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| <b>SUNDAY MASS</b><br>Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm<br>Sunday 9 am, 11 am<br><br><b>WEEKDAY MASS</b><br>Monday—St Gerard's<br>Dandenong Nth 9:15am<br>Tuesday 9 am<br>Wednesday 9 am<br>Thursday 8:30am<br>Friday 9 am<br>Saturday 9 am |  | <b>The Sacrament of Reconciliation</b><br>Is available 30 minutes before each Mass, between 9:30-10:30 am Saturday morning, or by appointment.<br><br><b>Eucharist Adoration</b><br>Half an hour before each weekday Mass<br>St Joseph's Church | <b>HOLY ROSARY</b><br>Tuesday to Friday 8:30am<br>St Joseph's Church<br><br>Wednesday 1pm<br>St Joseph's Parish Centre<br>15 Decade-Rosary<br>Mary Untier of Knots<br> |
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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](mailto:chelsea@cam.org.au)  
The solemn obligation for baptised Catholics to attend regular Sunday Mass has been restored throughout*

**Recently Deceased**  
Lauretta Hosie  
  
**Prayers for the Sick**  
Marie Claire Aziz, Lina Blake, Henfi Chun, Margaret Dunne, Rick Hayes, Jessie Jackson, Juliette Ronald, Josephine Sanjorja, Danielle Spencer, Toni (Marie) Wilton, Baby Area Maria (Cathy Meehan's Great Granddaughter)

**Anniversaries**  
Francisca Judith Bartosy, Mary Caderampulle, Ruby Candasamy, Owen Freese, Tess Ireland, Betty Reilly

**Special Intentions**  
Laeta Tabak—Birthday



**21st September; Ordinary Time 25 C**  
1st R: Amos 8:4-7  
2nd R: 1 Tim 2:1-8  
Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

**28th September; Ordinary Time 26 C**  
1st R: Amos 6:1, 4-7  
2nd R: 1 Tim 6:11-16  
Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

# PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

## 25TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

### 21ST SEPTEMBER 2025

#### Social Services Sunday – Anchors of Hope



On Sunday, 21st September, the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne marks Social Services Sunday – a day to give thanks for the dedicated work of the thousands of staff and volunteers who stand with and serve the poor, disadvantaged and marginalised, and to reflect on how we might partner with Catholic agencies to be more involved in Gospel-inspired works of charity and justice in our own communities.

#### Why is Social Services Sunday Important?

Core to the Gospel message is the offer of love and hope, particularly for those who are isolated, in need and experiencing suffering. Catholic Social Teaching provides us with a rich tradition of wisdom in how we can live out the values of justice and mercy that permeate the Scriptures – respecting the dignity of the human person, having a preferential option for the poor, committing ourselves to solidarity with our human family, caring for our common home, ensuring subsidiarity and participation, and working for the common good.

At a time when more and more people are relying on the support provided by community service organisations, we acknowledge with gratitude all of Catholic Social Services Victoria's 40 member organisations, their 7,000+ staff and 15,000+ volunteers who bring their talents and diversity into the service of the social mission of the Church. The work they do to serve more than 300,000 people each year is so important – especially when there are so many more in need.

Catholic social service organisations have been working with people to bring to life the Catholic Social Teaching principles to anchor hope in those who need it during their hardships. They continue to bring hope, compassion, and good news to the poor and marginalised. They need your prayers and support, and Social Services Sunday is a great opportunity to bring this prayerful focus to their work of service and justice.

Social Services Sunday is also a time to reflect on how we, as Pilgrims of Hope, can partner with Catholic agencies and others to be more involved in Gospel-inspired works of charity and justice in our own communities.

#### How can you be an Anchor of Hope?

Consider whether you can volunteer at or donate to a Catholic social service organisation to support their work.

Gather your parish community, reflect on local pressing social issues, and determine Gospel-inspired actions your parish can take in collaboration with social service organisations to offer loving service to those most in need.

Pray for the staff and volunteers of social services who provide hope to our communities.

Taken from: <https://css.org.au/social-services-sunday-anchors-of-hope/>



**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 20 SEPTEMBER

Junior Legion of Mary on break for the school holidays

## SUNDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

Social Services Sunday

## MONDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

St Pio of Pietrelcina

No Divine Mercy PG due to school holidays

## TUESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

10:00am Sacred Heart PG —Parish Centre

7:30pm KSC Exec Meeting—PC

## WEDNESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

1:00pm—15 Decade Rosary Mary Untier of Knots—Parish Centre

6:30pm Legion of Mary Chelsea—PC

## THURSDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

8:00 Confessions—St Joseph's

8:30 Weekday Mass—St Joseph's



### ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Pledge \$ 2,709

Weekly average \$ 2,757.52

Wrought Iron Repairs \$ 980.00

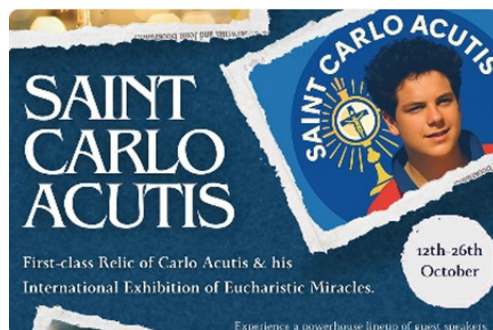
You may have noticed that the security screen doors on the Presbytery have been replaced – and they look great – however, they have made the wrought iron gates and windows look very rusted and shoddy!! As such, I've organised to get some quotes for sand blasting, powder coating and repair of these, as well as rot repair and painting of the windows. I have set up a donation link to assist in payment for this – if you are able to financially contribute to this, we would be eternally grateful!!

<https://www.melbocatholic.org/s/donate?id=0012w00000LOj4VAAT&parish=chelsea>



There will be no 9:30am Mass on Monday Mornings nor 7:00pm Friday evenings at **St Joseph's In Springvale** until further notice.

**St Gerard's North Dandenong celebrates weekday Mass at 9:15am Monday.**



A first-class relic of the first millennial saint will be exhibited at Stella Maris Church in Beaumaris, and then at St Joseph's Hall in Black Rock, as part of a two-week event commencing on the 12th of October. The event will feature his international exhibition of eucharistic miracles, a series of talks from priests and lay people familiar with the sad yet inspiring story of Carlo Acutis, a special Mass and adoration, and a film viewing. For a program of all events and more information, please visit: <https://saint-acutis.org/>

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS Commences Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 2am – clocks forward to 3am!**



## Social Services Sunday—Anchors of Hope

### Sunday 21

### September 2025

marks Social Services Sunday in the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. On this day we give thanks for the dedicated work of the thousands of staff and volunteers who stand with and serve the poor, disadvantaged and marginalised in Victoria, reaching the lives of more than 300,000 people each year. We recognise and appreciate their commitment and compassion, and reflect on our shared call to be anchors of hope in building a more just and equitable society.



Preparation of rosters for **Lectors and Special Ministers** for Oct-Dec 2025 has commenced.

Please contact Chris Bennetts on 0402 823 0404 or [cjbennetts@optusnet.com.au](mailto:cjbennetts@optusnet.com.au) by 21/09 if you are unavailable during this time.



There have been a number of parishioners that have been the targets of attempted

scamming. The parishioners have received texts on their mobile phones claiming to be from "Fr Kevin Williams," and requesting for funds to be transferred. Please be aware: (the real) Fr Kevin Williams would never directly, individually contact parishioners on their mobiles with requests for alms. All fund-raising is done publicly, from the lectern at the end of Mass supported by details included in the parish bulletin. **PLEASE DO NOT GIVE ANY SUPPORT TO REQUESTS MADE VIA MOBILE TELEPHONE OR EMAIL.** Please also let Maree in the office know if you have received any of these messages as we are reporting these to the Archdiocese.



The Parish Shop will be closed on Saturday's from 6th September, reopening on Saturday 27th September. Sunday's will see the shop open from 10:30am and then again after 11am Mass, with Annie. Have a wonderful break Rosemary and Nyoman!!

If you do require any gifts/books etc, please contact Maree in the Office 9am-2pm Tuesday to Friday and I can organise to take payment and collection of purchases.



## Bayside Jubilee celebration and pilgrimage inspire hope for student leaders

On Friday 29 August, more than a thousand student leaders from Catholic schools across Melbourne's south came together for a special Southern Region youth gathering focused on the Jubilee Year theme 'Pilgrims of Hope'. Incorporating music, prayer, conversation, a bayside walking pilgrimage and Mass, the day offered young people a deeper experience of faith, hope and community.

More here: <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/bayside-jubilee-celebration-and-pilgrimage-inspire-hope-for-student-leaders>

**Please note:** at the 11am Mass on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September you will notice a few additional new faces at Mass. This is because we will be joined with members of Conor Grace's family. Conor is Brian and Carmel Grace's grandson, who died in a motor vehicle accident in Sherbrooke earlier this month. The family will hold refreshments in the Narthex at the end of the Mass. This gives Conor's family an opportunity to remember and pray for Conor in a religious setting. Please keep the entire Grace family in your prayers at this difficult time

