

SUNDAY MASS Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm Sunday 9 am, 11 am WEEKDAY MASS Monday (Springvale) 9:30 am Tuesday 9 am Wednesday 9 am Thursday 9 am Friday 9 am Saturday 9 am		The Sacrament of Reconciliation Is available 30 minutes before each Mass, between 9:30-10:30 am Saturday morning, or by appointment. Eucharist Adoration Half an hour before each weekday Mass St Joseph's Church	HOLY ROSARY Tuesday—Friday 8.30am St Joseph's Church 
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PARISH PRIEST
Rev Kevin Williams

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS
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SISTERS OF ST PAUL DE CHARTRES
78 Argyle Avenue, Chelsea Tel 9773 9295

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL
Tel. 8773 1111
Principal: Gavan O'Donnell
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
Monica D'Souza

Prayers for the Sick
Bill Armstrong, Marie-Claire Azie, Lina Blake, Dennis Gallagher, Rick Hayes, Jessie Jackson, Sheila Joseph, Antonio and Antonietta Laria, Siu Kiang Lay, Julie McLeod, Maria Martin, June Pereira, Christine Riddle, Danielle Spencer, Brian Wilson, Toni (Marie) Wilton, Tina and Kirstie

Anniversaries
Pauline Corbett, Vincenza LaCognata, Mary Parker, Maria Reiter, Ramone StGiorgio



26th January; Australia Day C

1st R: Is 32:15-18
2nd R: 1 Cor 12:4-11
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

2nd February; The Presentation of the Lord C

1st R: Mal 3:1-4
2nd R: Heb 2:14-18
Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA AUSTRALIA DAY 26TH JANUARY 2025



The Australian Flag

The Australian National Flag is a design of striking stars and crosses. This unique combination of devices has created an attractive and meaningful flag which, by law, custom and tradition is Australia's chief national symbol. Our flag should be treated with dignity and respect as it represents all Australian citizens, equally of whatever, background, race, colour, religion or age. Our flag is a reminder of the contributions of past and current generations to the nation and of the inheritance that will be passed to future generations.

The Stars The Commonwealth Star is the emblem of Australian Federation. Six points represent the states and the seventh all the federal territories which together constitute the nation, the Commonwealth of Australia. The constellation of the Southern Cross indicates our geographical location in the southern hemisphere. This constellation of stars relates to the various indigenous legends and remind us of our rich and precious Aboriginal and Torres Strait heritage.



The Crosses The three crosses, St George, St Andrew and St Patrick serve to represent the principles and ideals on which our nation was founded and is based on today: including parliamentary democracy, the rule of law, freedom of speech and the rights and responsibilities of citizens.

- 1) Cross of St George, the Flag of England or Union Flag
- 2) Cross of St Andrew, the Flag of Scotland
- 3) Cross of St Patrick, the Flag of St Patrick or the island of Ireland

We give thanks to you, God of the Universe, for this land,
for its contrasts of landscape and climate,
for its abundance of wealth and opportunity. Amen



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

SUNDAY 26 JANUARY

Australia Day
Altar Society

MONDAY 27 JANUARY

Australia Day Public Holiday
6:30pm Praise, Worship, Healing Mass
and Adoration with Fr Vallooran—St
Joseph's Church

WEDNESDAY 29 JANUARY

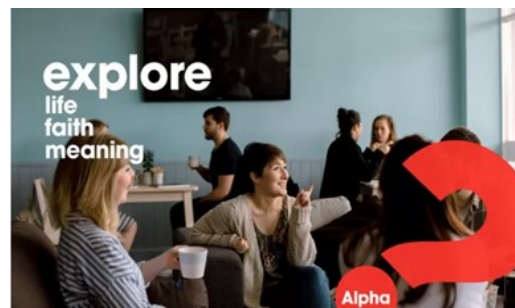
School Term 1 commences

FRIDAY 31 JANUARY

St John Bosco



**ST JOSEPH'S PARISH
STEWARDSHIP**
Weekly Pledge \$ 2,742
Weekly average \$ 2,751.10



You're Invited!!

Alpha is an opportunity to explore life, faith
and God in an open, friendly and informal
environment.
Commencing 20th February 2025 at 7:00pm
St Joseph's Parish Centre
To register call the Parish Office on 03 9772
2211 or email: chelsea@cam.org.au

Come and join us in
worshipping our God with the
gifts of prophecy and healing
and proclaim His Word during a
Healing Mass.

**Praise & Worship, Mass and
Adoration at St Joseph's
Chelsea will be on Monday 27th
January from 6:30pm.** All are
welcome.

Experience the healing touch of our Lord and
stay blessed. Refreshments and fellowship
after Mass.

Priest: Fr Augustine Vallooran VC (Director
Divine Retreat Centre, India)



Altar Society Collection

This monthly collection, taken
up on the final Sunday of the
month, provides for flowers,
upkeep of altar linens and
vestments, church cleaning,
provision of bread, wine,
candles, etc for the
celebration of Mass. **Thank
you for your contribution!**

St Vincent de Paul Society

The St Vincent De Paul Society is a caring
Catholic charity, living the gospel message of
Christ through their work with people in need.
The compassion shown by Parishioners of St
Joseph's Chelsea is very much appreciated in
helping St Vinnie's reach their goals.

Please continue to donate non perishable
grocery items, cleaning supplies and bathroom
goods and place these in the blue Vinnie's bin at
the rear of the Church. Buying an item or 2
extra for St Vincent's in your usual shop helps
out immensely!

Vinnie's continue to seek
volunteers to assist with visits
to the poor and distribution of
food items. Please contact
Carole on 0404 335 419 if you
can assist in any way!



At the Year 6 graduations for
St Joseph's Primary School
Chelsea in December 2024,
Keith Reiter the Chairman of
the Knights of the Southern

Cross (KSC) Longbeach Branch
presented 10 x \$100 awards to the end of
year students. The students were chosen
by the Year 6 teachers within the
Guidelines of the Objects of the KSC,
some of which are; to Foster the
Christian way, to conduct and support
Educational, Charitable, Religious and
Social Welfare work. These funds were
raised from the distribution of the
Melbourne Cup Sweep tickets within the
parish church and school community of
St Joseph's.

We, the Knights, thank you for your
generous support. Our number of
Members are few and I invite men to
enquire about joining our ranks to keep
up this good work along with other
activities we undertake within the wider
community. Please call Keith on 0417
350 733 for more information on KSC.



The Order of Malta invites you to the
annual **Lourdes Day Mass**—an
opportunity to pray for the sick and
infirm, particularly those who are not
able to visit Lourdes.

**Saturday 8th February 2025 at
10:30am**

The Mass will take place at St
Patrick's Cathedral, with Archbishop Peter A
Comensoli as the principal celebrant.
Everybody attending will receive a gift pack
containing water from the grotto at Lourdes,
rosary beads and prayer material.

**St Patrick's Cathedral
1 Cathedral Place East Melbourne**

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
March 2025. Please see our website for
more details: [https://](https://www.melbocatholic.org/s/chelsea)
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To enrol, please contact the Parish Office
on 03 9772 2211 or chelsea@cam.org.au



The 2025 St Joseph's



Parish Calendar and Directory is here!!

Please collect one copy per family from
the Narthex. All school families will
receive a copy of the Calendar next
week. Containing: Informative and
extremely useful contact numbers,
events held in the Parish and
communication around our faith.