

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

Christmas Time December 2025



***Best wishes to all in our parish of St Joseph
as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.***

***Christmas is a time for prayer, family and
friends.***

***Let us rejoice in the Lord's presence as we
celebrate his birth with hope and peace in
our hearts.***

***We welcome all visitors to our parish,
and lift our voices together in
familiar hymns and carols,
and do what we do best –
celebrate the Mass,
the great feast of Christians.***



God Bless
Father Kevin Williams



We give our warmest thanks and gratitude to all the wonderful volunteers of the Parish of St Joseph's, who not only give of themselves tirelessly throughout the year, but who have also made Christmas celebrations possible; The cleaning teams, and those who attended the working bee on the 13th of December, St Joseph's Music Ministry including singers and organists, altar servers, ushers, collectors, readers and extra-ordinary ministers of Holy Communion, St Joseph's Altar Society and Flowers team, all Sacristans, and all who assisted in setting up the Crib and Christmas Tree.

Much appreciation to our wonderful parishioners who kept vigil with our Lord during Reconciliation and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during the last week, allowing Father Williams to hear Confessions knowing that our place of worship was well watched over.

We also thank God for the presence amongst us of the Sisters of St Paul de Chartres and send our best wishes to Gavan O'Donnell, who has retired, and welcome Martine Verhagen, our new St Joseph's school principal.

And thank you to all of our parishioners, for attending Mass, for your financial contributions, for your support of each other and for your dedication to our Catholic faith.



***"O Holy Night, so long awaited, which
has united God and man forever! You
rekindle our hope. You fill us with
ecstatic wonder. You assure us of the
triumph of love over
hatred, of life over
death."***

— Pope St John Paul II



A Christmas Prayer

By Robert Louis Stevenson

Loving Father,
help us remember the birth
of Jesus,
that we may share in the
song of the angels,
the gladness of the
shepherds,
and worship of the wise
men.

Close the door of hate
and open the door of love all
over the world.

Let kindness come with
every gift
and good desires with every
greeting.

Deliver us from evil by the
blessing
which Christ brings,
and teach us to be merry
with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning
make us happy to be thy
children,
and Christmas evening bring
us to our beds
with grateful thoughts,
forgiving and forgiven,
for Jesus' sake.

Amen.



Christmas 2025

Christmas Eve

Wednesday 24 December

5:30pm Christmas Carols followed by

6pm Vigil Mass

8:30pm Christmas Carols followed by

9pm Night Mass

Christmas Day

Thursday 25 December

9:30am Christmas Carols followed by

10am Christmas Dawn Mass

Friday 26 to Wednesday 31 December

Mass 9am

New Year 2026

Thursday 1 January

Mass 9am

Friday 2 & Saturday 3 January

Mass 9am

St Joseph's Parish Office Christmas and New Years Hours

Wednesday 24/12 9am-2pm

Thursday 25/12 & Friday 26/12 CLOSED

Monday 29/12 CLOSED

Tuesday 30/12 9am-2pm

Wednesday 31/12 9am-2pm

Thursday 01/01 CLOSED

Friday 02/01 9am-2pm

