

SUNDAY MASS Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm Sunday 9 am, 11 am WEEKDAY MASS Tuesday 9 am Wednesday 9 am Thursday 9 am Friday 9 am No Saturday morning Mass	Reconciliation No confessions from 4th to 27th of January 2026 Eucharist Adoration Half an hour before each weekday Mass St Joseph's Church	HOLY ROSARY Tuesday to Friday 8:30am St Joseph's Church Wednesday 1pm St Joseph's Parish Centre 15 Decade-Rosary Mary Untier of Knots 
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PARISH PRIEST

Rev Kevin Williams

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday—Friday 9am to 2pm

Deadline for Bulletin 12 noon Thursday

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SISTERS OF ST PAUL DE CHARTRES

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ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

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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.*

Prayers for the Sick

Marie Claire Aziz, Lina Blake, Derick
D'Costa, Margaret Dunne, Jamie
Fleming, Leonie Gilchrist, Rick Hayes,
Jessie Jackson, Juliette Ronald,
Josephine Russell, Josephine Sanjorja,
Danielle Spencer, Toni (Marie) Wilton,
Baby Area Maria (Cathy Meehan's Great
Granddaughter)

Anniversaries

Cardinal George Pell, Frank Aldag,
Dennis McCullough, Abraham
Thakidiyel

Special Intentions

50th Ordination Anniversary for Fr
Emmanuel, Birthday Thanksgiving for
Sabina Sanen, Birthday Remembrance
Isabel Freese



11th January; Baptism of the Lord

1st R: Is 42:1-4, 6-7
2nd R: Acts 10:34-38
Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

18th January; Ordinary 2A

1st R: Is 49:3, 5-6
2nd R: 1 Cor 1:1-3
Gospel: John 1:29-34

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

11TH JANUARY 2026

Pope Leo XIV celebrated his first public Mass of 2026 on the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, telling believers that Mary has revealed the 'unarmed and disarming' face of God.

By Joseph Tulloch

"May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace".

Pope Leo opened the homily at his first Mass of 2026 by reflecting on this blessing from the Book of Numbers, taken from the day's first reading.

The blessing, he said, was addressed to the people of Israel, who had just been liberated from slavery in Egypt, and had been offered a "rebirth", an "open road toward the future". In this way, the Pope noted, the day's liturgy reminds us that "every day can be the beginning of a new life, thanks to God's generous love, his mercy and the response of our freedom."

We should thus view the coming year, the Pope urged the roughly 5,500 faithful in attendance, as "an open journey to be discovered".

The day's liturgy marked both the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God and the World Day of Peace.

In his homily, the Pope explored the tight relationship between the two celebrations. With Mary's co-operation, he said, God arrived amongst us "naked and defenceless", a "newborn in a cradle."

"He does this", the Pope explained, to teach us that the world is not saved by violence but by "tirelessly striving to understand, forgive, liberate and welcome everyone, without calculation and without fear."

"In Mary's divine motherhood", the Pope emphasised, two 'unarmed realities' come together: "that of God, who renounces every privilege of his divinity to be born in the flesh, and that of a human person who, trustingly and fully, embraces God's will."

The Pope brought his homily to a close by reflecting on the 2025 Jubilee Year, which will come to an end on the 6th January.

He did so by citing the words of his predecessor Pope St John Paul II, at the closure of the 2000 Jubilee:

"How many extraordinary occasions the Great Jubilee has offered to believers! In the experience of forgiveness received and given, in the commemoration of the martyrs, in listening to the cry of the world's poor... we too have glimpsed the saving presence of God in history. We have, as it were, physically felt his love which renews the face of the earth."

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2026-01/pope-leo-2026-new-year-mary-peace-jubilee.html>



**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 10 JANUARY
6:00pm Men's Choir at Mass—Church

SUNDAY 11 JANUARY
The Baptism of the Lord

TUESDAY 13 JANUARY
6:30pm Healing Mass—St Joseph's Church

THURSDAY 15 JANUARY
Parish Office Closed

FRIDAY 16 JANUARY
Parish Office Closed



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Pledge \$ 2,603
Weekly average \$ 2,383.65



St Vincent de Paul Society

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

Week 3 Personal toiletries, toilet rolls, disinfectant, soap, hand lotions etc

A reminder that the Vinnies Christmas Appeal is currently on going through until February. Envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Thank you for your ongoing support of the St Vincent De Paul Society. God Bless.



St Joseph's Piety Shop

Will be open after 9am Sunday Mass only throughout January.

If you do require anything from the shop, please contact Maree in the Parish Office during Office Hours and we can organize your purchase then!



St Joseph's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

Religious Instruction for Children not attending Catholic Schools in preparation for the Sacraments

Classes for Reconciliation (Grade 3), First Holy Communion (Grade 4) and Confirmation (Grade 6) will commence in February 2026. Please see our website for more details: <https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/chelsea>

To enrol, please contact the Parish Office on 03 9292 7211 or chelsea@cam.org.au



St Joseph's Parish Office Hours

Day	Date	Office Hours
Tuesday	06/01	9am – 2pm
Wednesday	07/01	9am – 2pm
Thursday	08/01	9am – 2pm
Friday	09/01	9am – 2pm
Tuesday	13/01	9am – 2pm
Wednesday	14/01	9am – 2pm
Thursday	15/01	Office Closed
Friday	16/01	Office Closed
Tuesday	20/01	9am – 2pm
Wednesday	21/01	9am – 2pm
Thursday	22/01	Office Closed
Friday	23/01	Office Closed

Normal hours return from Tuesday 27/01/2026. Happy New Year!!



The **Men's Focus Group** will recommence on **Monday 19th January at 7:00pm** - at the parish centre. All men are welcome to join us as we read the gospel for the day and share our reflections on this, and how we can bring a positive change in our own lives. Enquiries—Neville on 0469 341 463



PATER ABSENS!

Between 4-25 January, Fr Kevin Williams will be away on annual leave. This is to catch up on the annual leave booked for July 2025, which was converted to compassionate leave when his mum went into full-time aged care. During this time, the following Masses will be celebrated by a supply priest:

- 6pm Saturday night Vigil (10, 17 and 24 January)
 - 9 & 11am Sunday morning (11, 18, and 25 January)
- Weekday Mass will be celebrated at 9am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings, preceded by half-hour Eucharistic Adoration from 8:30am. There will be no confessions or 9am Saturday morning Mass during the three weeks that Father is away. Please be assured of his prayers for the parishioners and their families during this time!

St Joseph's Men's Choir are seeking new members!!!

2nd Saturday Vigil Mass of each Month

Come and experience the joy of singing in community, and the satisfaction of making a difference to our Vigil Mass. Your presence definitely will make a big difference!!

Please contact Mike Shaw mikeshawau@gmail.com or 0418-122-966.

Saturday 10th January 6pm Vigil Mass with rehearsal from 4:30pm.

Celebrate the vibrancy and contribution of our migrant communities in our Church as we welcome the **Migrant Jubilee Cross** to the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Let us pray for God's blessing upon Australia, particularly the great gift of migrants and refugees. Join the pilgrimage and venerate the relics of the Holy Family and St Mary of the Cross Mackillop:

Tuesday 10/02/2026 7pm –

Prayer and Reception of the Cross St Patrick's Cathedral
Wednesday 11/02 to Friday 13/02/2026 – St Patrick's Cathedral

Thursday 26/02 to Thursday 05/02/2026 – Croatian Catholic Centre Springvale, Our Lady of Lavang Centre Keysborough and Divine Mercy Shrine Keysborough



2026

Divine Australia

HEALING MASSES & RETREAT

JANUARY 2026 MELBOURNE

Fr. Antony Parankimallil VC
Director, Divine Retreat Centre
Kigali, Rwanda

6 January, Tuesday 6:30 PM - Healing Mass Divine Mercy Shrine 343 Greens Road Keysborough 7 January, Wednesday 6:30 PM - Healing Mass St. Thomas the Apostle Church 5 Fiorelli Boulevard Cranbourne East 8 January, Thursday 6:30 PM - Healing Mass St. Kevin's Church 120 Hallam Road Hampton Park 9 January, Friday 6:30 PM - Healing Mass Our Lady's Parish 171 Craigieburn Road Craigieburn 10 January, Saturday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM St. Alphonsa Syro-Malabar Cathedral Parish 53 McKellar Way, Epping 11 January, Sunday 6:45 PM - Healing Mass Holy Family Church 100 Power Road, Doveton	12 January, Monday 6:30 PM - Healing Mass St. Mary MacKillop Church 152 Odessa Avenue Keilor Downs 13 January, Tuesday 6:30 PM - Healing Mass St. Joseph's Church 362 Station Street Chelsea 14 January, Wednesday 6:30 PM - Healing Mass St. Christopher's Church 184 Blackburn Road Glen Waverley 15 January, Thursday 7:00 PM - Healing Mass St. Peter Chanel Church 848 Ballarat Road Deer Park 16 January, Friday 7:00 PM - Healing Mass Our Lady Help of Christians 496 Princes Highway Narre Warren 17 January, Saturday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Our Lady of the Southern Cross 2-20 Hawqua Way Wyndham Vale	18 January, Sunday 6:45 PM - Healing Mass Holy Family Church 100 Power Road Doveton 19 January, Monday 7:00 PM - Healing Mass St. Francis Xavier Church 60 Davey Street Frankston 20 January, Tuesday 7:00 PM - Healing Mass St. Andrew's Church 76 Springs Road Clarinda 22 January, Thursday 7:00 PM - Healing Mass St. Patrick's Church 128 Princes Highway Pakenham
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3-DAY RETREAT
23, 24 & 25 January
Friday to Sunday
9:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Holy Family Church Hall
100 Power Road, Doveton

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