

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



Recently Deceased

Zoe Dowd Nemet

Prayers for the Sick

Baby Ellie Joy, Sandie Armstrong,
Marie-Claire Azie, Lorraine Benjamin,
David Chalton, Margot Coghlan,
Dennis Gallagher, Helen Guest, Rick
Hayes, Allison Joel, Siu Kiang Lay,
Christina Morianos, Noreen O'Brien,
Christine Riddle, Danielle Spencer,
Mark Van Staveren

Anniversaries

Peg Burns, Zenaida Francisco, Syd
Gallagher, Margaret Gerlei, Fr Patrick
O'Gorman, Magdalena Tumale,
Deceased members of the Interlandi
family—Francesca, Antonio, Pina,
Filipo, Vincenzo, Giusepina, Pino,
Matia, Liliana, Antonio, Milana
Salvatore Gangi, Dudley Rodrigues.

21st April; Good Shepherd Sunday

1st R: Acts 4:8-12
2nd R: 1 Jn 3:1-2
Gospel: John 10:11-18

28th April; Fifth Sunday of Easter B

1st R: Acts 9:26-31
2nd R: 1 Jn 3:18-24
Gospel: John 15:1-8

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

21 APRIL 2024

4th Sunday of Easter: Good Shepherd Sunday

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally called "Good Shepherd Sunday" because that is the theme of the Gospel.

The Good Shepherd had previously been the Gospel of what we today call the Third Sunday of Easter but, during the revision of the Lectionary (the Church's book of readings) after Vatican II, the Gospel of the Good Shepherd was pushed off one week to allow more Gospels of Jesus' post-Easter appearances to the Apostles to be read. This is why on the Third Sunday of Easter we read the first section of the Road to Emmaus (in Year A of the three-year cycle), the second part of the Road to Emmaus (last week, in Year B), and the "fishing trip" of the Apostles by the Sea of Tiberias (John chapter 21: 1-19 in Year C).

Today also marks a shift in the post-Easter Gospel readings. Whereas the previous two Sundays focused more on concrete events in terms of Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances, the emphasis today and for the upcoming Sundays moves to Jesus' teaching about his impending Ascension and the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The First Readings remain historical accounts of the life of the early Church from the Acts of the Apostles.

Jesus as Good Shepherd, the guardian of the sheepfold, is also an ecclesiological text: this is a theology of the Church. The Church is Christ's sheepfold. There are no lone sheep: the sheep who wanders from the flock, from the sheepfold, is in danger. He's not free, out to "define one's own concept of existence, of meaning, of the universe and of the mystery of human life." He's lost, exposed and in danger. He needs to be rescued. He needs to be saved.

There is an order to the sheepfold, and it's the Good Shepherd who maintains it. He's the gatekeeper. He opens ... and closes. His voice is normative: the sheep "hear his voice" and follow him. The sheep know to listen for the voice they know, not the stranger's siren call.

In grouping them as a flock and keeping them in a sheepfold, the Good Shepherd does not suppress their freedom or trample on their "autonomy." The Good Shepherd and the Gate guarantee the safety of the sheep, not out of mean considerations but "that they might have life and have it more abundantly." (Jn 10: 10)

The image of the shepherd had a long and mixed tradition in the Bible. We hear an echo of that in Psalm 23 — "the Lord is my shepherd." Shepherds already appear in Bethlehem. The Bible also recognizes Bad Shepherds, whom Jesus calls "thieves and marauders" that only divide and confuse the sheep (Jn 10: 8). In the Gospel for this weekend, Jesus makes clear the sheep are "his," i.e., they belong to him, and it is that relationship — and not the relationship of a hireling — that makes a Good Shepherd.

Although today's Gospel speaks of how the sheep should act, it is also an important lesson for shepherds: bishops, priests, all who have leadership roles in the Church. Their responsibility is to be like the Good Shepherd, speaking his voice and protecting the integrity of his sheepfold, out front leading.

Jesus is also, paradoxically, both Shepherd and Sheep. He is the "Lamb of God," the spotless Lamb offered on the cross who takes away the sins of the world.

Full article written by John M. Grondelski, found:
<https://www.ncregister.com/blog/scriptures-and-art-good-shepherd-Sunday>



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 20 APRIL

4:30pm Junior Legion of Mary—Parish Centre. Enquiries—0403 095 627

SUNDAY 21 APRIL

Good Shepherd Sunday
World Day of Prayer for Vocations
3:00pm Holy Hour—Church

MONDAY 22 APRIL

10:00 Divine Mercy PG—Parish Centre

TUESDAY 23 APRIL

10:00am Sacred Heart PG—Parish Centre
7:30pm KSC Exec Meeting—Parish Centre

WEDNESDAY 24 APRIL

Feast day of St Fidelis
6:30pm Legion Of Mary Chelsea—PC

THURSDAY 25 APRIL

ANZAC Day -Parish Office closed



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Pledge \$ 2,787
Weekly average \$ 2,747.86

World Children's Day

In 2023, Pope Francis declared that the Catholic Church's first World Children's Day would take place on 25-26 May, 2024. The event focus will take place in Rome, but the Pope calls on Catholics around the globe to celebrate this special day in their own Parishes too. World Children's Day invites children from around the globe to join together in friendship and prayer.

"Like Jesus, we want to put children at the centre and care for them."

Pope Francis

Longbeach RSL Sub Branch

Anzac Day 25th April 2024

Dawn Service at 6:00 am at the Cenotaph in front of the Chelsea Town Hall. This will take approximately 45 Minutes.

This will be followed by a breakfast inside the Hall for a gold coin donation to assist with the RSL's extensive Welfare Services.

At 9:30 the ANZAC Day march will commence at the corner of Sherwood Avenue and Station Street led by the Frankston RSL Pipes and Drums Band and proceed to the Cenotaph where a wreath laying ceremony will take place. At the conclusion of the Wreath Laying ceremony, the service will continue inside the Town Hall for the traditional Anzac Day Ceremony.



21st April 2024

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Pope Francis tells us:
There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him.

Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.



Our 100 Year commemoration of St Joseph's School will be celebrated on Sunday 28th July with Mass at 11am and activities from 12.00-4.00pm.

The Men's Focus

Group meet every fortnight - next meeting will be **Monday 29th April at 7:30pm** - at the parish centre. All men are welcome to join us as we read the gospel reading for the day, share our reflections on this, and how we can use God's words and deeds in our own lives.

Contact Neville on 0469 341 463



St Vincent de Paul Society Week 2 – Breakfast cereals, long-life milk, Vegemite, jams, tomato sauce etc. Please leave your donations in the Vinnies bin in the Church narthex.



St Vincent De Paul urgently need more volunteers. If you can help, please phone Carole on 0404 335 419.

Thank you to all who joined in the celebrations on Divine Mercy Sunday 7th April for Fathers anniversary! A lovely commemoration of this momentous event in Father William's life. From Christiane, Elaine and Divine Mercy Prayer Group



On the 24th of December 2024, the Holy Door of St Peter's Basilica in Rome will open, commencing the Jubilee year. Pope Francis invites us into a Year of Prayer throughout 2024, reflecting on the Jubilee's theme—Pilgrims of Hope.



I have attached a link to the Parish Website with a useful guide to the Year of Prayer:

<https://cam-parishwebfiles-public.s3.amazonaws.com/0012w00000LOj4VAAT/Year-of-Prayer-2024-2597.pdf>

St Joseph's Anima Group, Chelsea Visit to Mornington Market

BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN for St Joseph's Anima Group Bus Outing to the **Mornington Market**, Main Street, Mornington on **Wednesday 22 May 2024. Cost per person \$20.**

Bus departs approximately 9.30am from Woodbine Grove, Chelsea, outside the School Gates. We will return at 3pm. BYO lunch, or buy lunch at Mornington cafés. If you wish to make a lunch booking at the Grand Hotel, Mornington for 12.30pm, please contact Daphne on 9772 6312, or email daphnekelly@bigpond.com. Clipboard for bookings in Church narthex.

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