

SUNDAY MASS Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm Sunday 9 am, 11 am	Reconciliation No confessions from 4th to 27th of January 2026	HOLY ROSARY Tuesday to Friday 8:30am St Joseph's Church
WEEKDAY MASS Tuesday 9 am Wednesday 9 am Thursday 9 am Friday 9 am No Saturday morning Mass	Eucharist Adoration Half an hour before each weekday Mass St Joseph's Church	Wednesday 1pm St Joseph's Parish Centre 15 Decade-Rosary Mary Untier of Knots 

PARISH PRIEST

Rev Kevin Williams

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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SISTERS OF ST PAUL DE CHARTRES

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ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

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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

Bill Brooks

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

Ron Brooks, Teresa Coassin, Bonnie
Garrad, Ricardo Martinueei, Manuel
Moniz, Henry Price, Merlin Rozario and
Robert Rozario

Special Intentions

Thanksgiving from Charmaine Kery

18th January; Ordinary 2A

1st R: Is 49:3, 5-6
2nd R: 1 Cor 1:1-3
Gospel: John 1:29-34

25th January; Ordinary 3A

1st R: Is 8:23—9:3
2nd R: I Cor 1:10-13, 17
Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

1st February; Ordinary 4A

1st R: Zeph 2:3; 3:12-13
2nd R: 1 Cor 1:26-31

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

ORDINARY TIME 2 AND 3

18TH AND 25TH JANUARY 2026

Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed a "Special Year of St. Francis" to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the saint's death. During this time of grace, which will extend until January 2027, the faithful are granted the opportunity to obtain a **plenary indulgence**. This Franciscan Jubilee Year, considered a gift for the entire Church and an occasion for authentic spiritual renewal, was inaugurated on Jan. 10 with a decree issued by the Apostolic Penitentiary of the Holy See.

Until Jan. 10 of next year, the faithful can obtain this grace under the usual conditions — sacramental confession, Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the pope — by making a pilgrimage to any Franciscan conventual church or place of worship dedicated to St. Francis anywhere in the world.

Furthermore, the elderly, the sick, and those who, for serious reasons, cannot leave their homes can obtain the plenary indulgence by spiritually joining in the jubilee celebrations and offering their prayers, pains, or sufferings to God.

In a world where "the virtual takes over the real, disagreements and social violence are part of everyday life, and peace becomes more insecure and distant every day, this Year of St. Francis spurs all of us, each according to our possibilities, to imitate the poor man of Assisi, to form ourselves as far as possible on the model of Christ," the decree states.

On the occasion of this anniversary, Pope Leo XIV addressed a letter to the ministers general of the Franciscan Family Conference in which he emphasized that "in this era, marked by so many seemingly endless wars, by internal and social divisions that create distrust and fear, he continues to speak. Not because he offers technical solutions, but because his life points to the authentic source of peace."

In this regard, he highlighted that St. Francis reminds us that "peace with God, peace among people, and peace with creation are inseparable dimensions of a single call to universal reconciliation."

"It is with joy that we announce the promulgation of the Decree establishing a special Jubilee Year in commemoration of the Eighth Centenary of the passage of St. Francis of Assisi.

His Holiness Pope Leo XIV has arranged that, from the 10th January, 2026 to the 10th January, 2027, this Year of St. Francis will be celebrated, during which all the Christian faithful are invited to follow the example of the Saint of Assisi, becoming models of holiness of life and constant witnesses of peace. The Apostolic Penitentiary grants the plenary indulgence under the usual conditions to those who participate devoutly in this extraordinary jubilee, which represents an ideal continuation of the Ordinary Jubilee of 2025."

<https://ofm.org/en/pope-leo-xiv-proclaims-franciscan-jubilee-year-for-the.html>



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 17 JANUARY
St Anthony

MONDAY 19 JANUARY
7:00pm Men's Focus Group—PC

WEDNESDAY 21 JANUARY
St Agnes
12:30pm Parishioners Luncheon—
Chelsea RSL

THURSDAY 22 JANUARY
Parish Office Closed

FRIDAY 23 JANUARY
Parish Office Closed

SUNDAY 25 JANUARY
Altar Society

MONDAY 26 JANUARY
Australia Day

TUESDAY 27 JANUARY
Father Williams returns from leave
School Term 1 commences

WEDNESDAY 28 JANUARY
St Thomas Aquinas



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Pledge \$ 2,603
Weekly average \$ 2,367.80



St Vincent de Paul Society

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

Week 4 Dishwashing Liquid, Washing Powder, Chux, Household cleaning items 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.



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



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.



Thank you from Cathy Meehan for your continued prayers for her great granddaughter Area. Area continues to endure 8 hour blood transfusions every 4-5 weeks in her health fight.



PATER ABSENS!

Between 4-25 January, Fr Kevin Williams will be away on annual leave. This is to catch up on the annual leave booked for July 2025, which was converted to compassionate leave when his mum went into full-time aged care. During this time, the following Masses will be celebrated by a supply priest:

- 6pm Saturday night Vigil (10, 17 and 24 January)
 - 9 & 11am Sunday morning (11, 18, and 25 January)
- Weekday Mass will be celebrated at 9am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings, preceded by half-hour Eucharistic Adoration from 8:30am. There will be no confessions or 9am Saturday morning Mass during the three weeks that Father is away.

Please be assured of his prayers for the parishioners and their families during this time!

Celebrate the vibrancy and contribution of our migrant communities in our Church as we welcome the **Migrant Jubilee Cross** to the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Let us pray for God's blessing upon Australia, particularly the great gift of migrants and refugees. Join the pilgrimage and venerate the relics of the Holy Family and St Mary of the Cross Mackillop:

Tuesday 10/02/2026 7pm – Prayer and Reception of the Cross St Patrick's Cathedral

Wednesday 11/02 to Friday 13/02/2026 – St Patrick's Cathedral

Thursday 26/02 to Thursday 05/02/2026 – Croatian Catholic Centre Springvale, Our Lady of Lavang Centre Keysborough and Divine Mercy Shrine Keysborough

Divine Mercy Prayer Group will recommence on Monday 2nd February 2026

Sacred Heart Prayer Group will recommence on Tuesday 3rd February 2026

The 3rd Wednesday Parishioner Luncheon is back on!! **Wednesday January 21st** at the Chelsea RSL at 12:30pm. 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.

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!



The **Men's Focus Group** recommences on Monday the **19th January 2026 at 7pm** in the Parish Centre. The Group meet every fortnight.



All men are welcome to join us as we read the gospel for the day and share our reflections on this, and how we can bring a positive change in our own lives. Enquiries—Neville on 0469 341 463

FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL (5th - 20th May 2026)

Fr. Sebastian A.M invites you to a journey in the footsteps of St. Paul, reliving the Acts of the Apostles and exploring the letters of the New Testament. Explore Greece and Turkey with a 3-night Greek Islands cruise in this 14-day pilgrimage for an all-inclusive price of \$9790+ tips (25+ pilgrims). The early bird price expires on January 30th.

SAINTS OF ITALY (8th - 21st June 2026)

Fr. Franco Filippetto invites you to a 14-day journey to Italy, visiting Milan, Padua, Siena, Assisi, Rotondo, Sorrento, and Rome, with an all-inclusive price of \$ 9,290 + tips (for 30+ pilgrims). The early bird price expires on January 30th.

The fares include Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in 4-star Premium Hotels, Meals + English speaking professional guides + Entrances as per itinerary and more. For inquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or email us pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au

