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Sat 10.00–10.30am, Newport

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

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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

22 JUNE 2025

REFLECTION

JOHN THORNHILL sm

Today's liturgy, like that of last Sunday, invites us to a deeper appreciation of the Paschal Mystery we have just celebrated. Today we renew our faith in the great sacrament in which the Saviour's Paschal Mystery gives life to the Church age after age.

The gospel reading from Luke makes clear the central place given to the Eucharist in the community for which the gospel was written. In Luke's narrative, Jesus, after completing his Galilean ministry, turns his attention to the formation of the apostles. He has them share in his mission by sending them to preach the good news and to heal the sick. Confronted by a crowd that has neglected to provide themselves with nourishment in their eagerness to stay in his company, Jesus has a new lesson for The Twelve. 'Give them something to eat yourselves', he tells them. There can be no doubt, as the narrative continues, that Luke sees these words as pointing to the Eucharist, the nourishing of the people of God that will be the centrepiece of the apostolic ministry. Taking the loaves and fish, Jesus 'raises his eyes to heaven', pronounces 'the blessing' over the loaves, and then 'breaks them'. Though provided by Jesus, the nourishment is given to the people through the ministry of the apostles – who are instructed to organise the people 'in parties', to distribute the loaves and fish, and to collect the scraps.

St Paul's letter to the Corinthians gives us the oldest extant account of the institution of the Eucharist. Paul writes barely twenty years after the crucifixion; but he makes it clear – using the technical language of the rabbinical tradition in which he was formed – that he is handing on an authentic and sacred tradition of the Christian community. This is independently confirmed by the fact that Paul's narrative of what happened at the Last Supper shows clear evidence of having been modified by repetition in liturgical celebrations. The implications of Paul's brief account are momentous. 'This is my body, which is for you' (with manuscript variations, 'given for you', 'broken for you'). In the Church's central act of worship, Jesus makes himself the nourishment of the world, perpetuating the last act of his earthly life – in which he gave himself into the hands of his Father, for the life of the world. The words, 'This is the new covenant in my blood', echo the declaration of Moses as he inaugurated the first covenant (Exodus 24:8); but this is the 'new' covenant in which humanity's final bonding with God replaces the shadows and types of the Old Testament. The celebration is a 'memorial' that 'proclaims the Lord's death until he comes' – the constant faith of the Church since the beginning, that the Lord and his Paschal Mystery are present in the celebration of the Eucharist, finds strong support in the biblical overtones of these words.

The context of Paul's words has great practical significance. Immediately prior to this passage, Paul rebukes the Corinthians for forming selfish and exclusive factions – as they gather to celebrate the sacrament that should awaken in them a love that is selfless, one with that of the Saviour!

Next Weekend's Roster – Saints Peter and Paul

Date	Lector	Special Minister	Power Point	Choir/Musician	Liturgy Roster
Saturday, 28 June 2025	Ante Dragovic	Katherine Wong	Gwen / Gary		Katy Hall
Sunday, 29 June 2025	Maria Main	Lori Penna	Branka Briffa	Martin Briffa	

Counting team (week beginning June 30): Team A – Angela, 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

Genesis 14:18–20

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing:

‘Blessed be Abraham by God Most High,
creator of heaven and earth,
and blessed be God Most High
for handing over your enemies to you.’

And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 109:1–4

**R. You are a priest for ever,
in the line of Melchizedek.**

The Lord’s revelation to my Master:
‘Sit on my right:
I will put your foes beneath your feet.’ (R)

(The Lord will send from Zion
your sceptre of power:
rule in the midst of all your foes. (R)

A prince from the day of your birth
on the holy mountains;
from the womb before the daybreak I begot you. (R)

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.
‘You are a priest for ever,
a priest like Melchizedek of old.’ (R)

2nd Reading

Corinthians 11:23–26

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, ‘This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.’ In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.’ Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 9:11–17

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing.

It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, ‘Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.’ He replied, ‘Give them something to eat yourselves.’ But they said, ‘We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.’ For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, ‘Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.’ They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.

Reflection

Sr Mary Fermio

We gather for many reasons, to celebrate a special occasion, to meet friends, to listen to a speaker.

On most of these occasions we share a meal and eating together deepens our relationship with the others.

The people who followed Jesus were so interested in what Jesus was saying, they lost track of time and the need for food. When late afternoon came, the practical apostles, wondered how these people would eat, as it was a lonely place- no supermarket or cafes here!

They had some fish and bread, but knew it was nowhere near enough for the crowd. They presented their problem to Jesus, who gave instructions for sitting down, took the fish and bread, blessed them and handed them to his disciples. Imagine their wonder as the food never ran out – there was enough for all! There were even leftovers, which were probably used the next day or handed out for the people to take with them.

In celebrating this feast, we give thanks for the presence of Jesus in the bread and wine and that being nourished by the life of Jesus, we become the living body of Christ.

PARISH OFFICE

Please note: due to change of circumstances our parish office is currently unattended. However, your enquiries are important to us and will be responded to as quickly as possible. We thank you for your understanding.

MONTHLY FRIDAY PARISH MORNING TEAS

On the 1st Friday of every month there will be a Parish Morning Tea from 9.45 am - 11 am (after Sacred Heart Mass) at the Presbytery (Newcastle Street). This will be an opportunity to gather, meet other parishioners, and share a story over a cuppa. Our first Friday morning tea will be on, 4 July, at 9.45 am in the Presbytery. All are welcome.

CUPPA AND CHAT

Our next Cuppa will be held on Sunday, June 29, at Sacred Heart Church after the 10am mass. All are welcome.



VISITORS

A warm welcome to the Emmanuel College representatives visiting us this weekend.

FEEDBACK

Please feel free to send your feedback on our bulletin to newport.spotswood@cam.org.au or contact the parish office.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Please join us for children's liturgy at 10am, on Sunday, June 22 at Sacred Heart Church.



BAPTISMS

We congratulate and pray for the Dempster and Sutton families whose children will be baptised this Saturday, June 21 at St Margaret Mary's, Spotswood. May the families always receive the loving and joyful support of our parish.



Please Pray For

OUR SICK

Helen Kelly, Kristy Robinson

RECENTLY DECEASED

ANNIVERSARIES

Raymond Cassar

SCHOOL NEWS

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School Newport
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★ In Grade 2, we are learning to measure!

Our amazing students have been exploring the world of measurement in Maths! 📏

This week, our students have been using informal units to measure objects around the classroom. Students are practicing estimating the length of various items and then measuring to see how close their guesses are. It's wonderful to see their confidence grow as they develop their measuring skills! 📏

Keep up the great work, Grade 2! We're so proud of your curiosity and effort. 😊



Sacred Heart Feast Day Family Mass

Friday 27th June, 5.30 pm

All parishioners are warmly invited to come and celebrate the love and compassion of Jesus with our school families as we gather for our special Feast Day Mass.

Mass will be followed by a pizza dinner in the Sacred Heart school hall. All welcome!

We are excited to welcome **Gen Bryant**, who will lead us in music for this joyful occasion!



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PARISH CALENDAR & COMMUNITY OBSERVANCES



JUNE

June 21: Baptisms (SMM)
June 26: PPC Meeting
June 27: Sacred Herat of Jesus
June 29: Cuppa and Chat (SH)

SH: Sacred Heart SMM: St Magaret Mary's PFC: Parish Finance Committee PPC: Parish Pastoral Council TTWG: Take The Way Of The Gospel

JULY

July 4: Friday Parish Morning Tea
July 6: St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal
July 12: Additional baptism at SH
July 15: Meeting with the TTWG team
July 17: Safeguarding Committee Meeting

ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

Combined Societies of Mary: Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

When: Friday 27 June 2025 (7.00pm - 9.00pm)

Venue: St Joseph's Church 71 Orrong Road Elsternwick

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus means entering his Heart, which is infinite in love and mercy, and allowing ourselves to be enveloped by his intense, infinite and burning love.

With this in mind, the Combined Societies of Mary warmly invite you to come along to a very special celebration, including:

- adoration
- prayers of the feast
- holy mass
- veneration of first-class relics of St Margaret Mary Alcoque and of her confessor, St Claude de le Colombiere.

For more information, contact Joy Hunt on 03 9509 2207 or visit www.combinedsocietiesofmary.com.

Catholic Mission Propagation Of The Faith Appeal

This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Zambia to help women overcome poverty and mothers give birth safely.

The Women's Cooperative, led by Sr Jane will provide women with the training and support required to break the cycle of scarcity, and the Chilonga Mission Hospital is determined to ensure every woman and baby receives a safe and dignified start to life.

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to be 'Missionaries of hope among all peoples', and we invite you to extend Christ's love to those in need in Zambia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/mission, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/mission



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



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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

JOIN OUR THANKSGIVING PROGRAM

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If you would like to join our parish
thanksgiving program electronically
or make a one-off gift to the church
scan this QR code and follow the
prompts.

Thank you for your continued
support.

