

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 15 Decade-Rosary Mary Untier of Knots
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
Michael Pereira, Father Serge Beaupre

Prayers for the Sick
Marie-Claire Azie, Lorraine Benjamin, Margot Coghlan, Beau Foster, Dennis Gallagher, Brian Glewis, Brian Grace, Rick Hayes, Antonio and Antonietta Laria, Siu Kiang Lay, Julie McLeod, Richard Mills, Peter O'Shea, Alex Pereira, Brian Reiter, Christine Riddle, Danielle Spencer, Brian Wilson

Anniversaries
Sylvester D'Silva, Brian Daniels, Robbie Dobson, Father Gerald Fitzpatrick (1st PP of St Joseph's), Bruce Graham



4th August; 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time B

1st R: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15
2nd R: Eph 4:17, 20-24
Gospel: John 6:24-35

11th August; 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time B

1st R: 1 Kg 19:4-8
2nd R: Eph 4:30—5:2
Gospel: John 6:41-51

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

18TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

4 AUGUST 2024

As we enter **National Vocations Awareness Week**, it is a time to reflect on what a vocation is, and what this means for us in our daily lives.

The word vocation comes from the Latin *vocare*, which means to call. The Merriam-Webster Dictionary states that a vocation is *"a strong desire or leaning to a certain course of action, especially a divine call to the religious life."*

Each of us is called by God – He created each one of us and has a special plan for everyone. We need to be open to hear this call by:

- * knowing God and knowing Jesus
- * Praying – spending time with Jesus
- * Reading the Bible
- * Receiving the Sacraments

The more that we listen to God's word, the more clarity we will have about our direction. Everyone is called to glorify God by living lives of thanksgiving and service. Sometimes God calls people to particular vocations such as the Priesthood, the Religious life or the Sacrament of Marriage, but how do we recognise that we are being called?

There are a number of passages in the Bible about this. 1 Samuel 3 tells us the story of Samuel hearing God's Word but not understanding what it was and who was calling him. Samuel sought help from friends, asked questions of those who did understand and was able to develop an awareness of, and accept God's call.

In Matthew 9, we see God calling people that we would not usually expect, like tax collectors. Matthew accepted Jesus into his heart and answered his call without hesitation. It can be harder for us to do this, but we must do the same - open ourselves to Jesus, trusting in him fully, and knowing that we are loved by God.

Spending time with Jesus every day will help us to understand His plans for us. Listening to God will allow His call to become evident, giving us a purposeful direction in life.

Let us pray that more people will heed the call of our Lord, and find their path in their true vocation.

God Bless,



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 3 AUGUST
4:30pm Junior Legion of Mary—Parish Centre. Enquiries—0403 095 627

SUNDAY 4 AUGUST
Feast of St John Vianney
3:00pm—Baptism Prep Meeting—PC

MONDAY 5 AUGUST
10:00am Divine Mercy PG—Parish Centre

TUESDAY 6 AUGUST
The Transfiguration of the Lord
10:00am Sacred Heart PG—Parish Centre

WEDNESDAY 7 AUGUST
6:30pm Legion Of Mary Chelsea—PC

THURSDAY 8 AUGUST
Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop
7:00pm Legion of Mary Bayside Curia—Parish Centre

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Weekly Pledge \$ 2,984
Weekly average \$ 2,778.27

Roof Repairs/Replacement
Total donated as at 25/07 \$15,590.00

National Vocations Awareness Week 4 – 11 August 2024 - Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

Saint John Vianney

Lord Jesus, beseech the intercession of Saint John Vianney, the patron saint of priests and a model of holiness and pastoral care.

Like him, may our hearts burn with zeal for souls, and may our lives reflect the selfless love and dedication he exhibited as a humble priest.

Grant us Lord the virtues of humility, perseverance, and unwavering faith, that we may dutifully serve Your people and lead them closer to You.

Through his intercession, may our prayers be heard and answered according to Your holy will.

Amen.

Catholic Mission thanks the parish of St Joseph's for your support of this year's Propagation of the Faith Appeal. Your generosity has empowered Church workers across 1047 mission dioceses, allowing them to spread the message of hope and love within their local communities. Your contribution of \$859.35 has been most gratefully received. Through your partnership with Catholic Mission, Cardinal Giorgio Marengo from Mongolia can continue providing life-saving treatment and essential resources for health, education, as well as spiritual and physical well-being. Your gift not only transforms individual lives but also fuels mission programs globally, reaching out to those in need. Many thanks!



The Assumption of our Lady

15th August

Holy Day of Obligation

Masses at 9:00am, 11:00am and 7:00pm at St Joseph's Chelsea



Novena of Masses to St Mary MacKillop

Commences Wednesday 31st July 2024 though until the Solemnity of St Mary MacKillop Thursday 8th August 2024 at St Joseph's Chelsea. Envelopes available in the Narthex!



St Vincent de Paul Society

As the cold weather sets in, Vinnies are experiencing a higher demand of visits & are having to purchase food every month, so would be very grateful for any extra grocery donations which can be left in the Vinnies bin in the Church Narthex or dropped off in the Parish Office. Thank you!!!!





Saint John Vianney was canonized in 1925 by Pope Pius X and declared the Patron Saint of Parish Priests. Today, he remains a source of spiritual strength and encouragement for priests, religious, and all the faithful.

All, I am taking orders for the below publications:

Name of Publication	Price	Quantity	Total
Word Among us (Yearly Subscription)	\$42.00		
Columban Calendar 2025	\$9.00		
Scripture Diary 2025	\$16.00		
TOTAL			

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Payment can be made at the Parish Office, via EFT to BSB 083347 Acct No 641923016 or via emailing Credit Card details through to chelsea@cam.org.au. Closing date for orders is Tuesday 13th August 2024. Thank you, Maree