

SUNDAY MASS Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm Sunday 9 am, 11 am WEEKDAY MASS Monday Additional Mass 9 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 to Friday 8:30am St Joseph's Church Wednesday 1pm St Joseph's Parish Centre 15 Decade-Rosary Mary Untier of Knots 
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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
Rev Michael Leonard Shadbolt PE,
Chung Sui Chung Kow Cheong, Fallon
Natasha Weinman

Prayers for the Sick
Marie Claire Aziz, Lina Blake, Henfi Chun, Margaret Dunne, Jamie Fleming, Rick Hayes, Jessie Jackson, Juliette Ronald, Josephine Sanjorja, Danielle Spencer, Toni (Marie) Wilton, Baby Area Maria (Cathy Meehan's Great Granddaughter)

Anniversaries
Idette Empeigne, Thelma Francis, Marino Lacson, Kevin Frederick McAllister and William John McAllister

Special Intentions
Steven Coombs, Vincent Jodun (Remembrance), Nathaniel Muir, Margarita Robin, For all in the ANIMA Group

7th December; 2nd of Advent A
1st R: Is 11:1-10
2nd R: Rom 15:4-9
Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

14th December; 3rd of Advent A; Gaudete Sunday
1st R: Is 35:1-6
2nd R: James 5:7-10
Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7TH DECEMBER 2025

"The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin." In 1854, Pope Pius IX's solemn declaration, "Ineffabilis Deus," clarified with finality the long-held belief of the Church that Mary was conceived free from original sin. Mary was granted this extraordinary privilege because of Her unique role in history as the Mother of God. That is, she received the gift of salvation in Christ from the very moment of her conception.

Even though Mary is unique in all humanity for being born without sin, she is held up by the Church as a model for all humanity in Her holiness and Her purity in her willingness to accept the Plan of God for her.

Every person is called to recognize and respond to God's call to their own vocation in order to carry out God's plan for their life and fulfill the mission prepared for them since before the beginning of time. Mary's "Let it be done to me according to Thy Word," in response of the Angel Gabriel's greeting, is the response required of all Christians to God's Plan.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a time to celebrate the great joy of God's gift to humanity in Mary, and to recognize with greater clarity, the truth that each and every human being has been created by God to fulfill a particular mission that he and only he can fulfill.

"The word of the Lord came to me thus: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you." (Jeremiah 1:5-6)

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/saint/solemnity-of-the-immaculate-conception-of-the-blessed-virgin-77>

Mass will be celebrated on Monday the 8th of December at 9:00am at St Joseph's Chelsea for the Immaculate Conception. There will be an Hour of Grace in the Parish Centre from midday as well, with refreshments at its conclusion.

The Immaculate Conception (1767–1769)
by Giovanni Battista Tiepolo



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 6 DECEMBER

8:00am Divine Mercy First Saturday Devotion—Church
9:30am Legion of Mary First Saturday Devotion after 9:00am Mass—Church
4:30pm Junior Legion of Mary—PC

MONDAY 8 DECEMBER

9:00am Additional Mass—Immaculate Conception—St Joseph's Church
12:00pm Hour of Grace—Parish Centre

TUESDAY 9 DECEMBER

7:30pm KSC Branch Meeting—PC

WEDNESDAY 10 DECEMBER

1:00pm—15 Decade Rosary Mary Untier of Knots—Parish Centre
6:30pm Legion of Mary Chelsea—PC



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Pledge \$ 2,603
Weekly average \$ 2,685.96

St Vincent de Paul Society

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

Week 2 Breakfast Cereal, Longlife Milk, Jams, Vegemite etc



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

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.



CHURCH WORKING BEE

Saturday 13th December 2025
10:00 until midday. Let's have our Church sparkling in time for the birth of our Lord!!! Volunteer lists are in the Narthex!



Can you please spare some time to sit with Jesus while Father hears confessions in the lead up to Christmas? Thursday 18th, Friday 19th and Tuesday 23rd of December 6:30pm—7:30pm in St Joseph's Church. Sign up sheet in the narthex. Thank you!



Legion of Mary First Saturday Devotion to our Lady

9am Mass followed by Rosary led by the Legion of Mary. First Saturday of each month.



Divine Mercy Prayer Group First Saturday of the month –

8:00am Holy Rosary. 8:30am Divine Mercy Chaplet. St Joseph's Church



FREE EVENT
Gold Coin Donation appreciated

Tea, Coffee and Christmas Cake follow the service



Chelsea and District Inter-Church Council

Christmas Carols

Ecumenical Service

SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER

4:00PM - 5:30PM

LF PAYNE HALL - STATION ST, CHELSEA

ALL WELCOME

With A Special Visit from Santa



Christmas Mass Schedule

20-21 December

Fourth Sunday of Advent

6pm Saturday Night Vigil, 9am and 11am

Sunday Morning

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

Reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday 18 December 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Friday 19 December 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Tuesday 23 December 6:30pm – 7:30pm



Second Sunday of Advent



HOURLY OF GRACE

Monday 8th December
12:00pm to 1:00pm

St Joseph's Parish
Centre Mary MacKillop
Chapel



Refreshments to follow. Enquiries
Sue Hyde 0408 547 791.

A one-hour period of prayer with no distractions, beginning by reciting Psalm 51 three times with outstretched arms. The remainder of the hour is dedicated to silent prayer, the Rosary, or other meditations, with the promise of many graces for those who participate.



There will be an additional Mass at 9:00am on **Monday the 8th of December** in St Joseph's Church for the Solemnity of the **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**



PILGRIM WALK
Saturday 13th
December 2025

Two Pilgrimages, both beginning with pilgrim prayer, ascending through the Holy Doors at St Patrick's & the Holy Angels, Can Childers & Rosary St Mentone



Pilgrimage 1

7:45 am – Depart St John Vianney Church Parkdale

8:30am – Arrive through the Holy Doors at St Patrick's Mentone

8:45am – Rosary, Mass, Prayer, Jubilee Prayer and Final Blessing

Pilgrimage 2

8:00am – Depart St Joseph's Blackrock

8:30am – Arrive at Stella Maris Beaumaris

8:45am – Rosary, Mass, Confession, Benediction

11:00am – Depart Stella Maris

12:00pm – Arrive through the Holy Doors at St Patrick's Mentone

12:15pm – Prayers, Jubilee Prayer and Final Blessing