



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

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

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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 Galilean ministry of Jesus has ended in rejection. In today's gospel reading Jesus begins to give his whole attention to preparing his disciples for the final rejection that awaits him in Jerusalem – a rejection God will transform into a victory over all evil in the Saviour's Paschal Mystery. The first reading, from the Book of Wisdom vividly anticipates what lies ahead for Jesus. In fact, it is describing the selfishness and foolishness good people have to contend with in every age. The existence of real and pervasive evil presents a challenge to Christian faith. The freedom and responsibility that are the hallmarks of our human dignity will often be abused and obstruct the purposes of God. How is God to make creation a final masterpiece, by turning all things to good in the end?

There is something truly prophetic in the reading from Wisdom, because it echoes the Songs in the Book of Isaiah concerning God's Servant: 'the punishment reconciling us fell on him, and we have been healed by his bruises' (Is 53:5). These Songs were quoted by Jesus in the synagogue in Nazareth (Lk 4:18-19). No doubt they were of great importance to him as his mission unfolded. God's designs have been patiently prepared. Evil is a problem for all of us: we have to contend with disruptive forces – within ourselves, in our dealings with others, in the wide world in which we live. Like the disciples Jesus is instructing, we are still learning how to cope. Those whom Jesus wants to be the bearers of the Good News of God's ways are still lost in their self-centred ambitions. It is a situation that is so typical of our human experience. It leads Jesus to give the disciples a lesson that is at once radical and simple: 'Anyone who wants to be first must become last of all and servant of all'. Perhaps we have here another echo of the Servant Songs that have been mentioned – Jesus himself will be our example in the living out of this truth. Great teacher that he is, Jesus goes on to give the disciples an object lesson - receive those who have nothing to give you in return, like this child I am embracing, he tells them, and you will be true disciples of mine and dear to my Father.

James' letter, as we have said, reflects the ideals of a Jewish community of Christian faith. Their spirituality has its roots in the Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament and its call to live in harmony with God's ways. Today's reading shows how well these first Christians have learned the lesson Jesus was teaching the apostles on their way to Jerusalem. We are all challenged to look into our own lives as James names those things that belong to a world shaped by selfishness: 'jealousy and ambition', 'disharmony', 'battles between yourselves', unrealistic desires 'so that you fight to get your way by force'. It is all too familiar. How much more authentic and attractive is the alternative, shaped by God's ways – 'the wisdom that comes from above' – bringing 'peace', 'compassion' and generosity, fairness and straightforwardness. And James' characteristic practicality helps us to relate to this ideal as something within our reach: we must 'pray properly', not seeking through our prayer 'to indulge our own desires' but finding the joy that comes from identifying with the ways of God, after the example of Jesus.

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

Wisdom 2:12,17-20

The godless say to themselves: 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. 'Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.

If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps53:3-6,8

R The Lord upholds my life

1. O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.

O God, hear my prayer;

Listen to the words of my mouth. **(R)**

2. For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.

They have no regard for God. **(R)**

3. But I have God for my help.

The Lord upholds my life.

I will sacrifice to you with willing heart

and praise your name for it is good. **(R)**

2nd Reading

James 3:16-4:3

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

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

Mark 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on

the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION BY SR MARY FERNIO

Most of us would remember the leader of Burma, Ang San Suu Kyi, returning to her home country, placing her freedom and life at risk, choosing to remain faithful to her vision. She could easily have remained away, safe with her family, rather than take the risk.

When Jesus tells his disciples he is going to be put to death, we are told they were afraid to ask him to explain clearly. Instead, there was an argument about who would then be the greatest. It seems their whole attention was on themselves, not how or why Jesus was going to die. And when questioned by Jesus they were too ashamed to tell him.

But Jesus was not afraid to face the consequences of his continuing mission, but with the simplicity of a child, continues trusting in the Father to be with him.

After the death of Jesus, the apostles must have felt failures. Would they have also thought Jesus was a failure? What was to happen to all his dreams! But failure does not stop one from being a faithful disciple. God loves me unconditionally and does not look on me as a failure. Do I believe this?



O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law on love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life.



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 22nd September at Sacred Heart.

PARISH BAPTISMS



We pray with and congratulate the *Slack & Richardson* families whose children will be Baptised this weekend. May the *Slack &*

Richardson Families always receive the loving and joyful support of our Parish.

CUPPA AND CHAT

Please join us for a cuppa and chat at St Margaret Mary's Church after 5:30pm mass.

ST MARGARET MARY'S 70TH ANNIVERSARY FEAST DAY

St Margaret Mary's
70th Anniversary Feast Day
The Sisters of St Joseph, Families, Friends, and Parishioners are warmly invited to join us in celebrating the 70th Anniversary of St Margaret Mary's Primary School.

Date: Wednesday, 16th October
Time: 9:00 AM Mass
Location: St Margaret Mary's Church, followed by morning tea.

We look forward to bringing together our community to honour this significant milestone. Please join us in reflecting on the past and looking forward to the future.

RSVP: office@smmspotswood.catholic.edu.au
by Monday 14 October

ST COLUMBAN'S MISSION CALENDARS 2025

Are available to order for \$11.00 each. To place your orders please contact Ivana at the Parish office on 9391 1201 or via email. Orders will close off on the 27th Sept to ensure they arrive in time for those who have purchased for Christmas gifts.

PARISH NEWSLETTER NOTIFICATIONS

Please submit all notifications for the newsletter e.g. sick, anniversaries, recently deceased by Thursday 5.00pm via phone, email or place a note in the letter box. Thank you for your assistance.

PARISH SICK NEWSLETTER NOTIFICATIONS

Please note that we will be removing sick names from the newsletter at the start of each Month. This will commence from the 4th October. If you would like your loved one's name to continue for another month, please contact the Parish office.

FLOWER VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

We are looking for Volunteers to assist with flower arrangements at Sacred Heart Church and St Margaret Mary's Church each week/fortnight. If you are interested, please contact Ivana via Phone 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.

SACRED HEART NEWPORT PARISH SCHOOL

Sacred Heart families, there are only five more days left for you to take this opportunity to provide feedback about Sacred Heart and your child and family's experiences of our school. The survey helps us to identify the strengths and areas for improvement and provides valuable insights on areas that we can focus on. Recently, Sacred

OUR SICK

Edi, Joe Attard, Austin Reddy, Neil Shepherd, Romano, Serken Taylan, Jo Vassallo, Shirley Farrar, Branko Ujelac, Michelle Jenkins, Anne Sheahan-Lee, Michael Conlon, Paul Orfali, Elizabeth Sundanam, Barbara Payne, Kristy Robinson, John, Helen Kelly.

ANNIVERSARIES

Maria Camilleri

RECENTLY DECEASED

Heart families received an email with information and a unique code to access the survey. We encourage all of our families to participate so we can learn more about what we are doing well and how we can be even better. Please contact the school office if you need a new code.

ST MARGARET MARY'S SPOTSWOOD PARISH SCHOOL

Last week, St Margaret Mary's students wrapped up the term with an exciting day of activities! The morning began with a hands-on STEM session using Nüdel Carts, encouraging creativity and self-directed learning. After recess, the fun continued with our Olympic Games Extravaganza,



run by Kaboom Sports. Students represented different countries, competed in various events, and enjoyed a live medal tally. A fantastic way to end the term! 🏆🌍🔥
#EndOfTermFun #spotswood #smmspotswood #spotswood3015 #MelbourneCatholicSchools

'LIFE TO THE FULL': CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF THE PRESENTATION SISTERS OF VICTORIA

The Presentation Sisters of Victoria recently commemorated their 150th anniversary of foundation in Victoria, and to mark this significant milestone, more than 250 people—including Presentation Sisters from across the state and interstate, family and friends, staff and students from



Star of the Sea College (founded by the sisters in Gardenvale in 1883), and Presentation associates and alumni—came together at St Mary's Catholic Church in St Kilda East. To continue reading, visit: <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/150-years-of-love-and-service-celebrating-the-presentation-sisters-of-victoria>

REV JEAN-SÉBASTIEN GÉRY: FINDING JOY IN GOD'S 'MYSTERIOUS WAYS'

Approaching his ordination to the priesthood at St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday 21 September, transitional deacon Rev Jean-Sébastien Géry feels 'a deep sense of joy'. As he makes his final preparations—including arrangements for his parents' upcoming visit from Mauritius—he looks forward to sharing this joy. 'I'm grateful that God is answering the deepest desire of my heart. To continue reading, please visit:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/rev-jean-s%C3%A9bastien-g%C3%A9ry-finding-joy-in-gods-mysterious-ways>

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.

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.

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

My Jesus,

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.

ST MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE

O St Margaret Mary, through you, Jesus pours
out His abundant graces o 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.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

1st Collection

Presbytery Offering

To support:

- Parish clergy
- Sick and retired priests
- Priests in needy parishes
- Archbishop & auxiliary bishops

2nd Collection

Thanksgiving Offering

To support:

- 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.