



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



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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

Secretary & Safeguarding Officer

Ivana Toulmin
Tuesday & Friday: 9am – 5pm

Sacramental Co-Ordinators

Sr Lorraine Robinson
Irene Bongetti
Carmel Crawford
Grace Frazzica
Katherine Wong

Sacristans

Irene Bongetti
Maureen Llewellyn
Michael Nardella
Barbara Payne

Choir

Larissa Cairns
Director

CORPUS CHRISTI, YEAR A

11TH JUNE 2023

REFLECTION BY REV MARK O'BRIEN OP

There is a famous Capuchin 'church of the bones' on the equally famous Via Veneto in Rome. As you emerge from walking through the gallery of neatly piled bones of the deceased – who desired to be buried for a time in a piece of holy land that had been brought there – there is a message from the other side of the grave. I hope that I render the Italian reasonably accurately as 'what you are, we once were; what we are you one day will be'. While it may sound a bit macabre – I could not help thinking that those clever Capuchins who composed this message meant it to be read on two levels (at least). The immediately obvious meaning is that it refers to our inevitable earthly demise, in the end we are added to the growing pile of bones. On the level of faith however, one is invited to look at the bones or through them to the eternal life that the 'speakers' now enjoy. Seen as such, their words are not a grim reminder but a promise. One can see a similar double entendre in the reading from Deuteronomy; 'he fed you with manna . . . to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone'. The abundance of manna as food is meant to point to the even greater abundance of spiritual gifts that God bestows on Israel.

In the Eucharist, we believe that an unbreakable bond is established between us and our risen Lord who was once born like us, grew up and grew older as we do, and died as we all will do. He was like us in all things but sin. Now he is our risen and eternal Lord who comes to us in the Eucharist to feed us for the journey to the same 'home'. It is as if Jesus says to us 'what you are I once was, what I am now you one day will be'. Jesus did not offer his followers a program for transforming society. He did not come to lead a revolution against the Roman occupation. He didn't even wipe out slavery although no doubt he had the power to do so. What Jesus did was offer himself completely to others in love as he offers himself to the Father and the Spirit. He offered us a share in God's community, a life that would free all from the deathly evil that afflicts us. One can say that Jesus' presence to his earthly community was the very embodiment of love. But Jesus' own death provides the occasion for the greatest gesture of love; the giving of his life for others. 'This is my body which is given for you; this is my blood which will be poured out for you.'

Jesus dies as all on earth are destined to die but his death and resurrection puts an end to the power of death. That which from a human point of view looks to be an unbridgeable chasm is bridged by the death and resurrection of Jesus, there is now continuity and communion between those of us on this side of death and those on the other side. Our risen heavenly Lord is present to us in the Eucharist and in this sacramental presence is more bodily present than he was during his earthly life. The resurrected body is after all the perfection of the human being. The Old Testament catches this nicely by speaking of human beings as 'living flesh' with the breath of God in them. As the perfect human being, Jesus is now able to be bodily present in the sacrament to any people whenever the Eucharist is celebrated (It is not a physical presence).

But Jesus comes to us in the eucharistic presence, not simply to be with us on earth but also to bring about our own perfection. In the Eucharist we have the interaction of the present and the future. Jesus comes to us in order that we may be fed with his body and blood, the heavenly human food that transforms our mortal, dying bodies into the likeness of his resurrected body. 'Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day'. What he now is we will one day share in fully.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

The Parish of St Joseph, Newport & Spotswood, acknowledges the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation, who are the traditional custodians of the land on which the churches of Sacred Heart & 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.

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Sacred Heart

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SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND ALL VULNERABLE PEOPLE

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.

THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading

Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not become proud of heart. Do not forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 147

R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem

1. O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Zion, praise your God!
He has strengthened the bars of your gates,
He has blessed the children within you. **(R.)**

2. He established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command. **(R.)**

3. He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees. **(R.)**

2nd Reading

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 6:51-58

Jesus said to the crowd:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;
and the bread that I shall give is my flesh,
for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly,
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood,
you will not have life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood
has eternal life,
and I shall raise him up on the last day.

For my flesh is real food
and my blood is real drink.

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood
lives in me
and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father,
myself draw life from the Father,
so whoever eats me will draw life from me.
This is the bread come down from heaven;
not like the bread our ancestors ate:
they are dead,
but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.

ON THE EUCHARIST

For the wonderful feast day of Corpus Christi, the quote below from the late Pope Benedict XVI expresses the formative power of the Eucharist as a real encounter of love with Christ who gives himself away as the greatest gift he could give.



In the Eucharist, the Son of God comes to meet us and desires to become one with us; eucharistic adoration is simply the natural consequence of the eucharistic celebration, which is itself the Church's supreme act of adoration.

— Pope Benedict XVI —

AZ QUOTES

"An authentically eucharistic Church is a missionary Church...Truly, nothing is more beautiful than to know Christ and to make him known to others...In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host. Be assiduous in the prayer of adoration. It is a source of comfort and light, particularly to those who are suffering....Receiving the Eucharist means adoring Him whom we receive. Only in this way do we become one with Him, and are given, as it were, a foretaste of the beauty of the heavenly liturgy. The act of adoration outside Mass prolongs and intensifies all that takes place during the liturgical celebration itself".

Pope Benedict XVI



PARISH COLLABORATION

This weekend, we welcome Fr Greg Trythall, parish priest of St Mary's Williamstown, to our parish while Fr Binh will be at St Mary's as the two parishes continue exploring ways to collaborate in mission.

LEADING FOR MISSION: REGIONAL CONSULTATION SUMMARY

Over the course of April and May 2023, four Leading for Mission consultation sessions, one in each geographical region, were held in parishes across the Archdiocese as part of the Take the Way of the Gospel process, with 80 per cent of parishes represented.

The report, which you can find at the link below, is the result of these consultations, which invited and called our clergy and lay leaders to listen, learn and walk together.

It is encouraging to see the emerging themes in the report are aligned with those of our parish. We invite you to read the document for yourself, to see what the emerging themes were and to pray for our local communities of grace in Melbourne, reflecting on how we might take up the call of Pope Francis—the call of our baptism and of the Gospel—to become 'protagonists of the mission' in our own time and place.

To read the full report visit: [Leading for Mission](#)

PARISH ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

The Parish Annual Financial Report is included in this week. If you have any queries, please speak to one of the members of the Parish Finance Committee. The members are: Mary Cassar, Marlene Monahan, Ivana Toulmin, Martin Kruze, Khang Nguyen, and Fr Binh.

MELBOURNE ARCHDIOCESE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS (MACS)

The MACS Board of Directors will be visiting Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Newport on Wednesday 12 June 2023.

The purpose of the visit is to enhance and nurture the culture of leadership and engagement across the Archdiocese. The visit will involve a Board meeting on site, school tour, presentation from the Principal and morning tea.

We congratulate Mrs Kaylene Carlin, the School Principal, and her leadership team for hosting the visit.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

To the families of Sacred Heart and St Margaret Mary's of the Parish of St Joseph,

The parish is hoping to reinstate regular Children's Liturgy during the 10am Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart Church to encourage young families and their children to our weekend Masses.

We are looking to form a group of 3-5 adults/youth (16 years and older) who are interested in taking turns to lead these sessions and create opportunities for the children of our parish to learn more about the life of Jesus.

Resources and guidance would be provided.

If you are interested, please speak to Fr Binh after Mass or contact Ivana at the parish office on 9391 1201 or email to Newport.Spotswood@cam.org.au

OUR SICK

Rosalind Vincent, Elizabeth Sundanam, Eric Moore, Helen Callinan, John Nguyen Canh Ty, Esther Colton, Bozo Madzar, Juliana Mijoc, Marij Knez, Mary Fenech, Kristy Robinson, Paul Orfali,

ANNIVERSARIES

Anton Lam van Hy, Ottorino Basilone, Ivan Romic, Yacoub Nassar, Maureen Green

RECENTLY DECEASED

John Bertie Nettare, John Penza, Ada Main, Mrs McKenzie

ANNUAL CLERGY CONFERENCE

Fr Binh will be away this coming week for the annual clergy conference. There only will be Communion Services during the week.

POSITION VACANT: CATHOLIC MISSION DIOCESAN PARISH APPEALS COORDINATOR

- Part-time 3 days per week, fixed term (18 months) position based in Melbourne VIC.
- Work within community engagement in a creative and innovative role.

For further information, contact the Diocesan Director of Catholic Mission, Kevin Meese at Melbourne.Director@catholicmission.org.au

2023 PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL

Appeal date: 4th of June 2023 till 30th of July

The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic is a vital project for the Salesian Sisters and the Church in Venilale. Since its establishment, the clinic has provided life-saving treatment for families in need, like Petrolina's, whose daughter Vitoria was found to have tuberculosis. But, with an increase in the demand for treatment, the Sisters' resources can only carry them so far.

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at www.catholicmission.org.au/timor

WE MUST BECOME BREAD BROKEN FOR OTHERS

To celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi, current and former students of Corpus Christi College Regional Seminary have begun reflecting on the meaning of the Eucharist in their lives. One priest shared how the words of a Polish monk helped inspire his understanding of the Eucharist: 'It is the most poetic description of the Eucharist that I have come across.' The reflections form part of a seven-part series.

To continue reading, visit:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/we-must-become-bread-broken-for-others>



PARISH DATA (NEWPORT & SPOTSWOOD)

Catholic Population 2016	4679
Catholic Population 2021	4651
Mass Count 2019	298
Mass Count 2021	207
Mass Count 2022	158
Mass Count 2023	153
Catholic Enrolments (primary) 2023	445
% Catholic (2023)	78%

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 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.
Amen.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

1 st Collection Presbytery Offering	2 nd Collection Thanksgiving Offering
To support: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parish clergy• Sick and retired priests• Priests in needy parishes• Archbishop & auxiliary bishops	To support: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 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.