

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

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Wed & Fri – 9.15am, Newport

Sat – 5.30pm, Spotswood

Sun – 10.00am, Newport

## Reconciliation

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.*

## Sacramental Co-Ordinators

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Carmel Crawford

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## Saints Peter and Paul

29 JUNE 2025

## REFLECTION

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On Pentecost Day we celebrated the birth of the Church through the gift of the Spirit in the Paschal Mystery. That Church is built 'upon the foundation of the Apostles' (Eph 2: 20) – the followers of the Lord must do the 'planting' and 'watering', knowing that it is only 'God who gives the growth' (1 Cor 3: 6). Jesus called together a group of twelve – the new Israel he was inaugurating would realise the destiny of the old Israel and its twelve tribes. The subsequent fate of many of the Twelve after they had given their testimony to the Paschal Mystery is lost in the mists of history. Peter and Paul, however, live on in our Catholic memory. Today's readings call up for us this awareness of them as our constant companions in our journey of faith.

Peter, the bluff, hearty fisherman became the leader among the disciples, even during the life of Jesus. To him it was given by the Father to recognise and confess faith in Jesus as the one who would realise all the hopes of Israel. Failing tragically, he soon became the courageous leader and spokesman of the infant Church. Paul, the conscientious Pharisee and lover of the ways of old Israel, was also a man of passion. At first determined to destroy the Christian movement, he became, the fearless champion and interpreter of the faith, despite incredible hardships and betrayals.

They were so different. Their work in establishing the Church reminds us of the challenging ways of God, calling us all – though so different - to take up our responsibilities as disciples. The collaboration to which Peter and Paul were called was not without its difficulties and misunderstandings; their faith-filled response, however, made that collaboration a foundation that will be remembered until the end of time. So different in temperament and background, their discipleship led them to share a great deal: each underwent a humiliating conversion; each embraced the Saviour Cross - as their lives were 'poured out as a libation (i.e. a precious liquid poured into the ground as a sacrifice)'; each of them was sustained by the certain hope that they would share in the power of the Lord's resurrection. Both were to end their days as they gave their witness – in their teaching and the shedding of their blood - in Rome, the centre of their world.

The commission given to Peter in today's gospel implies a great authority - 'binding and loosing' was an effective authority in the life of Israel. Jesus' words refer to the final 'Kingdom'; the authority given to Peter concerns the 'Church', or 'Assembly', called together by God as a foreshadowing of the Kingdom. With the passing of time, as the steadfast faith of the Roman Church, nurtured by the Apostles, became a rallying point for the Church's unity, this was seen as a fulfilment of the promise of Jesus to Peter. In 1995, in a remarkable gesture, Pope John Paul II – in the encyclical, 'Ut unum sint' – called upon Christians of all traditions to assist the Holy See to understand how it should carry out its mission as the Church's principle of unity. Let us pray today that this desire will be fulfilled.

## Next Weekend's Roster – 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Date	Lector	Special Minister	Power Point	Choir/Musician	Liturgy Roster
Saturday, 5 July 2025	Katy Hall	Lorraine Robinson	Lilly Mullins		Carmel Crawford
Sunday, 6 July 2025	Maureen Llewellyn	Ivan Vadjnal	Tom Penna	Parish Choir	

Counting team (week beginning July 7): 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

**Acts of the Apostles 12:1–11**

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly. On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true,' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 33:2–91**

#### **R. The Lord set me free from all my fears.**

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R)**

Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free. **(R)**

Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This poor man called; the Lord heard him  
and rescued his from all his distress. **(R)**

The angel of the Lord is encamped  
around those who revere him, to rescue them.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good.  
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **(R)**

### 2nd Reading

**Timothy 4:6–8, 17–18**

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;  
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

**Matthew 16:13–19**

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?'

Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven.

So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it.

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'



## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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, July 4, at 9.45 am in the Presbytery. All are welcome.



## CUPPAS AT ST. MARGARET MARY'S - WINTER PAUSE

Following feedback from parishioners, we have decided to put a pause on cuppas after Mass on Saturday evenings at St. Margaret Mary's due to the winter cold and dark evenings. **We will cancel the scheduled cuppas on July 19 and August 16.** Cuppas at St Margaret Mary's will recommence on September 20. Please note that cuppas on Sunday mornings at Sacred Heart remain unchanged.



## PETER'S PENCE SUNDAY

On 29 June, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, and on this occasion, the traditional Peter's Pence collection takes place. This is a concrete way to support the Holy Father in his mission of service to the universal Church.

Peter's Pence is a gesture of communion and participation in the Pope's mission to proclaim the Gospel, promote peace, and spread Christian charity. Know more at [ObolodiSanPietro.va](http://ObolodiSanPietro.va)

## Please Pray For

### OUR SICK

Helen Kelly, Kristy Robinson

### RECENTLY DECEASED

### ANNIVERSARIES

Salvatore Bombaci, Delia Murphy

## SCHOOL NEWS



St Margaret Mary's Primary School - Spotswood

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Last Tuesday, our students took part in a vibrant Cultural Day, exploring traditions, languages, and histories from around the world.

They created flags to represent different countries, practised the art of origami, learned to count in Chinese, and performed the Kapa Haka with energy and respect.

From designing royal crowns and discovering the English Royal Family to channelling their inner Michelangelo through art, every activity deepened their appreciation of the world beyond their own.

It was a joyful and meaningful day of learning that celebrated the many cultures that make our world - and our school - such a special place.

#CulturalDay #SMM #SMMCommunity #spotswood3015 #melbournecatholic schools



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School Newport

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🌟 Learning in Action at Sacred Heart! 🌟

Our students are actively engaging in their English lessons through explicit instruction.

Today, they focused on developing their vocabulary, grammar, and spelling skills. Using their whiteboards and markers, students are participating hands-on, making learning interactive and fun!

We're so proud of their enthusiasm and dedication as they build a strong foundation in English. Keep up the fantastic work, everyone!



#ActiveLearning #EnglishSkills #Writing #ochre Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne



## PARISH CALENDAR & COMMUNITY OBSERVANCES



### JUNE

June 29: Cuppa and Chat (SH)

### JULY

July 4: Friday Parish Morning Tea

July 5: Combined Parish Youth Gathering (7-8:30pm)

July 6: St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal  
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday  
July 12: Additional baptism at SH  
July 15: Meeting with the TTWG team  
July 17: Safeguarding Committee Meeting  
July 19: Baptism at SH

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

## ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

### 2025 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday Mass

**When:** Sunday, July 6, (11:00am - 12:00pm)

**Venue:** St Patrick's Cathedral 1 Cathedral Place East Melbourne

On the first Sunday of July each year, the Catholic Church in Australia observes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. On this day we gather as one to honour and celebrate the rich cultural heritage and contributions of our First Nations peoples to our Catholic Church.

The theme for this year's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday is 'Sent Forth in Strength and Hope'.

Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria warmly invites you to the 2025 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral. Marking the start of NAIDOC week (6-13 July), the Mass is an opportunity to come together and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

### 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](http://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](http://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



## 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

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

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.

