

SUNDAY MASS Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm Sunday 9 am, 11 am		The Sacrament of Reconciliation Is available 30 minutes before each Mass, between 9:30-10:30am Saturday morning, or by appointment.	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
WEEKDAY MASS 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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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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Deadline for Bulletin 12 noon Thursday

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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

Gre Aaldertsz, Marisa Fiordelmondo, Augustus Smith

Prayers for the Sick

Marie Claire Aziz, Derick D'Costa, Margaret Dunne, Jamie Fleming, Bev Garing, 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

Agnes DeSilva, Marie Antonette Ternel

Special Intentions

Thanksgiving for a successful operation



8th March; Lent 3A

1st R: Ex 17:3-7

2nd R: Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel: John 4:5-42

15th March; Lent 4A

1st R: 1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

2nd R: Eph 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

8TH MARCH 2026

WEEK 3

This is part 3 of a four-part series exploring the article "Different kinds of scapulars" written by Fr. William Saunders

(3) The black scapular of the Seven Sorrows of Mary. After Pope Alexander IV's formal establishment of the Servite Order in 1255, lay men and women formed a confraternity in honour of the seven sorrows of Mary. As a sign of membership, they wore a black scapular, usually with an image of our Mother of Sorrows on the front.



(4) The blue scapular of the Immaculate Conception. In 1581, Venerable Ursula Benicasa, foundress of the Order of Theatine Nuns, had a vision of our Lord who revealed to her the habit and scapular her community was to wear in honour of the Immaculate Conception. Venerable Ursula implored our Lord to grant the same graces to the faithful who would wear a small, light blue scapular, bearing on one side the image of the Immaculate Conception and on the other the name "Mary." In 1671, Pope Clement X granted permission to bless and invest people with this scapular. Later in 1894, a Confraternity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin and Mother of God, Mary was established for all who wear this scapular.



(5) The white scapular of the Holy Trinity. When Pope Innocent III approved of the order of the Trinitarians on Jan. 28, 1198, an angel appeared to him, wearing a white garment on which was a cross formed of a blue horizontal bar and a red vertical bar. This garment became the habit of the Trinitarians, and eventually was the model for the scapular worn by the lay people who became members of the Confraternity of the Most Blessed Trinity.



Full article found: <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/view.cfm?id=1312>



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 7 MARCH

4:30pm Junior Legion of Mary—PC

MONDAY 9 MARCH

Labour Day Public Holiday

10:00am Divine Mercy PG—PC

10:00am Padre Pio PG—Church

TUESDAY 10 MARCH

10:00am Sacred Heart Prayer Group—PC

7:30pm KSC Branch Meeting—PC

WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH

10:00am ANIMA Bus Outing to Blue Lotus Water Gardens—Bus departs Gate 6 Woodbine Grove

1:00pm 15 Decade Rosary—PC

6:30pm Legion of Mary—PC

THURSDAY 12 MARCH

2:00pm Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible—Parish Centre

FRIDAY 13 MARCH

7:30pm St Joseph's Fridays—PC



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Pledge \$ 2,528

Weekly average \$ 2,298.82



St Vincent de Paul Society

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

Week 3 Toiletries, Toilet rolls, Disinfectant, sanitizer etc



Friendly Reminder

Anima Bus Outing

Blue Lotus Water Gardens

Wednesday 11 March

Bus leaves 10am sharp

Remember to BYO lunch

For all enquiries, please ring

Daphne 0439 006 494



PROJECT COMPASSION

Third Sunday of Lent

7–8 March 2026

Monoranjon lives in a village in Bangladesh close to the sea, where floods and storms often damage his crops and his home. With support from Project Compassion, he learnt climate-resilient farming techniques and new ways to diversify his income, helping his family survive and build a safer, more sustainable future.

Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes and envelopes.

Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate Or by calling: 1800 024 413



Feast of St

Joseph

19th March 2026

Masses 9am & 7pm

St Joseph's Church

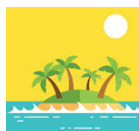


The **Parish Office** will be closed from Wednesday 11th March re-opening on Tuesday 24th March, as Maree and Niamh are off to Daydream Island—which was a lovely present from my friends for Niamh on her 18th birthday last year!!



3rd Wednesday Parishioner's Luncheon

18th March at the Riviera Hotel Nepean Highway Carrum. Arrive by 12:30pm for lunch at 1pm. Contact either Pat Adams on 0448-866-020 or Keith Reiter 0417-350-733. Alternatively leave a message on Keith's landline 9772-7292. Seniors meals provided and all in good company.



Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

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An 8-week Bible Study Program

St Joseph's Parish Centre, Chelsea

Thursday, 2:00pm-4:00 pm, 05 March – 23 April

Sign up sheet in the Narthex. \$30.00 which covers the cost of your study guide.

Enquiries Christine on 0401 517 078



Calling all school children!

If you love music, singing or playing instruments, St Joseph's Junior Choir would love to welcome you. It's a place for fun, friendship, creativity, and discovering the joy of making music together.

We rehearse every **Thursday**

from **4.30–5.00 pm** in **St**

Joseph's Church. Come along and give it a try!

For more information, call Sue

Hyde on 0408 547 791.



Stewardship

New envelope sets for givers have arrived with commencement date of 05/04.

Please collect from the Narthex. Those who give via Credit Card or Direct Debit can collect their yearly statement also from the Narthex!

Thank you to those who so kindly give to keep our Church successful!! God Bless you!

LAETARE

SUNDAY

15th March 2026

Holy Hour 3pm

St Joseph's

Church

Show Times

13th March 7pm

14th March 1pm & 7pm

15th March 1pm - COG Theatre Group at the Renaissance Theatre 826 High St

Kew East Enquiries:

cogtheatregroup@gmail.com



Holy Week

PALM SUNDAY 28-29 MARCH

6:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

9:00am Mass with Procession

11:00am Mass

HOLY THURSDAY 2 APRIL

7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

10:00pm Night Prayer

GOOD FRIDAY 3 APRIL

10:00am Way of the Cross

3:00pm The Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY 4 APRIL

8:00pm The Vigil of Easter

EASTER SUNDAY 5 APRIL

9:00am Mass

11:00 am Mass

