

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



**5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C**

9th February 2025

## **REFLECTION**

**JOHN THRONHILL sm**

Scholarly analysis of today's gospel reading shows how skilfully, and prayerfully, Luke has made use of the materials available to him. Presenting elements that are used differently in other gospels, he creates a tableau rich in meaning, expressing the optimistic outlook of the Church community in which Luke has been nurtured in the faith – probably Antioch in Syria. Jesus is portrayed bringing the Good News of the 'word of God' to an eager crowd. He calls Peter and his associates to join him, becoming 'fishers of men'; and they leave everything to follow him. Luke's narrative is centred, of course, on the Lord; but the figure of Peter stands out in a remarkable way. It is Peter's boat that Jesus teaches from; Peter speaks up for the group; it is Peter who falls on his knees, overwhelmed by his sense of unworthiness. We are left in no doubt that Luke reveres Peter. His warm portrayal invites us to share his reverence for the man to whom Jesus had given a new and symbolic name. Reference to Peter's human frailty is not lacking – Luke is the only evangelist to refer to Christ's prayer for Peter: that 'his faith not fail', so that he may 'strengthen his brothers' (Lk 22:32). In the Acts of the Apostles – Luke's story of the early Church – Peter is leader and anchor-man. Luke is reflecting the importance Peter had for the first generation of Christians.

In his portrayal, Luke is anticipating the outlook of the Fathers of the early Christian centuries, who not only saw Peter as the leader and spokesman of the apostolic Church, but also saw him as giving expression to all that the Church is called to be: in his faith and his response to the call of Jesus – sharing in Jesus' way of life, given completely to the spreading of the Good News of God. There is a rich symbolism to be found in this portrayal of the origins of the Church's response to the call of the Saviour: Peter is the first person in Luke's gospel to respond to the call of Jesus (as time and again, in the Acts of the Apostles, Peter will be the first to make decisive moves in the life of the emerging Church); it is from the boat of Peter that Christ's true teaching is heard; Christ's encouraging words, 'Put out into the deep for a catch', echo down through the ages, bringing encouragement to the Church in all its difficulties and setbacks; Peter's humility in the presence of what Christ has done is an eloquent reminder to all members of the Church, great and small, that the successes of the Church – as it responds to Christ's call – are all the Lord's doing.

For all the human warmth with which it is portrayed, Peter's call is a mystery that has its origins in the eternal designs of God's love and freedom. We are reminded that we too have a place in those designs. Today's first reading – describing the awe-inspiring call of the prophet Isaiah – provides, therefore, a suitable complement to the gospel reading, inviting us to join in the response of the prophet, 'Here I am. Send me'. Paul, too, was to respond to the call to become a 'fisher of men'. In today's second reading, he assures us that the teaching through which he carries out his ministry is one with the teaching of those who first responded to Christ's call.



## **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.

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Wed & Fri – 9.15am, Newport

Sat – 5.30pm, Spotswood

Sun – 10.00am, Newport

## **Reconciliation**

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## **Safeguarding**

The Parish of St Joseph, Newport and Spotswood, holds the care, safety and wellbeing of children, young people and all vulnerable people/adults as a central and fundamental responsibility for our community.

## THE WORD OF GOD

### First Reading

### Isaiah 6:1-2,3-8

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord of Hosts seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out to one another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.' The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said:

'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of Hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

### Responsorial Psalm Psalm 137(138):1-5,7-8

#### R. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart,  
for you have heard the words of my mouth;  
in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise;  
I will worship at your holy temple  
and give thanks to your name. (R)

Because of your kindness and your truth;  
for you have made great above all things  
your name and your promise.  
When I called, you answered me;  
you built up strength within me. (R)

All the kings of the earth shall give thanks to you, O LORD,  
when they hear the words of your mouth;  
and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD:  
"Great is the glory of the LORD." (R)

Your right hand saves me.  
The LORD will complete what he has done for me;  
your kindness, O LORD, endures forever;  
forsake not the work of your hands. (R)

### 2nd Reading

### 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything. Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,  
because I have made known to you  
everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

### Luke 5:1-11

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied, 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point. When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.



### REFLECTION SR MARY FERMIO

Have you ever been asked to do something you considered stupid, a waste of time, utterly ridiculous? That you knew differently! The wrong place, the wrong time, wrong person. Peter must have felt like that when Jesus suggested they go fishing in the daylight – didn't he know you fished at night? Oh, well, let's play along – the fish won't be around. How surprised he must have been, after risking his reputation, to have the net filled with fish. How his mouth must have gaped open. Realising this was Jesus' doing, a miracle, he acknowledged his unworthiness. Peter's whole way of life changed. He took a risk and followed Jesus.

What might Jesus call you to? Can you trust Jesus enough to embark on a new or different venture? A way of praying? A stranger to help? A new neighbour?



## PARISH NEWS

### CHILDRENS LITURGY

Children's Liturgy coming soon. We look forward to our children participating in Children's liturgy and learning about Catholic faith.

### VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

We are looking for Volunteers to be Lectors and Special Ministers, PowerPoint and Music at Mass. Training will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Enes at the Parish office on 9391 1201 or email [newport.spotswood@cam.org.au](mailto:newport.spotswood@cam.org.au)

Please note that you must have a current Working with Children check, and sign our code of conduct

### JOIN OUR PARISH MAILING LIST!

Stay connected with all the latest news and events from our parish. Simply scan the QR code below to join our mailing list to receive our weekly Newsletter.

If you need any assistance, please don't hesitate to contact the parish office. We look forward to keeping in touch with you!



Please note- if you already receive the weekly emails from the parish you are already on our mailing list.

### COUNTERS NEEDED

We need volunteers to count our weekly offering. If you are interested please contact office. Please note that you must have a current Working with Children check, sign our code of conduct and have a Police Check for this role.

### CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S GAZA CRISIS APPEAL

We urgently need your support.

The ceasefire means more aid can assist people in Gaza, but the need is immense and the recovery long. Gaza's people cannot recover alone. They need the support of the global community to survive and rebuild. Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal. You can donate online [www.caritas.org.au/gaza](http://www.caritas.org.au/gaza) or phone - 1800 024 413

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## OUR SICK

Robyn

## RECENTLY DECEASED

## ANNIVERSARIES

Vesna Coric, Niko Karačić, Vinko Karačić, Olga Karačić, Pera Vučić, Jozo Vučić & Frank Franze

## PARISH DONATIONS

For those of us that do not carry cash, we now have portable smart terminals available in our Churches. All you need to do is select the amount or select custom to donate a different amount, tap your card and you are good to go. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish.



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS PLAQUES

The commemorative plaques at St Margaret Mary's Church are now complete. On Saturday night, you will see six new plaques installed beneath the previously empty Stations of the Cross story. Sincere thanks to the families whose generosity and love have helped complete this meaningful project. May these plaques serve as a lasting tribute and a reminder of our shared faith and devotion. Much thanks to Michael Vassallo for placing the new plaques.

## ST MARGARET MARY'S SPOTSWOOD

Welcome back, St Margaret Mary's students! It's been wonderful to see all your smiling faces as we kick off 2025 together. We can't wait for a year filled with learning, growth, and new adventures. Let's make it a great one!



## UNITE AGAINST POVERTY WITH YOUR PARISH THIS LENT

To enrich your Lenten journey, we would love to invite you to share the stories of communities and individuals who have been supported by Caritas Australia. These videos are a powerful way to reflect on God's call to love and serve others. Through encountering these stories, your community will gain a deeper understanding of how their Lenten sacrifices, prayers and support bring change to our global brother and sisters. [You can watch and download the Project Compassion 2025 stories here!](#)

## 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

#### Presbytery Offering

Supports: *Parish clergy, Sick and retired priests, Priests in needy Parishes, Archbishops & auxiliary bishops.*

### 2nd Collection

#### Thanksgiving Offering

Supports: *Parish running costs, Parish Pastoral initiatives, Diocesan and various services.*

**If you would like to join our parish thanksgiving program, please contact the parish office. for more information.**

## 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.

## 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 o 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