



*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

**Recently Deceased:**

Margarita Vu Thi Ngoc Phuong, Kevin Tobins and Joseph Ozzimo

**Anniversaries:**

Isave Pham Thi Sam, Bianca Martinez, Raul Morales sr, Luz Gabriel, Regina Paggalilaun, Marie Kearney, Antonia Gusman, Felice Gusman, Vincenzo Falzon and Natalina Falzon

7/8th of March, 2020

Year A

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

**Parish Priest:**  
 Fr Binh Le PP  
**Secretary:** Ivana Toulmin  
 Ph: 9391 1201  
 (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: 9th – 15th Mar**  
**Newport:**  
**Wed. 8:00am**  
**Fri. 9:15am**  
**Sun. 11:00am**  
**Reconciliation: Sat. 10-10:30am**  
**Spotswood:**  
**Tues. 8:00am**  
**Thu. 9:15am**  
**Sat. 5:30pm**  
**Sun. 9:30am**  
**Reconciliation: Sun. before Mass**

**SACRED HEART ROSTER  
 15th March, 2020**

**Count Team: 3**  
 Joan & Neil Shepheard  
**Lectors:**  
 Sun. 11.00am School  
**Ministers of the Eucharist:**  
 Sun. 11.00am Trudi Browne  
**Liturgy Preparation Team:**  
 Janice Adams

**ST. MARGARET MARY'S ROSTER  
 14/15th March, 2020**

**Lectors:**  
 Sat. 5.30pm Ante Dragovic  
 Sun. 9.30am Maria O'Reagan  
**Ministers of the Eucharist:**  
 Sat. 5.30pm Danny Duane  
 Sun. 9.30am Irene Bongetti  
**Offertory**  
 Sat. 5.30pm Joe and Jane Attard  
 Sun. 9.30am Teresa Mangion

**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.

*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.*





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



## Reach Beyond: Become Simply Rich....

All trades and professions are being requested by communities abroad seeking to build the capacity of their organisations and the skills of their people. They're not asking for money or gifts that contribute to degrading dependence. Your assistance will help to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. [Palms Australia](http://Palms Australia) will provide you with thorough preparation and support. You will be rewarded with riches greater than you might imagine. Look at [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au) and talk to Roger on 0422472567, or email [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au)

## Easter Cards

Easter Cards are now available for purchase from *Aid to the Church in Need*. Each packet contains 12 Easter cards and envelopes. **Prices:** First packet \$23 (includes postage). Extra packets \$15 each. The Easter cards feature the religious paintings of Swiss artist, Bradi Barth and include a bible verse inside. Proceeds raised go toward ACN projects that support the Church where she is unable to support herself.

Order over the phone: **1800 101 201** or online: [www.aidtochurch.org](http://www.aidtochurch.org).

**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**  
GO FURTHER TOGETHER

Second Sunday of Lent  
8<sup>th</sup> March 2019

 **Caritas**  
AUSTRALIA

Twenty-seven-year-old Phany was a struggling farmer and was forced to leave her daughter to take up construction work in the city. Her life has been transformed since joining a Caritas supported program, learning crop growing skills and better water management, to combat drought.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 and help mothers like Phany continue to uplift their communities, and provide food for their families.**

**Let's Go Further, Together.** You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion)

or phoning 1800 024 413.



### Choir:

The lovely choir will next play on Saturday the 14th of march, 5:30pm at St Margaret Marys  
Choir rehearsal is on Wednesdays, 7.30pm  
in Joseph's Retreat!



### 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.

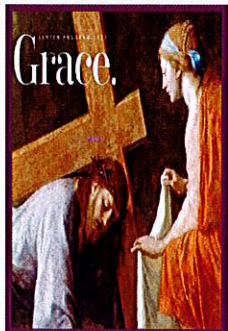
We pray that we will follow St Margaret Mary's devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, be with us.

St Margaret Mary, pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross, pray for us.

### 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 reach 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 10<sup>th</sup>; 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.

### Liturgy Rosters

Asking for **volunteers** to help fill the new liturgy rosters, if you are interested please contact the parish office.

The new and updated rosters have been emailed out, and can be collected at the back of the church also.

### COLLECTIONS 29<sup>th</sup> Feb/ 1st March, 2020

#### NEWPORT

Thanksgiving pledged: \$953.15 | Received: \$747.00 | Shortfall: \$206.15 | Loose: \$ 214.15

#### SPOTSWOOD

Thanksgiving pledged: \$702.80 | Received: \$873.75 | Surplus: \$173.95 | Loose: \$ 151.50

#### PRESBYTERY:

\$734.10

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 13<sup>th</sup> March at SMM at 7.00pm

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) Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

(Or)

Remember your compassion, O Lord, and your merciful love, for they are from of old. Let not our enemies exult over us. Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** (Ps 32)

**ANTIPHON:** Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

**RESPONSE:** Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

**LECTOR:** The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted: The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

**LECTOR:** 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.**

**LECTOR:** 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.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** (or a hymn) This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

**TODAY'S READINGS** Genesis 12:1-4; 2 Timothy 1:8-10; Matthew 17:1-9

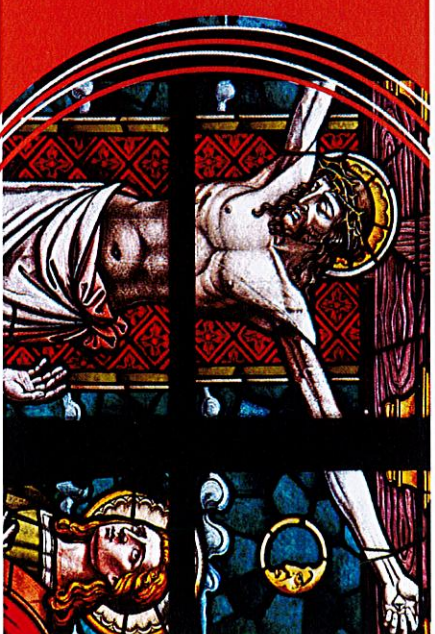
**NEXT WEEK** (3rd Sunday of Lent, Year A) Exodus 17:3-7; Psalm 94; Romans 5:1-2; 5:8; John 4:5-42

*Becoming Parents*

The four issues of *Becoming Parents* – A Spiritual Journey include articles, prayers and meditations, written by leaders in the parenting world. The aim is to help couples spiritually connect with their baby before birth and help them understand the changes in their bodies and those of the infant. Four issues will be sent to the expectant parents over the term of the pregnancy and each issue will be delivered at a time that is personalised and based on the baby's due date. The four issues are available for \$20. Subscription details can be found at [www.majellan.media](http://www.majellan.media) or [www.becomingparents.org.au](http://www.becomingparents.org.au)

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What does  
your heart  
say?



8 March 2020 2nd Sunday Lent Year A

even did some rather remarkable stuff and said some rather remarkable things: healings, exorcisms, parables, warnings, blessings. He was fascinating and charismatic—even on a merely human level.

But what does your heart tell you to see in him? What does your heart tell you to hear in his words, repeated countless times and in countless places over millennia, words repeated today, in your presence, at the altar? Does your heart tell you to see in him everything worth having, everything good and holy and true? Does your heart tell you to see in him and in his words the very love of God himself? An invitation to life and truth, to joy, to eternity, to resurrection, to a coming kingdom, to justice and peace, to life unending, to bliss, to a new heavens and new earth?

What does your heart tell you to recognise in his passion and death? What does your heart say to you about the empty tomb? He is alive and reigns now. He has “destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light,” said St Paul. Even more remarkable: he is including you in this plan, this “grace bestowed ... in Christ Jesus before time began.” In Jesus, he is thinking of you: he has been thinking of you all along.

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Banal. Humdrum. Boring. Commonplace. Dull. Trivial. Uninteresting. Unremarkable. Quotidian. Life can sometimes be described by any one of these terms. Quite often we can experience even the most fundamental, the most profound things, like prayer, like the Mass, as banal and unremarkable.

Prayer can feel so much like interior self-exposure to empty nothingness and Mass can be so mundane that you struggle to see the point. Except you have some vague but persistent conviction that you should be at church to honor Jesus. That you should persist in the struggle to set yourself before God, to open the depths of your heart to his presence, to pray ...

You've heard the words of consecration thousands of time: “This is my body ... This is my blood ...” At one level, they are like any other words said by any other person at any other time on this planet: breath is pushed through vocal chords and quickly changing shapes made by tongue, teeth and lips in order to form sounds in a precise order. The difference, though, is that these words are the very words of Jesus Christ, spoken at a specific moment in time, on the night of his betrayal, the night of his arrest. The night before his death.

And yes, Jesus of Nazareth, was a man, like any other man who ever lived: he was born, he did some stuff and he died. He