



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

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

17th NOVEMBER 2024

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Mass Time

Tue & Thu – **9.15am, Spotswood**
Wed & Fri – **9.15am, Newport**
Sat - **5.30pm, Spotswood**
Sun - **10.00am, Newport**

Reconciliation

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

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SAFETY OF YOUNG CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND VULNERABLE ADULTS.

The parish of St Joseph, Newport and Spotswood, holds the care, safety and wellbeing of children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility for our community.

REFLECTION BY JOHN THORNHILL SM

The cycle of the Church's year is coming to an end. The 'end of the world' – when God's great plan for creation will be realized – will be one of the themes of the liturgy during the coming weeks. In the time of Jesus, centuries of frustration under occupying powers had given rise among the Jewish people to a form of literature (today called 'apocalyptic') that expressed a confidence that, despite all appearance to the contrary, God's promises – so important in the faith of old Israel – would be fulfilled in 'a new heaven and a new earth'. Some of this literature is included in the Scriptures – the prophecy of Daniel, from which our first reading comes, is an example. This literature has often been misunderstood by 'fundamentalist' interpreters. Its startling images of the passing away of the present world were not intended to describe how the end will come; its essential message was an assurance that God's designs will be fulfilled, despite all appearances to the contrary. Jesus preached the coming of the final reign of God; it is not surprising, therefore, that he used some of the images and expression of this literature - as he does in today's gospel, the final section of a long passage that gathers together recollections of this teaching of Jesus.

The title, 'Son of Man' – adopted by Jesus as a subtle intimation of his role in the designs of God – comes from the prophecy of Daniel. Coming from God, the 'Son of Man' will fulfill the great destiny of Israel, bringing all the peoples of the world under God's reign (see Dan 7:13-14). The community that gave us Mark's gospel rejoices in the knowledge that the Son of Man has truly come - Israel's hopes have been realized. For the early Christians, this confidence raised challenging questions, that took some time to resolve (see St Paul in 2 Thes ch 2) – if, in the Saviour's Paschal Mystery, God's final achievement in creation has been realized, what are we to make of our life in a world that seems to go on as before? In the face of this problem, today's gospel reflects the outlook of a community that is finding a healthy balance. Though it speaks with certainty of the coming of the end, it acknowledges that 'nobody knows' when it will be fully manifest 'but the Father'. Echoing the language of literature such as the prophecy of Daniel about the signs of the end, it nevertheless urges constant vigilance, lest believers be taken unawares – one of the themes of the preaching of Jesus. We know God's final achievement has been realized in the Christ's risen greatness; but we wait in faith and hope for our full sharing in all that Christ has promised. With Mark's community, we place our trust – whatever lies ahead of us - in the one who said: 'Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away'.



ARE WE PREPARED TO FACE THE END TIMES?

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT 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

Daniel 12:1-3

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 15(16):5,8-11

R. Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope!

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;

It is yourself who are my prize.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight;

since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **(R)**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;

Even my body shall rest in safety.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead,

Nor let your beloved know decay. **(R)**

You will show me the path of life,

The fullness of joy in your presence,

At your right-hand happiness for ever. **(R)**

2nd Reading

Hebrews 10:11-14,18

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. He, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place forever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and pray constantly,

that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 13:24-32

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

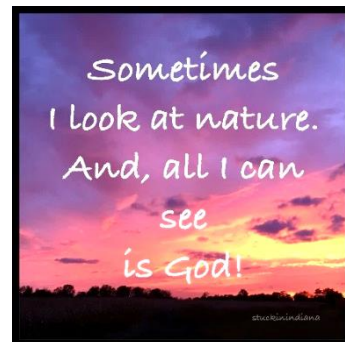
SCRIPTURE REFLECTION BY SR MARY FERMIO

There were many signs of impending disaster in the years before the Great Depression; many signs warned of the dangers of Hitler's rule; signs appear in our body warning of a sickness; and we need to be aware of the signs of our times that can lead to financial problems and housing problems. Today we can experience a time when all seems to be crashing around us in our personal lives.

Jesus is speaking of an apocalyptic vision of the end of the world, when all that seems stable comes crashing down. Mark wants us to realise that the Second Coming of the Son of Man will be one of great power and glory, not fury and destruction. The end time is God's secret and surprise, not like the predictable find of fruit on the fig tree.

But we can be assured that God will be there, "holding the gates open" for the faithful to enter the kingdom.

So we can live each day alert to signs. How will I meet God today? In a friend? In the innocence of a child? In the wisdom of an older person? Or the unwanted interruption to my plans? God comes to us in so many ways – we just need to read the signs!



TWO NEW AUXILIARY BISHOPS APPOINTED FOR MELBOURNE

As we prepare to enter a year of Jubilee for the Church, it is with great joy that the Archdiocese shares the news of Pope Francis' appointment of two new Auxiliary Bishops for Melbourne—Rev Fr Think Nguyen and Rev Fr Rene Ramirez RCJ.

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne, said, 'I am deeply grateful to the Holy Father for this gift and blessing to our Archdiocese.'

'The Melbourne Archdiocese is the largest in Oceania, and we have waited a long time to have our full complement of Auxiliary Bishops to assist in ministering to God's people.

'Both Fr Nguyen and Fr Ramirez are men who have a heart for the Gospel and a missionary energy for God's people,' said the Archbishop.

'They are well known to the Melbourne Archdiocese, and have already made valuable contributions to the life of the local Church. I know that each will continue to share their distinctive gifts and passionate commitment to our faith communities in the years to come.

'I ask for your prayers as they begin this new journey in their ministerial lives.'

Fr Ramirez, too, shared his reaction to the unexpected news. To continue reading please visit:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/two-new-auxiliary-bishops-appointed-for-melbourne>

PARISH DONATIONS

For those of us that do not carry cash, we now have portable smart terminals available at our Mass's for Thanksgiving/Donations. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be no Children's Liturgy this weekend 17th November at Sacred Heart 10:00am mass.

CUPPA AND A CHAT

Please join us for a cuppa and chat on 16th November at St Margaret Mary's Church after 5:30pm mass. Hosted by the lectors. All welcome.

REMEMBRANCE AREA

There will be a Remembrance area at both churches in November for families to place photos (no large photos) and names of deceased loved ones, asking the community to remember them in prayer, This November. memories of our deceased loved ones fill our hearts in a special way. So many encounters recalled, laughter, tears, hopes and fears, good wishes, disappointments, expressions of love-all fixed in our memories and brought to life, if for a few moments. Praying to our loved ones and for them manifests the common life we all share together in this beautiful mystery, the Communion of Saints.

ANNUAL PARISH FORUM AND INVITATION TO JOIN THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

We will hold our Annual Parish Forum directly after 10am Mass at Sacred Heart Church on Sunday, November 24. The forum will be followed by our end of year luncheon that is open to all parishioners, where we will be able to acknowledge and celebrate the contributions so many people have made to the life of our parish this year. All are welcome to attend - please save the date.

OUR SICK

Romano, Rita Galea, Editha Begovic, Joe Attard, John, Helen Kelly

ANNIVERSARIES

Bill Dooley, Nila Arnato, Francesco Barbalaco, Sr Mary Ruby, Rufus Nettare, Linda Joan Nettare, Y.V.Reddy, Yesdda Reddy, Y Vijaya, and all in our November intentions.

RECENTLY DECEASED

LECTOR AND SPECIAL MINISTERS REQUIRED

We are looking for Volunteers to be Lectors and Special Ministers at Mass. Training will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Ivana at the Parish office on 9391 1201 or via email Newport.spotswood@cam.org.au Please note that you must have a current Working with Children check, and signed code of conduct.

POWER POINT, MUSIC VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Required to operate PowerPoint Training will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Ivana at the Parish office on 9391 1201 or via e-mail at Newport.spotswood@cam.org.au Please note that you must have a current Working with Children Check and signed Code of Conduct.

"IT'S A GRAND NIGHT FOR SINGING"

The very popular 'Opera Night' returns to St Mary's Williamstown on Saturday 30 November. It will be a grand night indeed! Following the wonderful feedback received from last year, along with the acclaimed Michael Lapina (Tenor), we will also welcome back Eleanor Blythman (Soprano), Karen Van Spall (Mezzo Soprano) and Adam Miller (Baritone). These gifted artists will again provide wonderful entertainment with classics and favourites from the world of Opera and Musical Theatre. Also make sure you enjoy a pre event drink and catch-up in the Parish Centre! Ticket sales have been strong and with just 2 weeks to the big night, make sure you don't miss out on what promises to be another magical night. To secure your tickets contact Event Organiser Stephen on 0458 358 116 or stephen@parishfirst.com.au

NEW WEBSITE A ONE-STOP HUB TO EDUCATE AND SAFEGUARD CHILDREN

A new website led by Australian Catholic University (ACU) will provide evidence-based information and resources for educators and families to help teach and protect children in today's digital world.

The comprehensive website is the result of a landmark four-year Young Children in Digital Society research project led by ACU in collaboration with education and health experts from Curtin University, Deakin University, Monash University, La Trobe University and the University of Canberra. Lead researcher Prof Suzy Edwards, of ACU's Institute for Learning Sciences and Teacher Education, said the new website was a go-to hub for early learning services and educators wanting to help children from birth to eight years of age and their families be safe and active in the digital world. To continue reading, please visit:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/new-website-a-one-stop-hub-to-educate-and-safeguard-children>

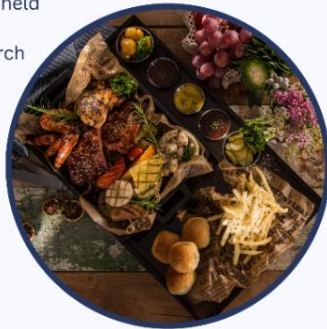
You are invited to our Annual Parish Forum & Lunch

Please join us as we celebrate the life of our parish

St. Joseph's Annual Parish Forum to be held
Sunday, November 24
after 10am Mass at Sacred Heart Church

Followed by lunch in the
Sacred Heart School Hall

All welcome!



PARISH FAITH FORMATION

Amidst the busy preparations for the joyous feast of Christmas, you invited to join us for an evening of reflection and prayer. Through the theme Waiting in

Hope and reading of the Gospel of the 4th Sunday of Advent, Luke 1:39-45, we will take time to reflect on God's action in our own lives. As we think about how Mary's 'yes' to God unfolded into joy and blessing for the world, we will take time to discover where the moments of hope and joy are for us. We look forward to journeying with you this Advent season.

Venue: Sacred Heart Primary School

Date: Thursday 28th of November

Time: 7-8:30pm

RSVP: Newport.spotswood@cam.org.au



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

1 st Collection Presbytery Offering	2 nd Collection Thanksgiving Offering
To support: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parish clergy• Sick and retired priests• Priests in needy parishes• Archbishop & auxiliary bishops	To support: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parish running costs• Parish pastoral initiatives• Diocesan and various services
If you would like to join parish thanksgiving programme, please contact the parish office. Thank you.	

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.

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 on 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