

SUNDAY MASS Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm Sunday 9 am, 11 am WEEKDAY MASS 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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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.

Prayers for the Sick

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

Anniversaries

Emil Francis Bartosy, Rosemary Bartosy, Marie Ursula O'Dea, John O'Dea, Olive Shelton

Special Intentions

Birthday Remembrance Bertram Godlieb, 55th Wedding Anniversary—Peter and Daphne Kelly



19th October; Ordinary Time 29 C

1st R: Ex 17:8-13

2nd R: 2 Tim 3:14-4:2

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

26th October; Ordinary Time 30 C

1st R: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19

2nd R: 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA 29TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 19TH OCTOBER 2025

The Parable of the Persistent Widow

The parable of the widow's determination is a parable about prayer and not losing heart, then moves into a story about justice, and ends with a question about faith.

It begins with the introduction of the judge who neither fears God nor respects people. The un-respected people are represented here by a widow whose relentlessness is so bothersome to the judge that she ends up receiving the justice she demands. And the un-feared God will, by the end of the parable, eclipse the judge who does not fear him.

As a mother of a child with significant and life altering disabilities, I often feel like the widow of this parable. I fight constantly for my daughter and believe that some do not understand my pleas, nor Niamh's disabilities and therefore lack concern about even day to day matters.

Obtaining Guardianship and Administration for Niamh on her turning 18 is a prime example. A seven month process, the completion of mounds of paperwork, not being able to speak to a real person and basically Niamh's life at a standstill as she cannot make decisions for herself. But I was persistent – Wanting only the best for my beautiful girl – and in the end, the hearing on Tuesday 14/10 was a smooth experience, and I was granted orders for Niamh (despite my mind doing it's best to imagine all sorts of horrible outcomes.....)

The recent NDIS review for Niamh was a similar occurrence. Not able to talk face to face with anyone, dealing with people with no experience in disability, obtaining what felt like millions of quotes and reports, all to ensure that Niamh is able to reach her goals.

Jesus did not say that God is prepared to give us anything we ask for persistently. He says what God, our Father, wants to give us, are the best possible gifts that he could give his children, who are precious to him.

Perhaps the parable suggests that a sign of faith will be a willingness to persist in prayer, as we see in this widow who persists against all odds in her fight for justice against the powerful judge, the same as I continue to pray and fight for Niamh. Another sign may be in what we pray for: daily bread, the Holy Spirit, the kingdom, justice – or something altogether different. God Bless, Maree.



**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 18 OCTOBER

St Luke Evangelist
7:00am Men's Hour—Parish Centre
8:00am Men's Breakfast—Hall
4:30pm Junior Legion of Mary—PC

MONDAY 20 OCTOBER

10:00am Divine Mercy PG—Parish Centre

TUESDAY 21 OCTOBER

10:00am Sacred Heart PG —Parish Centre

WEDNESDAY 22 OCTOBER

Pope St John Paul II
10:00am ANIMA Pilgrimage to Ukrainian Cathedral—Meet at Woodbine Grove
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 \$ 2,746.41
Wrought Iron Repairs \$ 1,180.00

St Vincent de Paul Society

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

Week 4 Washing powder, dishwashing liquid, household cleaning items etc



Congratulations to **Peter and Daphne Kelly** on their **55th Wedding Anniversary** on the 24th of October!!



May God's love continue to shine on your marriage, filling your hearts with joy and peace. God Bless

QUARTERLY MEN'S HOUR

Saturday 18th October 7am
St Joseph's Parish Centre Chapel
Register: Mike 0418 122 966
mikeshawau@gmail.com

QUARTERLY MEN'S BBQ BREAKFAST

Saturday 18th October 8am
St Joseph's Hall \$10
Register: Church Narthex or Mike 0418 122 966
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The State Government is seeking to amend Victoria's euthanasia and assisted suicide laws. If passed, the new laws would further weaken protections for vulnerable patients and reduce protections for nurses, doctors and other medical practitioners who conscientiously object. In response, the Bishops of Victoria have written a pastoral letter asking that we contact our local Members of Parliament and urge them to vote against these laws.

You can read the letter online and find out more by scanning the QR code or via: www.bit.ly/EuthanasiaBill.



PAF Melbourne Cup Luncheon Tuesday 4th November 12pm to 4pm

St Joseph's Hall
\$10.00 entry covers soft drinks. Tea/coffee and food!
Bring gold coins for raffles, games and sweeps!



FRIENDLY REMINDER!

Pilgrimage Visit to Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral, North Melbourne

Wednesday 22 October 2025. \$20 per person

Bus leaves Woodbine Grove (School Gate 6) at 10am. Approximate return before 4pm.

Light lunch will be provided, or BYO lunch if you have dietary requirements
Seats are still available, and if you wish to attend, please ring Daphne Kelly (0439 006 494).

Payments after the 9am Sunday Mass in the Church Narthex or pay by Cash or Credit Card to Maree in the Parish Office. Thank you!



Knights of the Southern Cross (KSC) - Melbourne Cup Sweep 2025



Tickets in our annual Melbourne Cup Sweep will be available before and after this weekend's Masses through until Sunday 2 Nov. Horse numbers will be drawn on Melbourne Cup Eve (3 Nov) with lucky recipients informed by telephone. Tickets cost \$2. Proceeds fund \$100 Bursaries for nominated Grade 6 students at our 3 local Parish Schools. Your continued support is much appreciated! God Bless

Unfortunately, we have had a repeat of attempted scamming. Some parishioners have received texts or emails claiming to be from "Fr Kevin Williams," and requesting for funds to be transferred. Please be aware: (the real) Fr Kevin Williams would never directly, individually contact parishioners on their mobiles with requests for alms. All fund-raising is done publicly, from the lectern at the end of Mass supported by details included in the parish bulletin. **PLEASE DO NOT GIVE ANY SUPPORT TO REQUESTS MADE VIA MOBILE TELEPHONE OR EMAIL.** Please also let Maree in the office know if you have received any of these messages as we are reporting these to the Archdiocese.



Serra Council of Australasia

Please join us and support our Parish Social Event on **Sunday 26th October at the St Joseph's Hall from midday onwards!**



Sausage sizzle, pre-loved items for sale, art displays, bake sale, craft stall, plant stall and more!! There will be a raffle draw—tickets can be pre-purchased in the Parish Office. 1 for \$2 for 3 for \$5.



Serra Club supports the formation of men and women for the Priesthood and Consecrated Life in the Catholic Church.

ANNUAL MASS SATURDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER 2025

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF
SERVANT OF GOD FRANK DUFF



Principal Celebrant: Most Rev Rene Ramirez RCJ

1.30 PM ROSARY PROCESSION
MAGNIFICAT HOUSE,
456 QUEENSBERRY ST, N. MELBOURNE

2 PM HOLY MASS
ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH,
33 HOWARD ST, WEST MELBOURNE

3.15 PM ALL WELCOME TO REFRESHMENTS: MAGNIFICAT HOUSE,
456 QUEENSBERRY ST, N. MELBOURNE



LEGION OF MARY, SENATUS OF MELBOURNE