

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

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Tue & Thu – 9.15am, Spotswood  
Wed & Fri – 9.15am, Newport  
Sat – 5.30pm, Spotswood  
Sun – 10.00am, Newport

## Reconciliation

Sat 10.00–10.30am, Newport  
5.00–5.20pm, Spotswood

## Parish Priest

Fr Samuel Kapani PP

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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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## 19<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10 AUGUST 2025

## REFLECTION

JOHN THORNHILL sm

The central chapters of Luke's gospel, as we have seen, present the instructions of Jesus to his disciples, as he makes his final journey to Jerusalem. Luke preserves this teaching as a legacy for disciples of all ages. Our readings will be from this section until the Church's year has almost ended.

Today's gospel passage follows on from teaching concerning a right attitude to this world's possessions: 'Get yourself treasure that will not fail you'. What has gone before serves as an introduction to the theme of hope. Christian hope is very fundamental in the lives of those who are true followers of Jesus. Hope - one of the 'three theological virtues' (fundamental to our relationship with God; cf. 1 Cor 13:13) - is little appreciated by many of our people, whose faith is often too individualistic. Because they are not familiar with the great story unfolding in the Scriptures, their faith awareness does not include an eager longing for the final achievement of God in the divine plan for the whole of creation. Christian hope is the certainty that, despite all appearance to the contrary, God's final reign will come: 'Fear not, little flock, it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom'. This certainty is essential to a vital faith, the second reading tells us: 'only faith can guarantee the blessings we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen'.

Believing that God's final achievement had been realised in the Saviour's resurrection, the first Christians looked forward to his imminent return. With the passing of time, their faith had to adjust to an indefinite time of waiting. Luke's presentation of Christ's teaching reflects this. Faithful disciples will prepare for their final meeting with the Lord by giving themselves to the things of daily life. They will be judged according to their faithfulness and generosity in doing this. At the same time, however long the period of waiting may be, they must have an attitude of readiness and hope – in the 'third watch' the night is almost over and the dawn is coming. When the Lord does come, the fulfilment of their hope will exceed all their expectations and imaginings: the Lord himself 'will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them' – a magnificent image, combining the eschatological banquet looked forward to by the prophets, and the 'Servant' theme of the late Isaian writings with which Jesus identified: 'the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many' (Mt 20:28).

Today, we begin a series of reading from the concluding section of the letter to the Hebrews. The theme of hope is strong in this letter, written to encourage converts from Judaism who are nostalgic for their old ways. They are reminded of the great plan of God, and of faith's 'guarantee of realities that at present remain unseen' – reminded that Abraham himself lived as 'a stranger and nomad - longing for a better homeland, a heavenly homeland'.



## Next Weekend's Roster – 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Date	Lector	Special Minister	Power Point	Choir/Musician	Liturgy Roster
Saturday, 16 August 2025	Khim Yap	Lorraine Robinson	Melissa Tan	Parish Choir	Katy Hall
Sunday, 17 August 2025	Maria Main	Patrick Conheady	Bang Bui	Henry, Netty and Neil	

Counting team (week beginning August 18): 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 18:6–9**

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 32:1, 12, 18–20, 22**

**R. Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;  
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.  
They are happy, whose God is the Lord,  
the people he has chosen as his own. (R)

The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. (R)

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you. (R)

### 2nd Reading

**Hebrews 11:1–2, 8–19**

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was by faith that our ancestors were commended. It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready: You know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

**Luke 12:32–48**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.' 'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.' 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.' Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming," and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful. The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'



## PARISH NEWS

### CLEANERS REQUIRED

The parish is looking for some additional hands to help with the cleaning roster at Sacred Heart Church. If you can help on a Tuesday evening once every 2 months please contact the Parish Office, or speak to Fr. Samuel.



### Please Pray For

#### OUR SICK

Helen Kelly  
Kristy Robinson  
Gerald O'Hare

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Joseph CINI  
Margaret CINI  
Antonia CINI

#### RECENTLY DECEASED



### LUMEN

**When:** Friday 15<sup>th</sup> of August (7-9:30pm).

**Venue:** Our Lady of Lourdes (631 High Street Prahran)

Lumen is a place for Catholic young adults (ages 18–35) from across Melbourne to grow in faith and build authentic connections. Beginning with adoration, followed by food and relaxed conversation, the evening features a talk from a local speaker on faith and Catholic life.

6.30pm: adoration

7.15pm: pizza and socials

8.15pm: talk


9.30pm: finish

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## Jubilee Mass

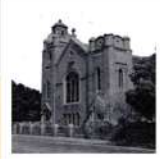



**100 YEARS ANNIVERSARY**

St Augustine's Church  
71 Somerville Road, Yarraville  
Sunday 31st August 2025  
at  
9.30am

Main Celebrant Archbishop Peter A Comensoli

*All past and present parishioners invited.  
Bring family and friends*

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Next Children's Liturgy will be at 10am Mass, Sacred Heart Church 10<sup>th</sup> August



### PARISH CALENDAR & COMMUNITY OBSERVANCES



#### AUGUST

12th : SH SAC Meeting  
15th : Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
16<sup>th</sup> : Baptisms (SMM)  
21<sup>st</sup> : PPC Meeting

23/24 : First Eucharist

30/31 : First Eucharist

#### SEPTEMBER

4th : SMM SAC Meeting

5th : Friday Parish Morning Tea

7th : Father's Day

SH: Sacred Heart   SMM: St Margaret Mary's   PFC: Parish Finance Committee   PPC: Parish Pastoral Council   SAC: School Advisory Council

## ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

Your generous gift supports ministries across the Archdiocese —bringing the Good News to life not only in word, but in action.

Thank you.



**THE ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN**  
2025



[melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign](http://melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign)

**Mary MacKillop Spirituality Centre**  
St Joseph's by the Sea  
Williamstown

Mary MacKillop Spirituality Ministry, at St Joseph's by the Sea, Williamstown is a wonderful haven for people who seek to nurture contemplation, explore and celebrate the wonders of the Earth and universe, nourish the body, mind and spirit, and live into new ways of being. At the centre we offer, Reflection Days and Retreats, Conference Spaces and Accommodation. Scan for more information or contact us on [admin.sjbts@sosjspirit.org.au](mailto:admin.sjbts@sosjspirit.org.au)



## 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

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prompts.

Thank you for your continued  
support.

