



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



16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

21st JULY 2024

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Mass Time

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 Clergy

Father Binh Le PP

Parish Pastoral Council

Katherine Wong
Chairperson

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Sr Lorraine Robinson
Irene Bongetti
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Katherine Wong

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SAFETY OF YOUNG CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND VULNERABLE ADULTS.

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

REFLECTION BY REV MARK O'BRIEN OP

Most organisations these days spend a considerable amount of time on mission statements, drawing up 'the big picture', identifying priorities. As long as the big picture holds together we can bear a certain amount of chaos or disappointment. When it comes to the really big picture however, the welfare and destiny of humanity, it is quite another matter. We can't get outside our human context to look at things from outside, to gain an overall perspective. Only God can look at us from the outside as well as the inside.

A number of features of the big picture painted by Jeremiah are important for faith and theology. First, it claims that, despite appearances, the present situation is not out of control, the chaos we most fear. God is in control of all that has happened and is happening. Even though the shepherds have led the flock be scattered and dispersed, God is with the flock and will bring it back from whenever it has been dispersed. In an audacious move, the text even claims that God actually took the initiative to disperse the flock, presumably to protect it from the destructive shepherds. Second, the shepherds will be brought to book by a just God (there is no victory for evil). It paints a grand world picture whose aim is to assure readers and listeners that, for those who believe, there is no chaos. The Lord of creation and history is always in charge.

If the reading from Jeremiah is about the destiny of Israel among the nations, the reading from Ephesians is about the destiny of Israel and the nations. In an even more audacious big picture than Jeremiah, the letter claims that Christ has destroyed the barrier between Jew and Gentile and make them one people. This is nothing less than a new life; there is no longer Jew and Gentile but a New Person with a new life. The source of this life is the blood of Christ shed on the cross because, in biblical thinking, life is in the blood. The great sign of this life is a new human community is peace. Whereas nations sought to forge a peace that would advance their respective interests, the peace of Christ is a gift that enables those who receive it to set aside their self-interest and to work for another interest – God's purpose. The grand picture painted by the words of Ephesians does not spell out the details. The richness and uniqueness of each human life (and nation) would be demeaned if this were the case. Its principal aim is to provide a vision about human life and a call or challenge to each one to live his or her life in the light of that vision and call.

But along with the big picture, it does provide some instructions about how to paint the smaller pictures, our individual lives and how they contribute to the big one. The reading from Mark shows Jesus 'incarnating' the good news of peace in the details of his daily life. Jesus seems to be pulled this way and that, trying to juggle the competing needs of his disciples and the restless people in urgent need of his mission. In this particular situation, the needs of the people take precedence and Jesus sets himself to teach them. Our lives are lived out as a series of particular decisions and, given our limited perspectives, we can only do our best. We can't avoid making decisions because even not to do so is still a decision! Our faith should give us confidence to take the initiative in making decisions and to take responsibility for them. After all, the big picture of the Ephesians' passage assures us that our often untidy, unclear decisions are all part of God's larger purpose in bringing peace to humanity, of breaking down the barriers which keep us apart.



ACKNOWLEDGMENT 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

..... Jeremiah 23:1-6

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them.

Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The-Lord-our-integrity.'

Responsorial Psalm

.Ps 22

R. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**

2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**

3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

2nd Reading

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Ephesians 2:13-18

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God: in his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 6:30-34

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION: 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME BY SR MARY FIRMIO

How many people and youth seem to feel lost in today's world. Leaders can appear unreliable, self-centred, caring more about themselves, leaving the rest of us feeling somewhat lost. What will nourish us, help us to feel we belong? Do our priests look at us from the pulpit and see people hungering for God's Word?

Many people followed Jesus from place to place and he described them as "Sheep without a shepherd." – rudderless, without a leader. Even though Jesus knew the apostles needed to debrief about their travels, share their experiences and have a well-earned rest, he did not turn the people away, but set about teaching them. The reading from Jeremiah gives some insight into why Jesus did this – God will take care of us.

Let us not be afraid we are alone, but trust God is there taking care of us, leading us onwards through Scripture, our priests and each other



Show favour, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands

PARISH NEWSLETTER NOTIFICATIONS

Can all notifications e.g.: sick, anniversaries, recently deceased for the newsletter be submitted to the office by Thursday 5.00pm via email or place a note in the letter box.

PARISH BAPTISMS



We pray with and congratulate the *Chalmers, Davis, Elliott, Hodgman, Oddi, Smith and Zeydan* Families whose children will be baptised this week. May the *Chalmers, Davis, Elliott, Hodgman, Oddi, Smith and Zeydan* Families always receive the loving and joyful support of our parish community.

CUPPA AND A CHAT

Please join us after Mass on Saturday 20th July at St Margaret Mary's Church for a cuppa and chat. All Welcome.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy will be on this weekend, 21st July at Sacred Heart Church. All children are welcome.

PARISH DONATIONS

For those of us that do not carry cash, we now have portable smart terminals available at our Mass's for Thanksgiving/Donations. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish



SACRED HEART PARISH SCHOOL

Grandparent's Day Friday 26th July 2024, Please join us for Mass at 9.15am at Sacred Heart Church, followed by classroom visit and morning tea.

Sacred Heart Grandparents Day

Grandparents and special Grandfriends are invited to to join us in this very special celebration.

Outline of the morning:
9:15am Mass
10am Classroom visit
10:20am Morning tea

SACRED HEART PARISH SCHOOL IS RECRUITING

WE ARE HIRING A TEACHER

Requirements
Registered with VIT & accreditation to teach RE in a Catholic school preferred

Duties
Year 4 Classroom Teacher to commence as soon as possible

Scan to apply or find out more

OUR SICK

Neil Shepherd, Romano, Serken Taylan, Jo Vassallo, Shirley Farrar, Edna Fitzgerald, Branko Ujelac, Michelle Jenkins, Anne Sheahan-Lee, Michael Conlon, Paul Orfali, Elizabeth Sundanam, Barbara Payne, Kristy Robinson, John, Helen Kelly.

ANNIVERSARIES

Betty McKee, Grace Cassar

RECENTLY DECEASED

Reverend Kazimierz Trawicki

SPANISH BISHOPS CELEBRATE SUCCESS OF CHAMPION SOCCER TEAM, PRAISING CATHOLIC COACH

Spanish bishops celebrated the success of the country's soccer team on 14 July, when the players won a record fourth European Championship title, handing England an agonising defeat. The bishops also praised the coach, Luis de la Fuente, for his testimony as a practising Catholic who has not shied away from his faith throughout the tournament. To continue reading, visit: <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/spanish-bishops-celebrate-success-of-champion-soccer-team-praising-catholic-coach>



PAINTING WITH PURPOSE: NEW MURAL BRINGS STELLA MARIS' MISSION TO LIFE

A Catholic charity in West Melbourne is bringing its mission to the streets with a striking mural depicting the perils of life at sea. The work, painted by a New York mural artist, now decorates the facade of the iconic Stella Maris Seafarers' Centre, bringing to life the charity's commitment to providing pastoral care, services and support for seafaring people.

For many of the 45,000 seafarers



who visit Melbourne's port each year, Stella Maris is a home away from home. Established in 1973, it is one of 300 centres around the world that underpin the Catholic Church's missionary work to seafarers—a community of workers that centre manager Lee-Anne Diano says are often overlooked. To continue reading please visit <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/painting-with-purpose-new-mural-brings-stella-maris-mission-to-life>

OPEN HOUSE MELBOURNE CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE:

Saturday 27th July 2024 11.00am – 3.00pm
278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne 3002

Catholic Theological College will open for self-guided tours as part of the popular Open House Melbourne this weekend. The striking bluestone building—designed by celebrated 19th-century Catholic architect William Wardell, who also designed St Patrick's Cathedral—previously housed Catholic secondary schools Parade College (1871–1967) and Cathedral College (1968–94).

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.

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.

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

My Jesus,

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.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

1st Collection

Presbytery Offering

2nd Collection

Thanksgiving Offering

To support:

- Parish clergy
- Sick and retired priests
- Priests in needy parishes
- Archbishop & auxiliary bishops

To support:

- Parish running costs
- Parish pastoral initiatives
- Diocesan and various services

If you would like to join parish thanksgiving programme,
please contact the parish office. Thank you.

ST MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE

O St Margaret Mary, through you, Jesus pours
out His abundant graces on 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.