance to be provided by God for those who have faith.
- A Jewish wedding celebration often lasted for as long as a week, which may explain why some were reluctant to attend. Like living in the kingdom, it was demanding!

EVENING WITH PATRICIA LONG

"Ecological Conversion"

Pat is involved in local community action transitioning to more conscious consumption, energy use and utilising local skills for a more resilient future in the face of climate change. She loves growing food and bush walking.

**OCTOBER 15TH 7:30 - 9:30PM AT:
ST JOSEPH'S BY THE SEA
16 ESPLANADE WILLIAMSTOWN**



COST: ENTRY BY DONATION ON THE NIGHT - ALL WELCOME & SUPPER PROVIDED
BOOKINGS AT: www.trybooking.com/DPWUV

**Recent Deaths:**

Neil SHEPHEARD – Funeral
(SH) Wed 14th Oct at
11.00 am
Paul PACE – Funeral (SMM)
Wed 14th Oct at 1.00 pm

Sick:

Helen KELLY
Maree WALSH

Death Anniversaries:

Chiara CINI
George KHALIL

**Melbourne Synod**

The Melbourne Synod will be held from Friday 4 to Sunday 6 December 2026. Attendance at the Synod is guided by Canon 463 and includes clergy, religious and lay representatives. In Melbourne, the Synod will comprise approximately 180 Members. Sixty (60) lay Members, comprising fifteen (15) representatives from each region, will be selected through a nomination process to participate in the Synod.

What is a Synod ?**47. Synodality calls us forward**

We are invited not to cling to the past, but to move forward in faith.

48. Synodality strengthens communion

Communion grows when voices are respected and discernment is shared.

49. Synodality and trust in God

Ultimately, synodality is an act of trust that God is still guiding His Church.

50. Walking together with Christ

We walk together because Christ walks with us. That is the deepest meaning of synodality.

PRAYER GROUPS**Marian Movement of Priests**

Held every Thursday 12.30 pm till 3.30 pm but will no longer be held at the Jubilee Centre. If you are interest please contact: Mary Nassar or Christina Leandri

Rosary Group

The group meets every first Monday of the month at 1.00 pm in the presbytery. The next meeting is on 5th October 2026

PORTABLE SMART TERMINALS

For those of us that do not carry cash, we now have portable smart terminals available in the foyer.

**You can make your collection offering electronically here**

If you would like to join our parish thanksgiving program, and receive a thanksgiving envelope number. Please contact the parish office.

**St. James Hoppers Crossing North – Parish Fete**

St James Hoppers Crossing North, will be holding their fete on Saturday 17th October, 10 am till 4 pm on the church grounds. There will be hot food, rides, entertainment and all the usual stalls and bargains. A great fun day for the family. All welcome.

October: Month of the Holy Rosary

During the month of October, after the weekday Masses, we will be praying the Rosary for the month of Holy October. Everyone are welcome to attend.

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Update – Parish Strategic Plan

The PPC held their regular meeting on Thursday, 17 September. The focus of the meeting was to begin drafting an updated Parish Strategic Plan following feedback from parishioners. We look forward to being able to share an initial draft with parishioners for your feedback in the coming weeks.

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: 21st October 2026

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 (26th & 27th September 2026)**

1st Collection
\$513.95

2nd Collection
\$690.25

Join Our Parish Mailing List

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

Rite of First Reconciliation

For students of Sacred Heart (Thurs 29 October) and St Margaret Mary's (Fri 30 October).

Preparation Lesson (Sacred Heart Church Newport at 9 am)

-Sunday, October 11

-Sunday, October 18

Students will be accompanied at lessons by family / friend / godparent.

Combined Parish Youth Gathering Every first Saturday of the month

We now have a new age range for The Combined Parishes Youth Group.

The age range has changed from 13-19 years and is now 15-25 years of age.

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, 7th November



Baptism Dates 2026

SMM - 17 October

SH - 21 November

SMM - 19 December



Australian Catholic Youth Ministry Network

Tonight our staff were led by Carlie Anderson from #imaginewithscripture in a beautiful experience of Imaginative Prayer, entering more deeply into the story of The Visitation (Luke 1:39-56).

A wonderful opportunity to encounter Scripture through imagination, reflection and prayer. ✨🙏

St Margaret Mary's students are independent life-long learners inspired by Gospel values and empowered with a sense of purpose and responsibility. They confidently engage with others and are equipped with skills to adapt to an ever changing world.

Sunday 11 October 2026
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 22:1-14

Look

PARTY TIME!

God is like the king

He has invited us to his celebration. How can we show him that we want to be with him? What can we do to show God we want to join his party?

Here are clothes with some of the things we can "wear" every day. Colour in the different words. How many can you find?

A king invites lots of guests to his son's wedding feast – but they don't turn up! Instead, the king invites everyone he can find. They all have a great time at the feast!

Maze

Gather the guests and bring them together for the feast.

Thank you!

God has invited you to his special party! He wants you to enjoy a great time with him now and, later on, in heaven.

Thank you, God, for inviting me to your special party!

Love from,

A PRAYER TO SAY

I want to enjoy the party with you, Lord! Help me to enjoy and make the most of all the good things you give to me. Amen.

Wearing love?

Which of these children is "wearing love"?

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