

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 9am 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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PARISH PRIEST Rev Kevin Williams PRESBYTERY & PARISH OFFICE 362 Station Street Chelsea 3196 Tel. 9772 2211 Fax: 9776 0025 Email: chelsea@cam.org.au PARISH OFFICE HOURS Tuesday—Friday 9am—2pm Deadline for Bulletin 12 noon Thursday Baptism, Weddings, Parish Centre enquiries: Parish Office 9772 2211 Parish Website: https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/chelsea SISTERS OF ST PAUL DE CHARTRES 78 Argyle Avenue, Chelsea Tel 9418 6329 ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL Tel. 8773 1111 Principal: Gavan O'Donnell www.sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au <i>St Joseph's Parish is committed to the Safeguarding of Children and Young People in all aspects of Parish life.</i> <i>To subscribe to St Joseph's Parish email list please email chelsea@cam.org.au</i> <i>The solemn obligation for baptised Catholics to attend regular Sunday Mass has been restored throughout the Archdiocese of Melbourne.</i>	 	Recently Deceased Conor Grace, Sr Theresa Maria Vu Hong Cam Prayers for the Sick Marie Claire Aziz, Lina Blake, Henfi Chun, Margaret Dunne, Rick Hayes, Jessie Jackson, Juliette Ronald, Josephine Sanjorja, Danielle Spencer, Brian Wilson, Toni (Marie) Wilton, Baby Area Maria (Cathy Meehan's Great Granddaughter) Anniversaries John Cardoz, Rev Fr Ronald D'Souza, Reginald McNamara, Arthur Waite Special Intentions Father Gregory Pritchard—40 years of priestly service, Father Chinua Okeke—leaving Frankston Parish, Dexter and Sheree Kearney—40th Wedding Anniversary, Melissa Koc—Birthday  7th September; Ordinary Time 23 C 1st R: Wis 9:13-18 2nd R: Philemon 9-10, 12-17 Gospel: Luke 14:25-33 14th September; Exaltation of the Holy Cross C 1st R: Num 21:4-9 2nd R: Phil 2:6-11 Gospel: John 3:13-17
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 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.
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PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

23RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

7 SEPTEMBER 2025

The Church Only Celebrates the Birthdays of These Three People
<https://www.catholicforlife.com/church-celebrates-birthdays-three-people>

In the Catholic Church, we celebrate the death of saints as the day they overcame the world with all its temptations and became united with God in heaven. All saints are commemorated on the day of their passing from this world because this is the day they attained perfection. The day they became united with God. However, the church celebrates the earthly birthday of only three people; Jesus, Mary and St. John the Baptist. The birth of Jesus is celebrated because Jesus is God himself. The second person of the Most Holy Trinity. Jesus is holiness personified. The birth of Jesus is also celebrated because it is a joyful day for mankind. It is the day God came into the world with the sole purpose of redeeming us. The birth of Jesus is the fulfilment of God's promise to send us a saviour. The birth of Jesus is indeed a joyful day; it is celebrated all around the world on the 25th of December as Christmas.

The birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary is also celebrated because she is the Immaculate Conception; she was conceived without sin. She was specially created by God for the sole purpose of being the co-redemptrix of our salvation. Mary remained sinless from conception till her assumption into heaven. Unlike the saints who were united to God at their death, the Blessed Virgin Mary was united to God from conception and is still united with Him. This is why her birthday is celebrated all through the Catholic Church as a feast on the 8th of September every year (unless the 8th September falls on a Sunday, in which case the Sunday of Ordinary Time takes precedence).

The birthday of John the Baptist is celebrated because while he was still in the womb of his mother, he encountered Jesus. This encounter was so great that he leapt for joy in the womb of his mother Elizabeth. This encounter it is believed (in ancient traditions) to have wiped away any stain of original sin the Baptist may have had. This means that John the Baptist came into this world sinless; he was born without any stain of original sin. That early encounter with Jesus in the womb had the same effect that baptism would ordinarily have. It wiped away the stain of original sin on John the Baptist; so that from the day of his birth till his death, he was united with God. He was holy. The birthday of St John the Baptist is celebrated all through the Catholic Church on the 24th of June as a Solemnity.

Well ... the 8th September falls on Monday this year. As a result, there will be an additional Mass at 9am on Monday 8th September here at St Joseph's. It is not a Holy Day of Obligation, but it is a beautiful day to attend Mass. All are welcome!

PARISH CALENDAR

SATURDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

Transfiguration of the Lord
4:30pm Junior Legion of Mary—PC

SUNDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

Father's Day

MONDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

The Birth of Our Lady—additional Mass
at 9:00am—St Joseph's Church
10:00am Divine Mercy PG—Parish Centre

TUESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

10:00am Sacred Heart PG—A Life in the Spirit Course Week 6—Parish Centre
7:30pm KSC Branch Meeting—PC

WEDNESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

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 \$ 2,709

Weekly average \$ 2,762.91

Wrought Iron Repairs \$ 880.00



St Vincent de Paul Society

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

Week 2 Breakfast cereals, longlife milk, jams, spreads etc



CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL MELBOURNE



THE GIFT A life in the Spirit course

SACRED HEART OF JESUS
CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP CHELSEA
ST JOSEPH'S PARISH CENTRE
ARGYLE AVENUE, CHELSEA
(ENTRY THROUGH SCHOOL OFFICE GATE)



DATE: 05 AUGUST 2025 – 09 SEPTEMBER 2025

TUESDAYS, TIME: 10.00 AM – 12.00 PM

FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING MEETINGS

6 WEEK SEMINARS

WEEK 1: THE FATHER'S LOVE

WEEK 2: THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL

WEEK 3: THE GIFT OF THE SPIRIT

WEEK 4: UNWRAPPING GOD'S GIFT

WEEK 5: A PERSONAL PENTECOST

WEEK 6: LIVING IN THE SPIRIT

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You may have noticed that the security screen doors on the Presbytery have been replaced – and they look great – however, they have made the wrought iron gates and windows look very rusted and shoddy!! As such, I've organised to get some quotes for sand blasting, powder coating and repair of these, as well as rot repair and painting of the windows. I have set up a donation link to assist in payment for this – if you are able to financially contribute to this, we would be eternally grateful!!
<https://www.melbocatholic.org/s/donate?id=0012w00000LOj4VAAT&parish=chelsea>



The Children of our Junior Legion of Mary will be presenting Dad's, Granddad's and Great Granddad's with Bookmarks and Anzac biscuit's after 11am Mass on Sunday the 7th of September!!! Thank you to our Junior Legion members and Sue!



St Joseph's Families Dinner Sabbath Meal Hosted by the MGL Brothers

Saturday 13 September
7.15pm (after 6pm Mass)

St Joseph's Hall
Bring a dish to share

RSVP by 8
September

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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.



SERVICE AND CHRISTIANITY

The Knights of the Southern Cross are a national organisation of Catholic laymen who operate with the support of the Australian Bishops. The Order is guided by the Catholic faith and the cardinal and chivalrous virtues of prudence, faith, justice, fortitude and temperance in all its charitable works. It strives to serve the wider community and support those in need. Membership of the Order of the Knights of the Southern Cross is open to all practicing Catholic men. Knights are committed to strengthening their faith, supporting the Church, and making the community a better place.

Please consider if you can assist. Enquiries contact Keith Reiter on 0417 350 733

Pier Giorgio Frassati and Carlo Acutis

SEPT 7, 2025

Canonization of Bl. Carlo Acutis & Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati



Two young men from northern Italy will be canonized together this Sunday the 7th of September by Pope Leo XIV in St Peter's Square.

Please note that there will be no 9:30 Mass on Monday Mornings nor 7:00pm Friday evenings at **St Joseph's In Springvale** until further notice.

The Parish Shop will be closed on Saturday's from 6th September, reopening on Saturday 27th September. Sunday's will see the shop open from 10:30am and then again after 11am Mass, with Annie. Have a wonderful break Rosemary and Nyoman!!



If you do require any gifts/books etc, please contact Maree in the Office 9am-2pm Tuesday to Friday and I can organise to take payment and collection of purchases.

A very happy 40th Wedding Anniversary to Sheree and Dexter Kearney 07/09 — May God Bless you always.



St Joseph's Men's Choir are seeking new members!!! 2nd Saturday Vigil Mass of each Month— 13th September!!!

Please contact Mike Shaw
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