

SUNDAY MASS Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm Sunday 9 am, 11 am	The Sacrament of Reconciliation Is available 30 minutes before each Mass, between 9:30-10:30 am Saturday morning, or by appointment.	HOLY ROSARY Tuesday—Friday 8.30am St Joseph's Church Wednesday 1pm St Joseph's Parish Centre 15 Decade-Rosary Mary Untier of Knots
WEEKDAY MASS Monday (Springvale) 9:30am Tuesday 9 am Wednesday 9 am Thursday 9 am Friday 9 am Saturday 9 am	Eucharist Adoration Half an hour before each weekday Mass St Joseph's Church	

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St Joseph's Parish is committed to the Safeguarding of Children and Young People in all aspects of Parish life.

*To subscribe to St Joseph's Parish email list please email chelsea@cam.org.au
The solemn obligation for baptised Catholics to attend regular Sunday Mass has been restored throughout the Archdiocese of Melbourne.*

Recently Deceased
Gemma Boucher

Prayers for the Sick
Pope Francis, Bill Armstrong, Marie-Claire Azie, Lina Blake, Henfi Chun, Margaret Hewitt, Dennis Gallagher, Rick Hayes, Jessie Jackson, Pam Jansz, Sheila Joseph, Antonio and Antonietta Laria, Siu Kiang Lay, Julie McLeod, Maria Martin, June Pereira, Christine Riddle, Danielle Spencer, Brian Wilson, Toni (Marie) Wilton, Tina and Kirstie, Baby Area Maria, Jacqui Williams

Anniversaries
Olivia Colbourne, Graham Meehan, Father John Tollan



23rd March; 3rd Sunday of Lent C
1st R: Ex 3:1-8, 13-15
2nd R: 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12
Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

30th March; 4th Sunday of Lent C
1st R: Joshua 5:9-12
2nd R: 2 Cor 5:17-21
Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

23 MARCH 2025

St Joseph—Our Parish Patron

We are incredibly lucky here in Chelsea, to have our Parish named for the earthly father of Jesus, the husband of Mary and a Saint venerated in not only our Catholic faith, but in Anglican, Lutheran, Eastern Orthodox and Asian Orthodox to name a few.

St Joseph was a Jewish man from Nazareth. There is not much information on his early life, but the Gospel affirms that he was a carpenter or “a highly skilled craftsman in wood.” Despite this humble work, he was a descendant of David – the King of Israel.

Joseph was a compassionate man – on finding out the Mary was with child, knowing it was not his, but not yet knowing that she was carrying the Son of God, he resolved to protect her from shame and cruelty. When an Angel came to Joseph and told him “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins,” he did as the angel told him and took Mary as his wife (Matthew 1:19-25), Joseph did this willingly and without question.

God chose Joseph to be the guardian and protector of His Son. St Joseph is patron Saint of the Universal Church, unborn children, expectant mothers, families, fathers, workers, travellers, immigrants and a happy death. Having died in the arms of Jesus and Mary, he is considered a devout and spiritual believer, who received grace at the moment of his death – a happy death.



FEELING SICK?
PLEASE STAY HOME

Please do not attend Mass if you are unwell.
There are no numbers restrictions on attendees at church.
Face masks are no longer mandatory inside the church.
Please use the hand sanitiser provided.

PARISH CALENDAR

SATURDAY 22 MARCH

4:30pm Junior Legion of Mary—PC

MONDAY 24 MARCH

10:00am Divine Mercy PG—Please BYO Lunch—Parish Centre

TUESDAY 25 MARCH

Annunciation of the Lord
10:00am Sacred Heart PG—PC
7:30pm KSC Exec Meeting—PC



WEDNESDAY 26 MARCH

6:30pm Legion of Mary
Chelsea—PC

THURSDAY 27 MARCH

7:00pm ALPHA—Parish Centre



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Pledge \$ 2,705
Weekly average \$ 2,750.40



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Donations to Vinnies are gratefully accepted in the Blue Vinnie's Bin in the narthex.

Week 3 – Washing powder, dishwashing liquid, household cleaning items

Please consider if you can donate some of your time to help our St Vincent De Paul team with distribution of food and home visits to those in need. Please contact Carole on 0404 335 419 if you can assist in any way! Thank you



Laetare Sunday—30th March

Holy Hour 3:00pm

St Joseph's Church



PROJECT
COMPASSION

Second Sunday of Lent 22nd and 23rd of March 2025

Lam is 27 years old from a small village in rural Vietnam who faced significant challenges due to his short stature. Through the I-SHINE program, Lam completed a six-month course developing his graphic design skills. He now runs a successful freelance graphic design business from home, serving clients worldwide and earning a steady income.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes available in the narthex, online at <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion> or by calling 1800 024 413. Thank you!



Congratulations to Max Short and his family on his Baptism this weekend. May God's blessings be with you always!



St Joseph's Stewardship

There are **new envelope sets in the Narthex**, with commencement date of the 6th of April 2025. Please collect these and save Keith Reiter from having to walk the streets to drop them off!!

Direct Debit and Credit Card givers—please check the box and collect your letters from the Narthex—saves us on postage, and there are still a large number to collect!!

Thank you to all who so generously give to the Parish of St Joseph's. May God bless you!



Word Among Us—
Lenten and Easter editions are available for collection in the Narthex for those whom subscribe!



ST JOSEPH'S CHELSEA

PALM SUNDAY 12-13 APRIL

6:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass
9:00am Mass with Procession
11:00am Mass

HOLY THURSDAY 17 APRIL

7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
10:00pm Night Prayer

GOOD FRIDAY 18 APRIL

10:00am Way of the Cross
3:00pm The Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY 19 APRIL

8:00pm The Vigil of Easter

EASTER SUNDAY 20 APRIL

9:00am Mass
11:00 am Mass

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 12th April
8:30am, 9:30am & 5:30p,
Sunday 13th April
10:30am
Tuesday 15th April
8:30am & 6:30pm
Wednesday 16th April
8:30am & 6:30pm
Thursday 17th April
8:30am
Friday 18th April
8:30am
Saturday 19th April
10:00am

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St Joseph's Easter Candle 2025

Donors are invited to sponsor the Easter Candle. Please contact the parish office on 03 9772 2211 / chelsea@cam.org



LENT at St Joseph's

Way of the Cross Fridays of Lent
8.15am

Morning Prayer & Eucharistic Adoration Wednesdays of Lent 8:00am

Via Matris Saturdays of Lent after 9am Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation 30 minutes before every Mass (except Friday), 9:30am-10:30am Saturday morning, or by appointment



St Bede's College—Current Year 5 Families of boys — Applications for Year 7 2027 are now open!! Please visit: <https://www.stbedes.catholic.edu.au/>

CHELSEA & DISTRICT
INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL

GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

18 APRIL 2025 | 10.30 AM

BEESON RESERVE
NEPEAN HWY
EDITHVALE

ALL WELCOME

Looking for Volunteers to stay with Jesus—During Confessions on Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th April from 6:30pm to 7:30pm.

Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex if you are able to remain with the Blessed Sacrament in the Church on either of these 2 days. Thank you !

