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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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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 19 JULY 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

JULY:

18th: Thank You Irene Bongetti for 60 years of Parish Service. Please join us after Mass for a farewell Supper at SMM School. Everyone are welcome to bring a plate.

26th: Saints Joachim and Anne

AUGUST:

2nd: Cuppa and Chat (SH)

3rd: Rosary Group (Jubilee Room)

6th: Transfiguration of the Lord



NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER – 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Date	Lector	Special Minister	Powerpoint	Choir	Liturgy
Sat 25 July '26	Khim Yap	Katherine Wong	Melissa Tan	n/a	Katherine Wong
Sun 26 July '26	Janice Adams	Patrick Conheady	Branka Briffa	Martin Briffa	

Counting team (week beginning 19th July '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 :

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 85:4-6, 9-10, 15-16

(R) Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.

Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. (R)

All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. (R)

But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. (R)

Second Reading : Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of Heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed dandel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the dandel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the dandel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered.

And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the dandel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the dandel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the dandel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the dandel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the dandel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'



Reflection – courtesy Summit Online

DID YOU KNOW?

Points of interest and Catholic lore

- Dandel is an annual grass commonly found in grain fields as a weed. When it first shoots it looks very much like wheat.
- There are echoes in this gospel of the final judgment, when the good will be separated from the bad, the sheep from the goats, the weeds from the harvest.

The Jewish faith has a profound respect for the name of God, and the holy name is never pronounced or even written in full. The Gospel of Matthew is the most Jewish of the gospels and characteristically always refers to the 'kingdom of heaven' rather than the 'kingdom of God'.

PARISH NEWS

Farewell and Thanks – Irene Bongetti

A reminder to join us this Saturday, July 18, for Mass at Spotswood to give thanks to Irene. Mass will be followed by a special celebration in the school hall. You are welcome to bring a plate to share. We hope to see you there.

Pulpit Exchange

On Sunday 19th July, Fr Greg Trythal and Fr Samuel Kapani will exchange pulpits to strengthen our journey of partnership, collaboration and growth.

Baptisms

This weekend we welcome **Charlotte & Alexa Jensen**, their family & Godparents to our parish community. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Mass Roster Volunteers for July – Dec 2026

Thank you to those who have replied through emails or phone calls offering their services for our weekend Masses as a Lectors, Special Ministers, PowerPoint, Choir / Musician or Liturgy. I have tried very hard to accommodate everyone's wishes. You would of received a copy of the Mass Roster for July - Dec 2026 via email. If I have missed anyone, please let the Parish office know. **If you are unable to do the date you are allocated, please arrange for someone else to fill in your position for that Mass & let the Parish Office know of this change.**

Thank you for your patience.

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: 29 July 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

Catholic Care Victoria (2 & 3 May 2026)

Special Collection
\$233.70

Sunday Collections (11 & 12 July 2026)

1st Collection	Catholic Mission	2nd Collection
\$463.20	\$503.60	\$624.25

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



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recent Deaths:

Death Anniversaries:

Giuseppe ANDALORO
Grace CASSAR (8 yrs)
Sanket GONSALVES (1 yr)
Betty McKEE
Joseph CINI

Sick:

Shane DOOLEY
Chris SALIBA
John
Michelle NEWMAN
Helen KELLY
Dianna
Tony



ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

Synod26 Corner

Theme Paper Release

- Guide for Consultation Process
- Young Discipleship
- Missionary Leadership
- Formation and Participation

These resources are accessible via:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/synod2026>

The Synod theme papers are an important step in our journey of listening and discernment as we prepare for the Melbourne Synod. The papers aim to foster a spirit of hope and imagination—trusting that, as we walk together, God is calling us into a future marked by faithfulness, renewal, and deeper communion. The suggested reflection process is a 'Conversation in the Spirit' or a Spiritual Conversation. This method is based in prayer and allows people to come together to both speak and to listen. Different from a discussion, it is an attentive listening process that aims to discern where the Holy Spirit is leading us. At the conclusion of each theme paper, there are prompt questions for reflection. Responses to these prompt questions can be provided via the QR code which is at the end of each paper.

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. 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 3 August 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>



Today our staff engaged in further learning about the 3 Ds—Dyslexia, Dysgraphia and Dyscalculia—and how we can better identify and support students with specific learning differences. We also investigated carefully curated assistive technology that helps remove barriers, builds independence and gives students more ways to show what they know. Professional learning like this strengthens our ability to create inclusive classrooms where every learner can flourish. A sincere thank you to Cathy from Rookery Road for an engaging, practical and inspiring day of learning.

EVENTS

Children's Liturgy

During the 10 am mass at Sacred Heart Church, Newport, the school teachers and volunteers organise children's liturgy in Joseph's Retreat.

Liturgy this term:



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, 2 August



Baptism Dates 2026

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



Australian Catholic Youth Ministry Network

Sunday 19 July 2026
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 13:24-43

Look

GOD'S KINGDOM!

Make a difference!

You may be small but you can make a big difference. Fit into the grid the ways we can make God's kingdom real.

**JOY
LOVE
PEACE
KINDNESS
PATIENCE
GENTLENESS
SELFCONTROL**

Fit the words in the grid.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Help me, Jesus, to make God my king. I want to follow God's rule of love. Thank you for being with me, helping me to make a difference. Amen.

God's Kingdom

Finish colouring the pictures to show the different ways we can follow God's rule of love today.

The smallest seed

The mustard seed is really small. Join the dots to find out what it grows into. Jesus says the mustard seed becomes such a big tree that all the birds come and shelter in its branches. Can you draw some birds on the branches of this tree?

The kingdom of God is like...

Fill in the missing words.

The _____ who takes a _____ and plants it in the _____ the _____ begins to _____ It grows into a _____

Answers: The kingdom of God is like... man, seed, ground, grow, tree, birds, branches.

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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.