



## Westgate Deanery

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the partnered parishes of

**Sacred Heart Newport &**

**St Margaret Mary's Spotswood**

### Please pray for:

#### Our sick:

Brian Twomey, Tim Byrne, Fr. Andrew, Sr. Mary Joseph, Maria Watt, Michelle Jenkins, Lina & Joseph Bartnik, Netty Fabretto, Mary O'Connor, Paul and Anne Pace and Tony and Maria Raunik

#### Anniversaries:

Giovanni Giarrusso and Marcello Cini



14/15th of March, 2020

Year A

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

#### Parish Priest:

Fr Binh Le PP

#### Secretary: Ivana Toulmin

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(Monday, Tuesday (9-1.30) & Friday (9-4))

**Bulletin:** Simon Main (Friday)

#### Sacred Heart Primary School

**Principal:** Kaylene Carlin Ph: 9391 6262

#### St. Margaret Mary's Primary School

**Principal:** Andrea Richards Ph: 9391 3118

#### Mass Times: 16th-22nd March

#### Newport:

**Wed.** 8:00am

**Fri.** 9:15am

**Sat.** 5:30pm

**Sun.** 11:00am

**Reconciliation: Sat. 10-10:30am**

#### Spotswood:

**Tues.** 8:00am

**Thu.** 9:15am

**Sun.** 9:30am

**Reconciliation: Sun. before Mass**

#### SACRED HEART ROSTER 21st/ 22nd March, 2020

#### Count Team: 3

Joan & Neil Shephard

#### Lectors:

Sat. 5.30pm Jean-Pierre Eid

Sun. 11.00am Janice Adams

#### Ministers of the Eucharist:

Sat. 5.30pm Joan Shepard

Sun. 11.00am Alice Guiney-Slater

#### Liturgy Preparation Team:

Janice Adams

#### ST. MARGARET MARY'S ROSTER 22nd March, 2020

#### Lectors:

Sun. 9.30am Joy McCartan

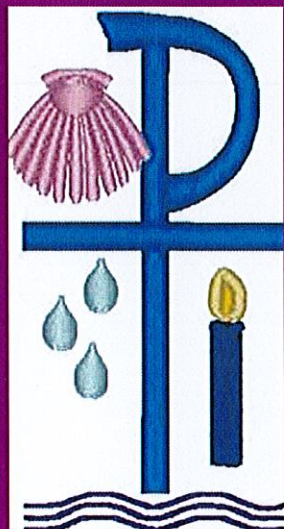
#### Ministers of the Eucharist:

Sun. 9.30am Trish Jones

#### Offertory

Sun. 9.30am Matilde Perrussio

## Feedback on Parish Amalgamation



Please welcome the  
 Nevington family whose  
 child will be Presented  
 this Sunday at  
 Sacred Heart Church  
 in Newport

*Aston Nevington*

(Ginette and Mark)

15h of March

Please welcome the  
 Coll family whose  
 child will be Presented  
 this Sunday at  
 Sacred Heart Church  
 in Newport

*Donovan Coll*

(Erica and Tiernen)

15th of March

Please welcome the  
 Cugnetto family whose  
 child will be Presented  
 this Sunday at  
 Sacred Heart Church  
 in Newport

*Alissa Cugnetto*

(Daniela and Adrian)

15th of March

At the Partnered Parishes of Sacred Heart Newport and St Margaret Mary's Spotswood, we hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our partnership.



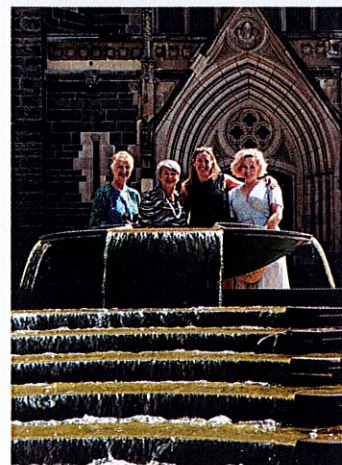
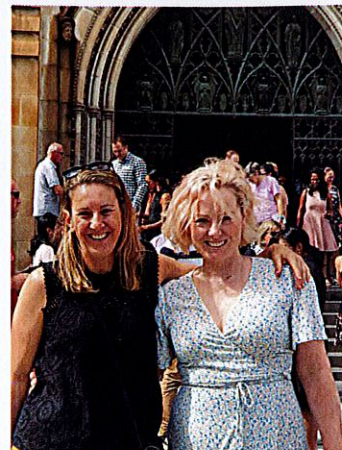
# RCIA 2020

Our Candidate Sally Malady reflects on her experience of the Rite of Election held the first Sunday of Lent at St Patrick's Cathedral.

As a major part of my faith journey on the first Sunday of Lent I attended Saint Patrick's Cathedral in East Melbourne along with my sponsor Casey Malady and RCIA mentors Sister Lorraine & Carmel Crawford. It's here the Archbishop calls for all Catechumens (the Elect) to enter a more enlightened phase for preparation of their Sacraments. I found the experience very beautiful & reflective as I begin to prepare for Easter.  
*Sally*

## Next steps for Sally:

Over the next two Sundays at Sacred Heart we will celebrate the Scrutinies with Sally. The Scrutinies are an important part of the Rite, offering the opportunity for the Parish community to pray with and for Sally as she seeks to prepare more deeply and intentionally for reception of the sacraments of initiation at Easter.



## Phase Two Plenary Council

### Partnership Parish Meeting

Date: Wednesday, the 18th of March

Time: 7pm

Place: Jubilee Room

**ALL WELCOME!!**

## Cleaning Roster

St Margaret Marys Spotswood	Thursday 19th March @7PM	Maria Main Hanan Constantine Anna Mullins
Sacred Heart Newport	Tuesday 17th March @7PM	Michael Nardella Mary & Joseph Kade Miriam Kruse Effie Vадnjal Antoinette Montasano

## Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Guidance for Parishes

Due to the rapidly changing situation regarding the threat posed by the COVID-19 virus, and acting on the recommendation of the Australia and Victorian Department of health and the Australian Catholic Bishop Conference, the following precautionary measures are to take effective immediately.

1. Holy water is temporarily removed from stoups at the doors of the churches;
2. When exchanging the sign of peace, parishioners with coughs and sneezes, the vulnerable, or those parishioners who feel uncomfortable about shaking hands, may wish to exchange the Peace of Christ with a smile or a bow;
3. Parishioners should consider their own health, including any potential to infect others with a contagious disease, before attending Mass.



### Choir:

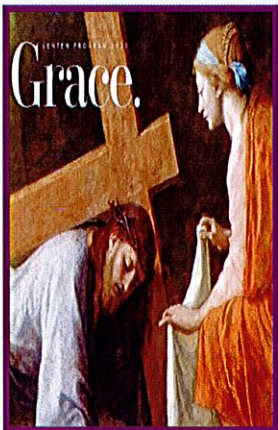
The lovely choir will next play on Sunday the 5th of April, 9:30am at St Margaret Marys  
Choir rehearsal is on Wednesdays, 7.30pm  
in Joseph's Retreat!



## Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre

Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre at 362 Albert Street East Melbourne, invites parishioners, families & friends to their first Weekend Open Day for 2020 on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> March from 10.00am – 4.00pm. Visit the Mary MacKillop Museum, the Chapel where Mary prayed, as well as the Gift Shop & Refreshments area for morning or afternoon tea. A Mary "MacKillop Walking Tour" will take place at 11.00am. Everyone welcome & entry is free.

## PARISH LENTEN PROGRAM 2020



**"Let us see this holy season of Lent as a time of spiritual renewal, rather than a time of depravation, so that we may a new level of experiencing God's grace."**

A group of parishioners has begun meeting for prayer and reflection as part of their Lenten preparation. We are following the beautiful program titled **Grace** which invites us into prayerful preparation for the great celebration of the Easter Triduum. You are warmly invited to join the group gathering for Gospel reading, reflection, sharing and prayer on the Tuesdays of Lent.

Lenten Prayer & Reflection sessions.

Tuesdays 17<sup>th</sup>; 24<sup>th</sup>; 31<sup>st</sup> March & 7<sup>th</sup> April

7:30pm – 8:30pm

at the Convent Chapel, Newcastle St, Newport.

For further information please see Fr Binh or Sr Lorraine.

## Our Partnership Prayer

Heavenly Father,

We gather as the partnership of Sacred Heart and St Margaret Mary's 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.

## COLLECTIONS 7th/ 8th March, 2020

### NEWPORT

Thanksgiving pledged: \$953.15 | Received: \$451.00 | Shortfall: \$502.15 | Loose: \$ 194.05

### SPOTSWOOD

Thanksgiving pledged: \$702.80 | Received: \$335.20 | Shortfall: \$367.60 | Loose: \$ 132.80

### PRESBYTERY:

\$636.85

Parish Support Programme: if you would like to join our parish thanksgiving programme please take an envelope at the back of the church or contact the parish office

## Our weekly collections

<b>1st collection / Presbytery Offering</b>	<b>2nd collection / Thanksgiving Offering</b>
This collection is taken up after the Homily.	This collection is taken up after the Prayers of the Faithful.
This collection supports: * Sick and retired priests * Priests in needy parishes * Priest in our parishes * The Archbishop	This collection supports: * Provision of funds for parish pastoral initiatives * Parish running costs * Diocesan, deanery and other various services

## **Stations of the Cross**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March at SH at 7.00pm

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March at SMM at 7.00pm

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at SH at 7.00pm



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** (or a hymn) My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

(Or) When I prove my holiness among you, I will gather you from all the foreign lands, and I will pour clean water upon you and cleanse you from all your impurities, and I will give you a new spirit, says the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 94)

**ANTIPHON:** If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

**RESPONSE:** If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

**LECTOR:** Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

**LECTOR:** Come in; let us bow and bend low, let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

**LECTOR:** O that today you would listen to his voice! "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test, when they tried me, though they saw my work." **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** (or a hymn) For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

**TODAY'S READINGS** Exodus 17:3-7, Psalm 94, Romans 5:1-2, 5:8, John 4:5-42

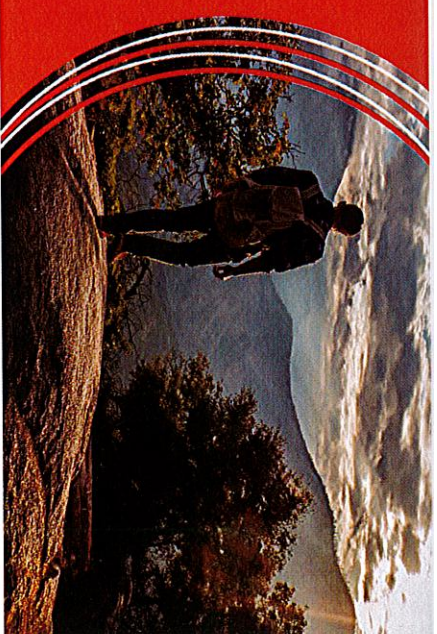
**NEXT WEEK** (4th Sunday of Lent, Year A) 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13, Psalm 22, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41

## Want to learn more?

Being a Catholic Mother and Being a Catholic Grandmother: It may be that the life of a Catholic mother has never been harder where faith is concerned. If so, it has never been more important that Catholic women take time out to think deeply about what it is they do as mothers, and how and why they do it. And with contributions from many Catholic grandmothers from a range of backgrounds, Being a Catholic Grandmother is packed with first-hand accounts and insights from grandmothers who have been there and done that. Both books are available from Majellan Media for \$19.95 each (postage included) at [www.majellan.org.au](http://www.majellan.org.au)

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## Encountering Jesus



15 March 2020 3rd Sunday Lent Year A

Going to Jacob's well was her daily chore. She went to the well with the heavy weight of the water jar on her shoulder and the heavy weight of people's judgment in her heart. That was why she chose the unusual time to come to the well, about noon.

Ordinary women from her place wouldn't come to the well at noon. They came to the well in the evening (Genesis 24:11). But she was not an ordinary woman.\* She was an extraordinary one. In the eyes of others in her town, she was a sinful woman, someone they would like to talk about and not talk to. She had lived with five different husbands. And now she lived with a sixth man. This might be the reason she came to the well at an unusual time. She wanted to avoid the embarrassment of people staring at her with their judgmental eyes.

Jesus chose the same time, an unusual time. The reason was similar. Jesus heard that people, especially the Pharisees started to talk about his increasing popularity. So, he decided to go back to Galilee. John writes Jesus was tired from his journey. He wanted to rest (4:6), so he went to the well at an unusual time.

But it was at a moment like this the encounter occurred. It was a very special encounter between a "sinful" woman who wanted to avoid people and the tired Lord who didn't want to be disturbed. It was an

unplanned encounter but ended up with a long conversation. If the definition of a prayer is conversation with the Lord, this is the longest prayer in the gospel.

John writes at the end of the conversation at chapter 28: "The women left her water jar and ran to the town." That was the first time in her life she went back home without the burden of her water jar on her shoulder and the burden of shame in her heart. After the encounter with Jesus, her life became lighter. Jesus has freed her from her every day burden. She ran back to the town to tell others that she has encountered the messiah and was a sinner no more.

Many of us live with our everyday burdens; marriage breakdown, the death of a loved one, unpaid bills, the unreachable dreams. We carry these heavy burdens like the Samaritan woman. Here, we have her story about the need to encounter Jesus. We too need to encounter him, tell him our story and to let him lift these burdens from our shoulder. And if we experience this kind of salvation from our encounter with him, we need to tell our story so that other people might come to him as well and find salvation.

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