

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 to Friday 8:30am St Joseph's Church Wednesday 1pm St Joseph's Parish Centre 15 Decade-Rosary Mary Untier of Knots
WEEKDAY MASS Monday 9 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.

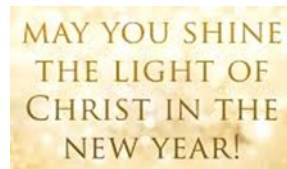
To subscribe to St Joseph's Parish email list please email chelsea@cam.org.au

The solemn obligation for baptised Catholics to attend regular Sunday Mass has been restored throughout the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

Prayers for the Sick
Marie Claire Aziz, Lina Blake, Derick D'Costa, Margaret Dunne, Jamie Fleming, 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
Simon Kelly, Leslie Shelton

Special Intentions
55th Wedding Anniversary of Linda and Oswald Allen



28th December; Holy Family A

1st R: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

2nd R: Col 3:12-21

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

4th January; Epiphany A

1st R: Is 60:1-6

2nd R: Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH 28TH DECEMBER 2025

Pastoral Letter on the Conclusion of the Jubilee Year 2025

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ, Peace be with you.

As the Jubilee Year 2025 journeys toward conclusion in our local churches on 28 December, I write to you with gratitude - gratitude to God above all, and gratitude to you, the people of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, for the way you have received this year of Jubilee with faith, trust, hope and generosity. From the initiation of this Jubilee, we have been invited by Pope Francis to be *Pilgrims of Hope*. This invitation has been about recognising that our Christian life itself is a pilgrimage - lived day by day, step by step, often quietly, always together. Across our Archdiocese, many have taken up this invitation through prayer, reconciliation, pilgrimage, service, and renewed participation in the sacramental life of the Church.

I have been especially heartened by the response of our Pilgrim Places - parishes, shrines, and communities who opened their doors and their hearts to welcome pilgrims from across the Archdiocese and beyond. In offering spaces of prayer, reflection, hospitality, and mercy, these communities reminded us that the Church is most fully herself when she is a place of welcome, encounter, and hope. I thank the clergy, religious, parish leaders, volunteers, and all the faithful who made this possible through their generosity and care.

What has marked this Jubilee most clearly for me has been the faithfulness of ordinary people: people who prayed, who welcomed, who listened, who served, and who walked with one another. In these simple but profound acts, the hope that does not disappoint has been made visible - not as an idea, but as a lived reality grounded in Christ.

As we now mark the formal conclusion of the Jubilee Year, we do not bring its spirit to an end. Rather, we are invited to carry it forward. The call to be pilgrims of hope remains with us - in our families, our parishes, our workplaces, and our communities. We are sent forth to continue walking together, attentive to the presence of the Lord who journeys with us, and responsive to the needs of those we meet along the way.

I encourage you to hold fast to the practices that have sustained you during this year: prayer that opens the heart, the sacraments that nourish and heal, and a generosity of spirit that reflects the mercy of God. May the seeds sown during this Jubilee continue to grow, bearing fruit in lives shaped by faith, hope, and love.

With every grace and blessing, Yours sincerely in Christ, **Most Rev Peter A Comensoli**



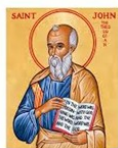
**FEELING SICK?
PLEASE STAY HOME**

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 27 DECEMBER

St John, Apostle and Evangelist



SUNDAY 28 DECEMBER

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Altar Society
10:00am Closure of Jubilee Year Mass at Our Lady of Lavang Shrine Keysborough

MONDAY 29 DECEMBER

9:00am Additional Mass—St Joseph's Church

THURSDAY 1 JANUARY

Mary, Mother of God
New Year's Day
Parish Office Closed

FRIDAY 2 JANUARY

St Basil the Great and St Gregory Nazianzen—Doctors of the Church



St Joseph's Piety Shop

Will be open after 9am Sunday mass only throughout January. If you do require anything from the shop, please contact Maree in the Parish Office during Office Hours and we can organize your purchase then!



St Mary of the Cross Mackillop Stamps Appeal

Hang on to those used stamps from your Christmas Cards and bring them along to Mass to donate to the St Mary of the Cross MacKillop used stamp appeal! The Sisters of St Joseph (the religious congregation founded by Australia's first "home-grown" Saint) use the stamps to raise funds for their work with children and the poor. Used stamps can be left in the yellow box up the back of St Joseph's Church (on the table near where the bulletins are kept). Thank you!



St Joseph's Parish Office

New Years Hours

Day	Date	Office Hours
Tuesday	06/01	9am – 2pm
Wednesday	07/01	9am – 2pm
Thursday	08/01	9am – 2pm
Friday	09/01	9am – 2pm
Tuesday	13/01	9am – 2pm
Wednesday	14/01	9am – 2pm
Thursday	15/01	Office Closed
Friday	16/01	Office Closed
Tuesday	20/01	9am – 2pm
Wednesday	21/01	9am – 2pm
Thursday	22/01	Office Closed
Friday	23/01	Office Closed

Normal hours return from Tuesday 27/01/2026. Happy New Year!!



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Pledge \$ 2,603
Weekly average \$ 2,660.27



St Vincent de Paul Society

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

Week 1 Canned Food only—fruits, steak and kidney, soups, tinned spaghetti, baked beans, tuna etc

A reminder that the Vinnies Christmas Appeal is currently on going through until February. Envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Thank you for your ongoing support of the St Vincent De Paul Society. God Bless.



Join us as we celebrate the closure of the Jubilee Year! Archbishop Peter Comensoli will be leading Mass at the Our Lady of Lavang Shrine. Mass will also be celebrated in Vietnamese.

Refreshments afterwards.

Sunday 28th December 2025

10:00am to 12:00pm
Our Lady of Lavang Shrine
225 Hutton Road



Holy Mass

Intentions can be requested for 9am weekday Mass, Saturday 6pm and Sunday 11am. Only one Mass intention per Mass per day is accepted. Please address all your Mass Intentions requests to the Parish Office. Should your preferred date not be available, the next available date will be offered.



The wonderful members of our Altar Society prepare the sacristy, candles & altar,

clean our Church & buy & arrange the stunning flowers we see each week. This week, a second collection will be taken up to ensure that the work of the society continues. Thank you to our magnificent Altar Society volunteers!



A wonderful time was had by all at the ANIMA Christmas Lunch at Chelsea RSL, with festive food, wonderful prizes and terrific company!

Thank you to the ANIMA group for a brilliant event! Please find link to some photos from the day: <https://cam-parishwebfiles-public.s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/0012w00000LOj4VAAT%2FAnima-Christmas-Lunch-2025-9086.pdf>



Cordoba - The Holy Family painting in church Convento de Capuchinos (Iglesia Santo Anchel) by unknown artist of 18th century

There will be an **additional Mass at 9:00am on Monday 29th December**—The 5th day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord.

Joseph and Mary bring Jesus to the Temple for purification, where the elderly, righteous Simeon recognizes Him as the Messiah, proclaiming, "Now, Lord, you may let your servant go in peace".