

SUNDAY MASS Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm Sunday 9 am, 11 am	The Sacrament of Reconciliation Is available 30 minutes before each Mass, between 9:30-10:30 am Saturday morning, or by appointment.	HOLY ROSARY Tuesday—Friday 8.30am St Joseph's Church Wednesday 1pm St Joseph's Parish Centre <i>15 Decade-Rosary</i> <i>Mary Untier of Knots</i>
WEEKDAY MASS Monday (Springvale) 9:30 am 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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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
Robyn Blackshaw, Alan Francis, Sergio Sabang

Prayers for the Sick
Bill Armstrong, Marie-Claire Azie, Marie Ella Bednarski, Lina Blake, Margot Coghlan, Dennis Gallagher, Rick Hayes, Antonio and Antonietta Laria, Siu Kiang Lay, Julie McLeod, Peter O'Shea, Christine Riddle, Danielle Spencer, Brian Wilson, Don Walker, Toni (Marie) Wilton

Anniversaries
Anton Deckker, Julius Ferdinands, Valentine Johans, Argentina Pavone

Special Intentions
Angelo Gualina-Tamonino, April C Ovivir

1st December; 1st Sunday of Advent C
1st R: Jer 33:14-16
2nd R: 1 Thess 3:12- 4:2
Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

8th December; 2nd Sunday of Advent C
1st R: Baruch 5:1-9
2nd R: Phil 1:4-6, 8-11
Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Liturgical Year C commences 01/12/2024

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1ST DECEMBER 2024

Advent Sunday, also called the **First Sunday of Advent** or **First Advent Sunday**, is the first day of the liturgical year in the Roman Catholic Church (Year C commences 01/12) and the start of the Advent season; a time of preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas.



The rest of the secular world pops up Christmas trees from the first of December (if not before!). If they haven't already, shopping centres start Christmas songs – not necessarily Carols – on repeat. The odious “Black Friday” sales ad nauseum (if I get another email, I will lose my mind.....)

In contrast, within the Catholic Church, the First Sunday of Advent is when we start lighting our Advent wreaths, as well as other ways of preparing for the Lord's birth. We pause to read, pray and reflect, anticipating the celebration of Christ's birth. We remember the hope that God has given us through Jesus. Because of God's great love for us, He sent his only Son so that we can be free from the chains of sin and become part of God's eternal family.

Jesus' arrival is a gift to all humanity, and as such, we pray with a sense of anticipation and hope. Advent is a time to take our mind off the stresses and busy periods of our lives and to focus our thoughts on the gift that God has given us.

The first Advent candle represents hope. As we light this candle, may God's spirit help change the days leading up to Christmas into a time of anticipation and joy as we honour the arrival of our King. God Bless you this Advent!



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 30 NOVEMBER

St Andrew the Apostle
4:30pm Junior Legion of Mary—Parish Centre

SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER

Launch of St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal
11:00am Youth Choir at Mass—Church

MONDAY 2 DECEMBER

10:00am Divine Mercy PG—Parish Centre

TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER

St Francis Xavier
10:00am Sacred Heart PG—PC

WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER

6:30pm Legion of Mary Chelsea—PC

FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER

9:00am Holy Mass with Anointing, followed by refreshments in the Narthex—St Joseph's Church



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Pledge \$ 2,742
Weekly average \$ 2,739.67



There will be an additional mass at St Joseph's Chelsea on Monday 9th December at 9:00am for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of our Lady.



RIP Fr Alistair MacLellan

Fr Alistair MacLellan's (Scottish) Funeral will be held on Thursday 5th December 10am (UK time) in St Patrick's Church, Old Kilpatrick, and will be led by his long-time friend, Fr Billy McGinley. The livestream link is:

www.westreamitfunerals.co.uk/maclellana. As far as I can tell, the video will remain on this website for 28 days. (Subtitles will not be available!). (This will be 9pm Melbourne time)

St Joseph's Church and Garden Working Bee!

Saturday 14th December 2024 10:00 until midday. Let's have our Church sparkling in time for the birth of our Lord!!! Volunteer lists are in the Narthex! God Bless



9:00am Mass Friday 6 December

Holy Mass with Anointing, followed by refreshments in the Narthex with the Bereavement Support Group



St Joseph's Youth Choir 1st Sunday of each Month

New members, kids & parents are very welcome. Please contact St Joseph's Parish Office if you would like to join

on 9772 2211 or chelsea@cam.org.au



Legion Of Mary Hour of Prayer

Sunday 8 December 2024
12:00pm to 1:00pm
St Joseph's Church
All are welcome

It is with great joy that the Archdiocese of Melbourne advises of the appointment of two new Auxiliary Bishops. The Episcopal Ordination for the Bishops-elect, Rev Father Thinh Nguyen (left in photo) and Rev Father Rene Ramirez RCJ (right in photo), will take place on the morning of the 1st of February 2025 at St Patrick's Cathedral – more details will be provided soon.



Preparation of rosters for **Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers** for January—March 2025 has commenced.

Please contact Chris Bennetts on 0402 823 0404 or

cjbennetts@optusnet.com.au by 14/12/2024 if you are unavailable during this time.



Friendly Reminder - St Joseph's

Anima Christmas Lunch is next Wednesday, 4th December (12 noon to 3pm) at Chelsea RSL, Thames Promenade, Chelsea. **Waiting Lists available only, in the event of cancellations.**



St Vincent de Paul Society

It would be so appreciated if anyone would like to contribute some gifts for Christmas (eg Movie Tickets, Gift Cards, Candles etc) in our blue bin at the back of the Narthex to make our hampers more special than our usual food hampers which we take out on our visits weekly. Anything extra you enjoy at Christmas would be wonderful to share with those families who are experiencing a hard time at the moment.



Thanking you in advance for your generosity. God Bless. Vinnies Chelsea Conference.



The cost of living crisis is forcing families to make unimaginable choices – keep the lights on in the home or put food on the table. Please consider providing vulnerable families with the help they need this Christmas. Appeal launch 1st December 2024. Thank you for your continued support!

Pregnancy Assistance Frankston Christmas Raffle



Tickets on sale after weekend Masses from 30th November

1st prize Christmas hamper
2nd prize \$100 Bunnings voucher
3rd prize Christmas Cake & Bottle of Port
\$2 each ticket or 3 tickets for \$5.
Drawn on Friday 13th December
Thank you for your support!



Chelsea Community Christmas Lunch

Will you be alone on Christmas Day? Experience the joy of Christmas at The Chelsea Community Christmas

Lunch - 2024. We're serving up more than just a delicious traditional meal - we're dishing out hope, love, and joy to all who attend. Enjoy festive music, great company, and a chance to be part of something special this holiday season.

11:45am—2pm Christmas Day 25/12
St Joseph's Hall Woodbine St Chelsea

For more info and to book:

<https://www.chelseacommunitychristmaslunch.au/>

