

SUNDAY MASS Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm Sunday 9 am, 11 am WEEKDAY MASS Tuesday 9 am Wednesday 9 am Thursday 9 am Friday 9 am Saturday 9 am		The Sacrament of Reconciliation Is available 30 minutes before each Mass, between 9:30-10:30 am Saturday morning, or by appointment. Eucharist Adoration Half an hour before each weekday Mass St Joseph's Church	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 
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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

Mary Dwyer, John Lloyd, Cyril McIntyre

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

Camilla Allen, Peg Burns, Father Alistair MacLellan, Jean Russell, Margaret Stonehouse, Cath Tokeley



16th November; Ord Time 33 C

1st R: Mal 3:19-20

2nd R: 2 Thess 3:7-12

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

23rd November; Christ the King C

1st R: 2 Sam 5:1-3

2nd R: Col 1:12-20

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16TH NOVEMBER 2025

Today is the World Day of the Poor. It offers us an opportunity to renew our solidarity with those who are poor in our own community and across the world. In his message for the World Day of the Poor, Pope Leo XIV reminds us that "the poor are not a distraction for the Church, but our beloved brothers and sisters, for by their lives, their words and their wisdom, they put us in contact with the truth of the Gospel."

The poor can be witnesses to a strong and steadfast hope, precisely because they embody it in the midst of uncertainty, poverty, instability and marginalization. They cannot rely on the security of power and possessions; on the contrary, they are at their mercy and often victims of them. Their hope must necessarily be sought elsewhere. By recognizing that God is our first and only hope, we too pass from fleeting hopes to a lasting hope. Once we desire that God accompany us on the journey of life, material wealth becomes relativized, for we discover the real treasure that we need. The words that the Lord Jesus spoke to his disciples remain forceful and clear: "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consume and where thieves do not break in and steal" (Mt 6:19-20).

The gravest form of poverty is not to know God. As Pope Francis wrote in *Evangelii Gaudium*: "The worst discrimination which the poor suffer is the lack of spiritual care. The great majority of the poor have a special openness to the faith; they need God and we must not fail to offer them his friendship, his blessing, his word, the celebration of the sacraments and a journey of growth and maturity in the faith" (No. 2000). Here we see a basic and essential awareness of how we can find our treasure in God. As the Apostle John insists: "If anyone says, 'I love God,' but hates his brother, he is a liar; for whoever does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen" (1 Jn 4:20).

The poor are not a distraction for the Church, but our beloved brothers and sisters, for by their lives, their words and their wisdom, they put us in contact with the truth of the Gospel. The celebration of the World Day of the Poor is meant to remind our communities that the poor are at the heart of all our pastoral activity. This is true not only of the Church's charitable work, but also of the message that she celebrates and proclaims. God took on their poverty in order to enrich us through their voices, their stories and their faces. Every form of poverty, without exception, calls us to experience the Gospel concretely and to offer effective signs of hope. It is my hope, then, that this Jubilee Year will encourage the development of policies aimed at combatting forms of poverty both old and new, as well as implementing new initiatives to support and assist the poorest of the poor. Labor, education, housing and health are the foundations of a security that will never be attained by the use of arms. I express my appreciation for those initiatives that already exist, and for the efforts demonstrated daily on the international level by great numbers of men and women of good will.

Let us entrust ourselves to Mary Most Holy, Comforter of the Afflicted and, with her, let us raise a song of hope as we make our own the words of the *Te Deum*: "In you, O Lord, is our hope, and we shall never hope in vain."

From the Vatican, 13 June 2025, Memorial of Saint Anthony of Padua, Patron Saint of the Poor LEO PP. XIV Message of the Holy Father for the 9th World Day of the Poor [16 November 2025] (13 June 2025)



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.



RED NOVEMBER

Remember, pray and support for persecuted Christians
Wednesday November 19th 2025
9am Mass St Joseph's Chelsea

PARISH CALENDAR

SATURDAY 15 NOVEMBER
4:30pm Junior Legion of Mary—PC

SUNDAY 16 NOVEMBER
1:30pm Chelsea Concert Band—St Chad's

MONDAY 17 NOVEMBER
St Elizabeth of Hungary
10:00am Divine Mercy PG—Parish Centre

TUESDAY 18 NOVEMBER
10:00am Sacred Heart PG—Parish Centre

WEDNESDAY 19 NOVEMBER
Red Wednesday—World Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians
12:00pm Parishioners Luncheon—Longbeach Hotel Chelsea
1:00pm—15 Decade Rosary Mary Untier of Knots—Parish Centre
6:30pm Legion of Mary Chelsea—PC

THURSDAY 20 NOVEMBER
10:00 Film and Light Lunch—Parish Centre

FRIDAY 21 NOVEMBER
The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP
Weekly Pledge \$ 2,703
Weekly average \$ 2,685.25

St Vincent de Paul Society
Donations to Vinnies are gratefully accepted in the Blue Vinnie's Bin in the narthex.
Week 3 Toilet Rolls, Personal Toiletries, Deodorant, Hand Lotion, Disinfectant.

Why not do your Christmas shopping at St Joseph's Piety Shop!!!! We have lovely gifts and cards for Christmas and all occasions!! Open after all weekend masses

CHURCH WORKING BEE
Saturday 13th December 2025
10:00 until midday. Let's have our Church sparkling in time for the birth of our Lord!!! Volunteer lists are in the Narthex!



Red November: Pray for persecuted Christians

Aid to the Church in Need invites all Catholics to remember, pray for and support persecuted Christians throughout **Red November**. Please pray especially for our brothers and sisters in Nigeria, Sudan and the Middle East, where Christians are facing grave danger right now. Watch the official video and download your Red Rosary prayer card by visiting www.rednovember.org

Knights of the Southern Cross (KSC) - Melbourne Cup Sweep 2025

The winners of this year's Sweep are J Wilison (1st), John Griffiths (2nd) and Harper Donald (3rd) - Congratulations!! The list of all lucky ticket holders is displayed on the noticeboard in the church foyer. We are very grateful for your participation and look forward to your support next year. Thank you!

Join us as we celebrate

GAVAN O'DONNELL

After 44 years in Catholic Education, including 35+ years as a principal and 19 years with the St Joseph's community, Gavan O'Donnell is retiring. Join us to honour his extraordinary legacy.

SUNDAY 30 NOVEMBER

11:00AM Mass
12:15pm Carols in The Hall
12:45pm Farewell Address
1:00 - 2:30pm Family Picnic and BBQ*

*Sausage and Bread

Let's celebrate Gavan together!

St Joseph's Care and Concern Christmas Lunch for Single Men & Women

Wednesday 26th November 2025
11:30am – 2:00pm
St Joseph's Parish Hall
Woodbine Grove Chelsea
Entertainment by Andy Lonestar
Raffles and Lucky Door Prizes

Sign up sheet in Narthex. Please advise Sue of any dietary requirements on 0408 547 791



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FILM AND LIGHT LUNCH

Thursday 20th November 10:00am

in the Parish Centre. All are Welcome. Come along and enjoy a movie, conversation and friendship with fellow parishioners!! Please bring a plate to share.



We are delighted to share the wonderful success of the Archbishop's Campaign and extend our heartfelt thanks for your generosity and support. Together, parishes across the Archdiocese have raised over \$1.1 million, including **\$5,206.00 contributed by the Parish Of St Joseph, Chelsea**. These funds will strengthen key mission areas across our Archdiocese, including the Priests Retirement Foundation, the John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, Corpus Christi College, Catholic Theological College, and the Archbishop's Evangelisation Initiatives. Thank you for your commitment to this important mission and for expressing your faith through your generous response.



Anima Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 3rd Dec 2025
12 noon to 3pm, Chelsea RSL

Thames Promenade
\$50 per head
includes Festive 2 course meal plus soft drinks, teas/coffees
Bookings
After the 9am Sunday Mass or by Cash/Credit Card to Maree in the Parish Office
Payable by Sunday 30 Nov

For all enquiries, and if you have any dietary requests, please ring
Daphne 0439 006 494
Raffle – Great Prizes
3 tickets for \$5



The 3rd Wednesday Parishioner Luncheon is on **Wednesday November 19th** at the Longbeach Hotel Chelsea. The last 2 lunches have been well attended and enjoyed by those present! For bookings please advise either Pat Adams 0448-866-020 or Keith Reiter 0417-350-733 to make your place at the table. Alternatively leave a message on Keith's Landline 9772-7292



Chelsea Concert Band Musical Spectacular

Sunday 16th November | 1:30PM - 3:00PM
Followed By A Delicious Afternoon Tea
St Chad's Chelsea
12-14 Thames Promenade

TICKETS
EARLY BIRD TIL NOV 2 FROM NOV 3 & AT THE DOOR
ADULT: \$15 ADULT: \$20
CONC/SENIOR: \$12 CONC/SENIOR: \$17

Tickets available via QR or:
<https://shoutforgood.com/event-ticketings/ccb>
Any issues, email: it.support@longbeachanglicans.org.au