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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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23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 6 SEPT 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

SEPTEMBER:

4th: Parish Morning Tea at Presbytery

6th: Father's Day

6th: Cuppa and Chat (SH) - **Cancelled**

7th: Rosary Group (Presbytery)

17th: PPC Meeting

19th: Baptisms (SH)

19th: Cuppa and Chat (SMM)

21st: International Day of Peace

21st: Yom Kippur

24th: PFC Meeting



NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER – 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Date	Lector	Special Minister	Powerpoint	Choir	Liturgy
Sat 12th Sept'26	Marizabel Saliba	Ante Dragovic	Lilly Mullins	n/a	Carmel Crawford
Sun 13 Sept'26	Thang Nguyen	Ivan Vadnjaj	Branka Briffa	Martin Briffa	

Counting team (week beginning 6th September 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 :

Ezekiel 33:7-9

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2, 6-9

**(R) O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R)**
Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **(R)**
O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **(R)**

Second Reading :

Romans 13:8-10

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the good news of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

PRAYER FOR OUR FATHERS

Loving God,
Bless our fathers, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers.
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.
In moments of joy, rejoice with them.
In times of struggle, give them your courage and perseverance.
Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honour and appreciate them always with a spirit of profound respect.
May the example and prayer of St. Joseph inspire them to live their vocation with courage.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Reflection – courtesy Summit Online

DID YOU KNOW?

Points of interest and Catholic lore

- In the ancient world, the testimony of two witnesses was needed for any charge to be upheld in a civil or religious court. We see many examples of this practice in the gospels—for example, John 9:18.

Formal exclusion from the Church is called excommunication. Today it is rarely used, but through history, many people, even saints, have been excommunicated. Galileo was excommunicated during the Renaissance for his views on science—later proved to be correct. This excommunication was rescinded only in recent years. Even Australia's own St Mary MacKillop was once excommunicated!

PARISH NEWS

Sacred Heart Cuppa & Chat

The Cuppa and Chat planned for this Sunday (September 6) will be cancelled due to Father's Day. We look forward to seeing you at our next Sacred Heart cuppa on October 4.

Combined Parish Youth Gathering

We now have a new age range for The Combined Parishes Youth Group. The age range has changed from 13-19 years and is **now 15-25 years of age**. Our next gathering will be this Saturday, 5th September 2026

Place: Parish Centre, Williamstown

Time: 7pm (after youth lead vigil mass at 6 pm)

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Update – Parish Strategic Plan

The PPC held their regular meeting on Thursday, 20th August. The focus of the meeting was to discuss parishioner feedback on the Parish Strategic Plan following the consultations held on the weekend of 11-12 July. The PPC is grateful for all feedback received, both in person and through email. The next step will be to begin preparing a draft updated Strategic Plan at the September meeting (17 September) ready for parishioner review.

Rite of First Reconciliation

Date TBC – Possibly during the day on October 29 /30 to be confirmed.

Preparation Lesson (Sacred Heart Church Newport at 9 am)

-Sunday, September 6

-Sunday, September 13

-Sunday, October 11

-Sunday, October 18

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

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 (29th & 30th August 2026)

1st Collection
\$816.60

2nd Collection
\$1036.50

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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:

Jeffrey TROTT

Death Anniversaries:

Deanne MISQUITA

Immacolata TIRICOLA

Antonio BASILONE

Giuseppe BASILONE

Antonio MANGION

Angelo DEL GROSSO

Alberto MANGION

Maria & Joseph GALEA

Carmen & Peter SAMMUT

Sick:

Bill DOOLEY

Helen KELLY

Maree WALSH



ARCHDIOCESE NEWS



Melbourne Synod

The Melbourne Synod will be held from Friday 4 to Sunday 6 December 2026. Attendance at the Synod is guided by Canon 463 and includes clergy, religious and lay representatives. In Melbourne, the Synod will comprise approximately 180 Members. Sixty (60) lay Members, comprising fifteen (15) representatives from each region, will be selected through a nomination process to participate in the Synod.

What is a Synod ?

35. Synodality and courage

Listening honestly may reveal uncomfortable truths. Synodality requires courage to face them with faith.

36. Synodality is a long journey

A Synod is not a one-time event. Synodality is a way of life that unfolds over time.

37. Synodality and renewal

Renewal does not come from programs alone but from transformed relationships. Synodality nurtures those relationships.

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 interested 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 presbytery. **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.



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School Newport
3d - 6

What a wonderful Book Week at Sacred Heart! 🌟📖

We celebrated our love of reading with a fantastic Book Week Parade, a creative Bookmark Competition and a cosy Reading Afternoon filled with books and smiles. 📖❤️

A huge thank you to all our students, families and staff for the incredible effort that went into the costumes. It was wonderful to see so many favourite book characters come to life!

What a wonderful way to celebrate the joy of books and reading! 📖🌟

Our students were treated to an unforgettable live performance today as Perform Education brought this year's CBCA Book Week theme, Symphony of Stories, to life right on stage!

Through catchy music, high-energy acting, and interactive storytelling, the performative adventure brought a selection of the 2026 CBCA shortlisted books off the page and onto the stage.

We loved the inspiring messages focused on kindness, perseverance, creativity, and never judging a book by its cover. 📖❤️

#StMargaretMarysSpotswood #BookWeek2026 #SymphonyOfStories #CBCABookWeek #PerformEducation #LoveOfReading #ReadingForPleasure #LiteracyLearning #BooksComeToLife #LearningThroughStories #PrimarySchool #SchoolCommunity See



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Place: Parish Centre, Williamstown

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To register, please contact Martin and Branka Briffa.

Sign-in required.

Upcoming date:

Saturday, 5 September



Baptism Dates 2026

SH - 19 September

SMM - 17 October

SH - 21 November

SMM - 19 December



Australian Catholic Youth Ministry Network



MAKE FRIENDS!

Maze

Jesus promised that if we get together and ask God for something, God will listen to us.

These people are all going to church to pray and sing to God. Help them find their way.



Jesus tells us to sort out any arguments we have with other people. If we can't do it ourselves, we can ask for help from grown-ups. Jesus says he is always there when people are thinking about him, even if there are only two or three people.

Word Search

Find these words in the grid

**WHEN TWO OR THREE OF YOU GET TOGETHER
IN MY NAME I AM THERE WITH YOU**

A	H	N	M	J	I	O	M	I	N	S
N	M	C	D	S	A	A	S	Y	O	U
H	B	W	H	E	N	A	M	E	F	G
T	O	G	E	T	H	E	R	C	V	B
I	G	C	E	Y	T	W	O	V	E	I
W	E	B	R	U	Z	H	R	V	E	B
H	T	G	E	J	Y	X	R	C	R	N
T	N	T	H	N	J	O	X	E	H	H
I	I	F	T	N	K	D	U	S	T	Y

Make Peace

Jesus tells us that we have to forgive over and over again. How many times can you find the word **forgive** in the line below?

O F F O R G I V E F E F O R G I V E F I V E O F O R G I V E G E V F G R I F O R G I V E

A PRAYER TO SAY

Help me, Jesus, to make up with anyone I have fallen out with. Help me to be kind and understanding. Amen.

Colour the picture



Two children have helped their friends to make up and forgive. Colour them in, and give each one a smile!

Answer: Make Peace - 4 times.

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