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Tue: 9am – 3.00pm

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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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19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 09 AUG 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

AUGUST:

8th: Mary MacKillop Feast

9th: The Archbishop's Campaign begins

11th: SH SAC Meeting

13th: SMM SAC Meeting

15th: The Assumption of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

15th: Baptisms (SMM)

15th: Cuppa and Chat (SMM)

20th: PPC Meeting



NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER – 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Date	Lector	Special Minister	Powerpoint	Choir	Liturgy
Sat 15 Aug '26	Khim Yap	Jane Attard	Katherine Wong	Parish Choir	Katherine Wong
Sun 16 Aug '26	Bree Moller	Need Volunteer	Bang Bui	Henry, Netty & Neil	

Counting team (week beginning 9th August '26): Team A – 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 :

Kings 19:9, 11-13

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84:9-14

(R) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.

His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R)**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.

Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **(R)**

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.

Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **(R)**

Second Reading :

Romans 9:1-5

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord', he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'



Reflection – courtesy Summit Online

DID YOU KNOW?

Points of interest and Catholic lore

- For the Hebrew people, the waters of the sea are a symbol of the chaos from which creation sprang. Never having been a seafaring people, they were fearful of the watery deep.
- Even today, storms can blow up on the Sea of Galilee very quickly and make it dangerous for boats out on the lake.
- In art, the Church is often represented as a boat. A boat carries its passengers through threatening waters but is not exempt from the turbulence of storms. The Church can bear us through the storms of life, but it does not exempt us from the stresses and struggles.

Clergy Conference 2026

Fr. Samuel will be away at a clergy conference from Monday 10th August till Friday 14th August 2026 inclusive so no weekday Masses will be available at this time.

Australia's National Census - Shape the Future - Be Counted as Catholic this Census

Australia's National Census will be held on Tuesday, 11th August 2026. Catholics are encouraged to mark "**Catholic**" in the question on religion. In a time when some would seek to diminish the importance of faith, it is vital that the Catholic community be represented in our national statistics. Census data supports Church pastoral planning & contributes to government decision making on health, education, infrastructure and social services - guiding resource & funding allocations across Australia. By identifying as Catholic, you can help ensure that the contribution & needs of faith communities are properly recognised & considered in future planning & policy decisions.

The Archbishop's Campaign

The 2026 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway and we ask everyone to consider a one time or monthly pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Brochures with more information can be found around the church. Online (direct debit or credit card) donations are the most secure and preferred method of donating and can be made via the QR code. You can also donate via the supplied campaign envelopes or anonymously via cash directly into the collection plate during the campaign weekends.

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 (1st & 2nd August 2026)

1st Collection
\$519.30

2nd Collection
\$679.40

Join Our Parish Mailing List

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



Recent Deaths:

Death Anniversaries:

Margaret CINI
Antonia CINI

Sick:

Chris SALIBA
John
Michelle NEWMAN
Helen KELLY
Dianna
Tony
Adrian RING
Chris ANDREWS



ARCHDIOCESE NEWS



Synod26 Corner

By **Miriam Kruse**

Fr. Samuel and I attended the Regional Synod Consultation Session for the Western Region, entitled Melbourne Synod - Take the Way of the Gospel. This is a consultation process which will inform the actual Melbourne Synod in December this year. We were guided through a process called Spiritual Conversation based on prayer, attentive listening and discerning where the Holy Spirit is leading us.

Archbishop Comensoli invited us to reflect on one of three key themes for the Synod: Young Discipleship, Missionary Leadership and Formation and Participation. Fr Samuel and I were involved in dialogue with others around the theme of Young Discipleship. Feedback from these Spiritual Conversations will be compiled and used during the Melbourne Synod later this year.

Please continue to pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance during this consultation process, which will conclude across all regions by mid-August 2026.

Further information: Melbourne Synod 2026 | Melbourne Catholic

Archdiocese Special Collections 2026

- 9 - 23 August: The Archbishop's Campaign

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 0402 329 683 or Christina Leandri 0429 080 003

Rosary Group

The group meets every first Monday of the month at 1.00 pm in the Jubilee Room. The next one is on 7 September 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.



CHILDREN AND YOUTH CORNER

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

<https://www.shnewport.catholic.edu.au>

ST MARGARET MARY'S SCHOOL

<https://www.smmspotswood.catholic.edu.au>

EVENTS

Rite of First Eucharist –

Dates & Mass Times at St. Margaret Mary's Church Spotswood (SMM):

Saturday, 22nd August at 5.30 pm
(only 6 places).

Date & Mass Times at Sacred Heart (SH):

Saturday, 23rd August at 10.00 am
Sunday, 30th August at 10.00 am

Preparation Lessons (Sacred Heart Church at 9 am)

- Sunday, August 9
- Sunday, August 16

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



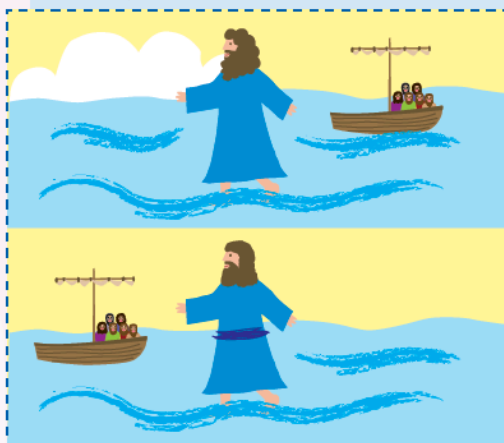
TRUST!

Helping hands

Jesus held out his hand and saved Peter from sinking into the lake. Our hands help other people too. Inside this hand write or draw some of the ways you can use your hands to help.



Jesus walks on the water to the disciples in their boat. Some of them are scared. Peter sets off to walk to Jesus, but then he gets scared too and starts to sink. Jesus reaches out his hand and saves Peter. Jesus does not want anyone to be afraid.

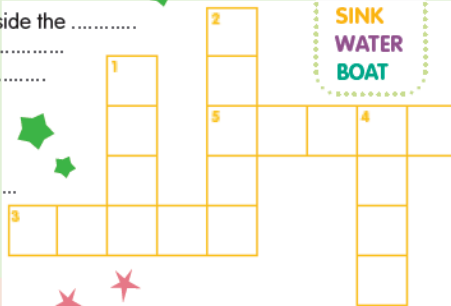


Spot the difference

The disciples looked very carefully before they recognised Jesus walking towards them on the water. If you look carefully at these pictures of Jesus you will find five differences. Where are they?

Crossword

1. The disciples were inside the
2. Jesus walked on the
3. The disciple called walked to Jesus
4. Peter was scared and began to
5. We can always Jesus to be here for us.



TRUST
PETER
SINK
WATER
BOAT

Water Maze



Can you help Jesus walk on the water to the disciples?



Answers: Spot the differences: position of the boat, cloud, belt, number of waves, curly hair.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Help me, Jesus, to trust in you. I know you are always with me. Help me to feel strong and safe. Amen.



Combined Parish Youth Gathering Every first Saturday of the month

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, 5 September



Baptism Dates 2026

SMM - 15 August
SH - 19 September
SMM - 17 October
SH - 21 November
SMM - 19 December



Australian Catholic Youth Ministry Network

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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.