

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.

Prayers for the Sick
Sandie Armstrong, Marie-Claire Azie, Lorraine Benjamin, Judy Bartosy Snr, Gregory Blain, Margot Coghlan, Dennis Gallagher, Helen Guest, Rick Hayes, Allison Joel, Siu Kiang Lay, Carolyn, Kerry and Sandra Marshall, Kath Noonan, Danielle Spencer, Don Walker, Brian Wilson

Anniversaries
Les Cameron, Luke Cameron, Sylvester D'Silva, Rosina Fiumara, Colleen Forhan, Ruth Vales, Lon Vaisutis, Arthur Waite (6 months)

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3rd March; Third Sunday of Lent B
1st R: Ex 20:1-17
2nd R: 1 Cor 1:22-25
Gospel: John 2:13-25

10th March; Fourth Sunday of Lent B
1st R: 2 Chron 36:14-16, 19-23
2nd R: Eph 2:4-10
Gospel: John 3:14-21



PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

3 MARCH 2024

For the bulletin reflection this week and next week, I hope to write a little about the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). This is the series of rites and rituals by which an unbaptised person is received formally into the Catholic faith through the three sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion, in that correct, traditional order). The first step of Christian initiation is the catechumenate, whereby a person regularly attends Mass and spends time with the Christian community, learning about the faith. The second step is the election or enrolment of names. The election or enrolment of names closes the period of the catechumenate proper. The celebration of the rite of election, which usually takes place up at St Patrick's Cathedral on the first Sunday of Lent, also marks the beginning of final, more intense preparation for the sacraments of initiation, during which the elect will be encouraged to follow Christ with greater generosity. This step is called 'election' because the acceptance made by the Church is founded on the election by God, in whose name the Church acts. The step is also called 'enrolment' of names because as a pledge of fidelity the candidates inscribe their names in the book that lists those who have been chosen for initiation. Before the rite of election is celebrated, the catechumens are expected to have undergone a conversion in mind and in action and to have developed a sufficient acquaintance with Christian teaching as well as a spirit of faith and charity. With deliberate will and an enlightened faith they must have the intention to receive the sacraments of the Church, a resolve they will express publicly in the actual celebration of the rite. After the election, the whole Church community should surround the elect with prayer, so that the entire Church will accompany and lead the elect to encounter Christ. From the day of their election and admission, the catechumens are called 'the elect.' They are also described as '*competentes*' ('co-petitioners') because they are joined together in asking for and aspiring to receive the three sacraments of Christ and the gift of the Holy Spirit. They are also called '*illuminandi*' ('those who will be enlightened'), because baptism itself has been called '*illuminatio*' ('enlightenment') and it fills the newly baptised with the light of faith. The sacraments of initiation are celebrated during the Easter solemnities, and preparation for these sacraments is part of the distinctive character of Lent. Accordingly, the rite of election should normally take place on the first Sunday of Lent and the period of final preparation of the elect should coincide with the Lenten season. The plan arranged for the Lenten season will benefit the elect by reason of both its liturgical structure and the participation of the community. The third step of the RCIA is called the scrutinies, which begin on the third Sunday of Lent (which is this weekend). I hope to be able to write a brief summary of the scrutinies for the bulletin reflection next week. Please continue to pray for Kate Murphy who is 'the elect' preparing for the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil this year. God bless. Fr Kevin Williams



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 2 MARCH

4:30pm Junior Legion of Mary—Parish Centre (Enq—0403 095 627)

SUNDAY 3 MARCH

11:00am Youth Choir at Mass—Church

MONDAY 4 MARCH

10:00am Divine Mercy Rosary, Chaplet and Way of the Cross—Church All welcome
7:30pm Men's Focus Group—PC

TUESDAY 5 MARCH

10:00am Sacred Heart PG—Parish Centre
10:00 First Reconciliation Yr 3 students St Joseph's School—Church
6:00pm First Reconciliation Yr 3 students St Joseph's School—Church

WEDNESDAY 6 MARCH

6:30pm Legion of Mary Chelsea—Parish Centre

THURSDAY 7 MARCH

9:00am St Joseph's School Open Day



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Pledge \$ 2,891
Weekly average \$ 2,640.59



St Vincent de Paul Society Week 3 –

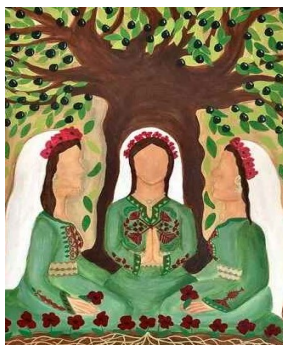
Toiletries personal, toilet rolls, disinfectant, hand lotion, etc Please leave your donations in the Vinnies bin in the Church Narthex. **St Vincent De Paul urgently need more volunteers. If you can help, please phone Carole on 0404 335 419.**



The **Men's Focus Group** meet every fortnight - next meeting will be **Monday 4th March at 7:30pm** - at the parish centre. All men are welcomed to join us as we read the gospel reading for the day and share our reflections. Contact Neville on 0469 341 463

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FRIDAY 1ST MARCH 1:30pm ST.CHAD'S CHELSEA

For decades this global ecumenical prayer service has been an opportunity for local churches in each region to come together to pray, focusing on a particular place in the world and supporting a shared project. This year the Order of Service has been prepared by Palestinian women. The theme is: *'I Beg You, Bear With One Another in Love'* (Eph 4:3)

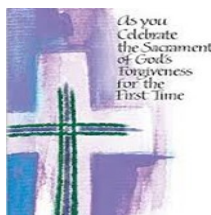


St Joseph's Youth Choir 1st Sunday of each Month

New members, kids & parents, are very welcome. Please contact St Joseph's Parish Office if you would like to join
9772 2211 Chelsea@cam.org.au



Congratulations to our St Joseph's Grade 3 students who will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Tuesday the 5th of March 2024.



13th Isabella & Marcus Foundation Classic Car Day
CARS CRUISING FOR A CURE
Help us cure Brain Cancer in Children!
Public entry – GOLD coin donation

Sunday, March 3rd, 2024
10 am – 2 pm
Gates open to cars at 8:30 am
Bicentennial Park
Scotch Parade, Chelsea
\$20 car entry fee – includes raffle ticket

Fashions on the Field
LIVE music
Family fun day
All cars welcome!

HOLY WEEK

ST JOSEPH'S CHELSEA

PALM SUNDAY 23–24 MARCH 6:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass 9:00am Mass with Procession 11:00pm Mass HOLY THURSDAY 28 MARCH 7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper 10:00pm Night Prayer GOOD FRIDAY 29 MARCH 10:00am Way of the Cross 3:00pm The Lord's Passion HOLY SATURDAY 30 MARCH 8:00pm The Vigil of Easter EASTER SUNDAY 31 MARCH 9:00am Mass 11:00 am Mass	RECONCILIATIONS Tuesday 26 March 8:30am and 7:00pm Wednesday 27 March 8:30am and 7:00pm Thursday 28 March 8:30am Friday 29 March 8:30am Saturday 30 March 10:00am
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PROJECT COMPASSION

FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS

Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for **Leaia** and her family. But with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes available in the Narthex, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413

Padre Pio Prayer Group
- St Padre Pio PG will now be held on the **second Monday of each month at 11:30 from 11/03.**

Enrolments at St Joseph's Parish School for children entering Foundation in 2025 are now open

OPEN DAYS

Thursday 7th March & Thursday 18th April

School open for viewing 9am-3pm

Open Day Principal Address at

9.30am and 12.30pm

Call 8773 1111 Anytime to book a tour

School Tours run for 45 minutes by our Year 6s

Tours are run at 9.30 and 12.30pm

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LENT at St Joseph's

Way of the Cross Fridays of Lent 8.15am

Morning Prayer & Eucharistic Adoration Wednesdays of Lent 8:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation 30 minutes before every Mass (except Friday), 9:30am-10:30am Saturday morning, or by appointment