

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



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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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ASCENSION OF THE LORD - 17 MAY 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

MAY:

16th: Cuppa and Chat (SMM)

17th: Ascension of the Lord

18th - 24th: National Volunteer Week

21st: PPC Meeting

24th: Pentecost

26th: National Sorry Day

27th: Partnership Steering Committee Meeting

28th: Safeguarding Committee Meeting

*We ♥ our
Volunteers*



NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER - PENTECOST SUNDAY

Date	Lector	Special Minister	Powerpoint	Choir	Liturgy
Sat 23 May '26	Katherine Wong	Janet Attard	Need Volunteer	n/a	Des Devlin
Sun 24 May '26	Janice Adams	Need Volunteer	Branka Briffa	Martin Briffa	

Counting team (week beginning 24th May '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 : Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm 46:2-3, 6-9

(R) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **(R)**

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **(R)**

God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **(R)**

Second Reading : Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel, I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'



Reflection – courtesy Summit Online

DID YOU KNOW?

Points of interest and Catholic lore

- The Ascension of Jesus is described only in the Book of Acts (1:2–11), although there is a shorter version in Luke's Gospel. There are also allusions to the event elsewhere in the New Testament (such as John 6:62, or Ephesians 4:8–10).
- In Matthew's Gospel, many of the important moments of Jesus' life are located on mountaintops: his temptation, his transfiguration, the great teaching of the Sermon on the Mount and now this final instruction to his disciples. In this way, Matthew draws parallels with Moses, the great leader and lawgiver who encountered God on the mountaintop.

Matthew shows Jesus as fulfilling and extending the teaching of Moses. Whereas the law had been for the people of Israel, Jesus sends his disciples to all nations; whereas the Jewish people had faith in the name of God, YHWH, Jesus sends his disciples to baptise in the name of the Father, Son and Spirit.

Symbols and Images

The word apostle comes from the Greek word meaning 'one who is sent out'. Jesus sends his apostles out to continue to preach the Good News to the entire world. This recalls for us the 'sending out' that occurs at the end of our Mass: 'Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.' We, too, are sent to bring the truth of the Gospel into our daily actions and decisions and thus give witness to the faith we profess.

New PPC Members

Following our Annual Parish Forum in November, we reached out earlier this year for expressions of interest to join our PPC for 2 general member vacancies. We were very blessed to have had a number of gifted parishioners offer to serve our Parish through these roles. After careful deliberation, we now welcome **Paul Sharkey** and **Gary Nunes** to the PPC.

In accordance with our Constitution, we will put forward their nominations to parishioners at our next Annual Parish Forum for your formal endorsement.

The PPC would like to thank all those who applied for these positions. We are blessed to have such an engaged and supportive community.

ACYF Participants Sharing

The parish community is encouraged and touched by the beautiful sharing of our youth group last weekend. Mia, Ava, Kaitlyn and Nick each had their own unique experiences - how they were impacted by fellow young people on the same faith journey, their interactions with persons and groups, workshops, talks, and worship sessions.

The parish is proud of them, and happily accepts their acknowledgement of support. We wish the parish youth many more exciting things to foster and keep the flame of faith alive in them.

Baptisms

This weekend, we welcome **Aurora Jacob, Macy & Toby Paull, Giulian Smith & Madeleine Sepe** and their families, Godparents / Witnesses to our parish community. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Rosary Group

The group meets on the first Monday of the month at 1.00 pm in the Jubilee Room. The next one will be held on 1 June 2026.

May Count

This will be held during the weekends in May

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 parish website (<https://www.stjosephs3015.com.au>).

The committee meets on 27 May 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 (9 & 10 May 2026)

1st Collection
\$639.45

2nd Collection
\$905.55

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:

Salvatore, Filomena & Tomassa PENNA
Ciriago & Concetta BASILE
Concetto & Teresa BOMBACI

Sick:

Chris SALIBA
John
Michelle NEWMAN
Helen KELLY
Kristy ROBINSON



ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

Synod26 Corner



10. Synodality is about mission

The purpose of synodality is not internal reform for its own sake. Its goal is evangelisation—helping the Church become more faithful, more welcoming, and more effective in proclaiming the Gospel to today's world.

11. What synodality is NOT

Synodality is not about changing doctrine according to popular opinion. The faith handed down through the centuries is not negotiable. What synodality seeks to renew is how we live, communicate, and embody that faith in changing times.

Archdiocese Special Collections 2026

- 7 June - 26 July: Propagation of the Faith
- 7 June: Winter Appeal - St Vincent de Paul Society
- 28 June: Peter's Pence
- 9 - 23 August: The Archbishop's Campaign

Vocations Invitation

A special invitation from the Archbishop of Melbourne to join him at Corpus Christi College on Saturday 23rd May 2026. Corpus Christi is the place where young men discern and study for the priesthood. You are receiving this invitation because your Parish Priest believes you have the qualities that may suggest a vocation to the priesthood or you may like to hear more about a vocation. You may or may not be considering a vocation, however, I would encourage you to join us and hear more about a vocation and enjoy lunch with current Seminarians.

For catering purposes, please **RSVP by Tuesday 19 May via vocations@cam.org.au**. If you have questions, the Vocation Director, Father Dishan Candappa, would be pleased to assist you. Please be in touch via vocations@cam.org.au.

Portable smart Terminals

For those of us that do not carry cash, we now have portable smart terminals available in the foyer.



Join Our Thanksgiving Program

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

SCHOOL NEWS

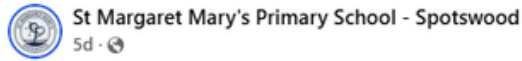
SACRED HEART SCHOOL

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

Happy Mother's Day to all of our Sacred Hearts Mums and special women in the lives of our students. We think you are awesome

ST MARGARET MARY'S SCHOOL

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



Happy Mother's Day to all the wonderful Mums, Grandmothers and special women in our St Margaret Mary's Spotswood Community.

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:

- 17 May
- 31 May
- 22 June



Combined Parish Youth Gathering

Every first Saturday of the month

Place: Parish Centre, Williamstown

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

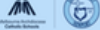
To register, please contact Martin and Branka Briffa. Sign-in required.

Upcoming date:
Saturday, 6 June



Australian Catholic Youth Ministry Network

SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWPORT



CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF EDUCATION

COME AND JOIN US!

SUNDAY 14TH JUNE

Parish celebrations

10am Mass
Open Classrooms with historical displays
Devonshire tea
Entertainment



Please scan the QR Code to RSVP



A SPECIAL JOB!

Before he goes to heaven, Jesus gives his friends a special job. They are to carry on his work and share God's love with everyone they meet. Jesus is going to be with them and help them always.

Maze

Jesus has a special job for you. He is sending you to do his work. Who will you reach first? How will you help them?



Love Me!

Pray with me

Imagine this is you. Colour all the things you would like to say. Jesus says we must love other people just as much as we want to be loved.

Share with me

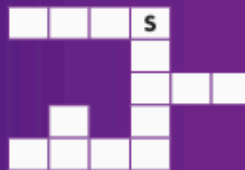
Be kind to me

Speak kindly to me



Our special job

Can you fit these words into the grid?

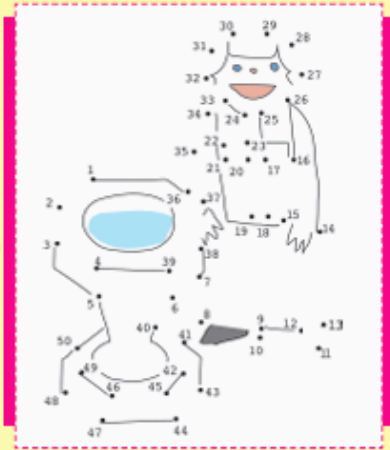


Clue: Look at the number of letters then count the spaces!

GO
AND
SHARE
GOD'S
LOVE

A PRAYER TO SAY

Help me, Jesus, to share your love by treating other people as I would like to be treated. Help me to be kind. Amen.



Dot to dot

Join the dots to find the picture.

This is a...

B _ _ _ _ _ MAL (PASIT)
F _ _ _ (TON)

Unjumble the letters to spell out the name of the object. Can you see one of these in your church?

Answers: Dot to dot: Baptismal font.

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