

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 <i>15 Decade-Rosary</i> <i>Mary Untier of Knots</i> 
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	

PARISH PRIEST

Rev Kevin Williams

PRESBYTERY & PARISH OFFICE

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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.melbatholic.org/s/chelsea>

SISTERS OF ST PAUL DE CHARTRES

78 Argyle Avenue, Chelsea Tel 9418 6329

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

Roselyn Ibrahim, Margaret Teuma

Prayers for the Sick

Marie Claire Aziz, Lina Blake, 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

Fr John O'Reilly, Francesca, Antonio, Pino, Vincenzo, Filipo, Giuseppina, Pino, Liliana, Matia and Antonio Interlandi, Milina Salvatore Ganci

Birthday

Don Walker 90th



8th February; Ordinary 5A

1st R: Is 58:7-10

2nd R: 1 Cor 2:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

15th February; Ordinary 6A

1st R: Sir 15:15-20

2nd R: 1 Cor 2:6-10

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA ORDINARY TIME 5 8TH FEBRUARY 2026

Salt and Light – Matthew 5:13-16

In the ancient world salt was absolutely essential as a preservative to enable food to be kept and as a seasoning to make it palatable. It is also an excellent antiseptic. The people of Israel often referred to the Law of God as 'salt' because it was what gave flavour to life and preserved them as God's chosen people. It was also compared to a light which showed them the path of life. Like salt, light was carefully conserved by people for whom it was not readily accessed at the flick of a switch like us today. Oil lamps were hung high to illuminate as large an area as possible. Even cities were built on the highest part of a hill so that they could be easily defended and were a visible sign of the power of their rulers to protect their citizens. Jerusalem, the city on the hill, was the great focal point for the people then just as it is for so many peoples today. Jesus' words call for them, individually and as a group, to stand out from the crowd and remind others that God is with them.

*You are
THE LIGHT
of the world
— & —
THE SALT
of the earth*

Jesus gives a new focus to all the images of salt and light with his call for us to be a witness to God's presence with all people. Do you see the church as 'salt of the earth' and 'light for the world' in your community or in the world today? Where do you look for inspiration and encouragement? Jesus' words challenge each of us to not lose our 'flavour' or hide our 'light', but to keep the gift of our faith alive and fresh - when we take it for granted we let it become tasteless. During this week identify one of your unique gifts and talents and see if you can use it for the benefit of someone else.

**SALT
AND
LIGHT**
Matthew 5:13-16



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.

Stations of the Cross
Friday 13th February 2026 at 3:00pm
St Joseph's Church



PARISH CALENDAR

SATURDAY 7 FEBRUARY
4:30pm Junior Legion of Mary—PC
6:00pm Men's Choir at Mass—Church

MONDAY 9 FEBRUARY
10:00am Divine Mercy PG—PC

TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY
10:00am Sacred Heart Prayer Group—PC
7:00pm Prayer and Reception of the Migrant Cross—St Patrick's Cathedral
7:30pm KSC Branch Meeting—PC

WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY
Our Lady of Lourdes
10:00 Care and Concern Meeting—PC

FRIDAY 13 FEBRUARY
3:00pm Stations of the Cross—Church



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP
Weekly Pledge \$ 2,528
Weekly average \$ 2,330.71

St Vincent de Paul Society

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

Week 3 Personal Toiletries,
Toilet paper, Deodorant, Hand soap etc
Thank you for your ongoing support of the St Vincent De Paul Society. God Bless.



First Saturday of the Month
Rosary of the Divine Mercy at 8:00am
Chaplet of the Divine Mercy at 8:30am
Mass at 9:00am
Legion of Mary first Saturday devotion after Mass



Men's Choir at 6pm Mass this Saturday 7th February!!

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 February 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



QUARTERLY MEN'S HOUR

Saturday 21st February 7am
St Joseph's Parish Centre Chapel
Register: Mike 0418 122 966
mikeshawau@gmail.com



QUARTERLY MEN'S BBQ BREAKFAST

Saturday 21st February
St Joseph's Hall \$10
Register: Church Narthex or Mike 0418 122 966
mikeshawau@gmail.com

ASH WEDNESDAY—18th February 2026

Masses at 9:15am, 11am and 7pm
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

Are you looking for a place to go on Friday night, find parish friends and some faith formation?

ST JOSEPH'S FRIDAYS

Every second and fourth Friday each month starting on 27th February 7.30-9.30pm
St Joseph's Parish Centre
Enter from Argyle Avenue
Open to parents looking for some time out, parishioners and friends of any age, come along for some quality time away from the daily rush!
Info and registrations
Raffy 0424 325 005 raffymazzeo@gmail.com



Project Compassion

This Lent there is a choice of a single Project Compassion donation envelope or the collection boxes as used in the past

You can still give weekly by taking several envelopes at once or simply make your offering when you're ready, either in the envelope or the collection box. Thank you for *Uniting Against Poverty* with us this Lent.



3rd Wednesday Parishioner's Luncheon

Usually held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, however in February, that is Ash Wednesday. So we will hold the February luncheon on the 4th Wednesday—25th February! The venue will be the Chelsea Hotel Costello's Nepean Highway. Meet at 12:30 for a 1pm lunch. For bookings contact Pat Adams 0448-866-020 or Keith Reiter 0417-350-733 or leave a message on Keith's Landline 9772 7292.
Thank you!



ANIMA Bus Outing Blue Lotus Water Gardens

2628 Warburton Highway,
Yarra Junction

Wednesday 11 March 2026

Bus leaves Woodbine Grove (Gate 6) at 10am. Return: approx. 4 pm

\$30 per head

**includes Entry Fee
BYO Picnic Lunch**

Bookings

After the 9am Sunday Mass
or by Cash/Credit Card
to Maree in the Parish Office
Payable by Sunday 8 March

For all enquiries, please ring
Daphne 0439 006 494
Sue Hyde 0408 547 791
Mary Howard 0411 209 083

A big Happy Birthday to
Don Walker who turns 90
on Saturday 7th February.
Many blessings on your big
day Don!!

