

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

Tuesday—Friday 9am to 2pm
Deadline for Bulletin 12 noon Thursday
Baptism, Weddings, Parish Centre enquiries:
Parish Office 9772 2211
Parish Website: <https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/chelsea>

SISTERS OF ST PAUL DE CHARTRES

78 Argyle Avenue, Chelsea Tel 9794 8350

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

Tel. 8773 1111
Principal: Martine Verhagen
www.sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au



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

Michael Halsall

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

Les and Luke Cameron, Theresa Freese, Felisa, Marilyn and Ruperto Goden, Dixie Longstaff, Rose and Mac Morrison

Birthday Remembrance

Sylvester D'Silva, Freddy Francis

LENT
Pray + Fast + Give

1st March; Lent 2A

1st R: Gen 12:1-4
2nd R: 2 Tim 1:8-10
Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

8th March; Lent 3A

1st R: Ex 17:3-7
2nd R: Rom 5:1-2, 5-8
Gospel: John 4:5-42

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

1ST MARCH 2026

WEEK 2

This is part 2 of a four-part series exploring the article "Different kinds of scapulars" written by Fr. William Saunders

(1) The brown scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

This scapular is the best known and most popular of the different scapulars. According to tradition, our Blessed Mother appeared to St. Simon Stock at Cambridge, England on Sunday, July 16, 1251 AD. (In our liturgical year, July 16th is the day on which we can celebrate the optional memorial for Our Lady of Mount Carmel.) She presented him with the scapular and said, "Take, beloved son, this scapular of thy order as a badge of my confraternity and for thee and all Carmelites a special sign of grace; whoever dies in this garment, will not suffer everlasting fire. It is the sign of salvation, a safeguard in dangers, a pledge of peace and of the covenant." In this apparition and gift, our Blessed Mother promised a special protection for all members of the Carmelite Order, and a special grace at the hour of death to all who wear the scapular so that they would not perish in Hell but would be taken up to Heaven by her on the first Saturday after their death. (Please note that the Church does not teach that wearing a scapular is some sure ticket to Heaven; rather, we must strive to be in a state of grace, implore our Lord's forgiveness and trust in the maternal aid of our Blessed Mother — all positive acts of a person who wears a scapular sincerely.)



(2) The red scapular of Christ's Passion.

In 1846, Christ appeared to a Daughter of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul and presented a red scapular: One side depicts our crucified Lord with the implements of the passion at the foot of the cross; around the image is the inscription, "Holy Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, save us." On the other side, the Hearts of Jesus and Mary are depicted, with the surrounding inscription, "Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, protect us." Christ promised that all who wear this scapular on every Friday would have a great increase of faith, hope and charity. This apparition was repeated several times, and on June 25, 1847, Pope Pius IX formally approved the scapular and granted permission for its blessing and investiture.



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 28 FEBRUARY

Rare Disease Day
4:30pm Junior Legion of
Mary—PC



SUNDAY 1 MARCH

Altar Society

MONDAY 2 MARCH

10:00am Divine Mercy PG—PC
7:00pm Men's Focus Group—PC

TUESDAY 3 MARCH

10:00am Sacred Heart Prayer Group—PC
7:30pm KSC Exec Meeting—PC

WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH

1:00pm 15 Decade Rosary—PC
6:30pm Legion of Mary—PC



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Pledge \$ 2,528
Weekly average \$ 2,301.05

St Vincent de Paul Society

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

Week 2 Breakfast cereals, longlife milk, jams and spreads etc

Thank you for your continued support of the St Vincent De Paul Society. God Bless.

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



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 March 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



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Second Sunday of Lent
28 February – 1 March 2026

Sisilia is a 13-year-old girl living in remote Tanzania, who had to walk long distances to collect water every day. Thanks to Project Compassion, Sisilia's school and village now have safe clean water close by and she can spend more time studying so she can fulfil her dream of one day becoming a pilot.

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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

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Enquiries Christine on 0401 517 078



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1800 134 135 for
more information.

At the suggestion of the Parish Pastoral Council, we have obtained 2 CDF donation terminals in order to trial payment by card/phone to the Church account. These will be placed in the narthex of the Church. Instructions are listed on the terminals. Please feel free to provide any feedback you may have to the PPC or Maree in the Office. Thank you!



The **Men's Focus Group** meet every fortnight - next meeting will be **Monday 2nd March at 7pm** - in 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

Preparation of rosters for **Lectors and Special Ministers** for Apr-Jun 2026 has commenced.

Please contact Chris Bennetts on 0402 823 0404 or cjbennetts@optusnet.com.au by 04/03 if you are unavailable during this time. **Please note that both Chris and I will be away on Holidays from the 10/03 so we will need to finalise the roster ASAP.** Thank you, Maree!!



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

