

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

PARISH PRIEST
Rev Kevin Williams

PRESBYTERY & PARISH OFFICE

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday—Friday 9am to 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: Martine Verhagen
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
Lucy Sanjorjo

Prayers for the Sick

Marie Claire Aziz, Lina Blake, Derick D'Costa, Margaret Dunne, Jamie Fleming, Bev Garing, 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

Kathleen Reiter, Maria Reiter, Ramon Sanjorjo, Stella and Henri Styzinski

Birthday Remembrance
Peter Freese



1st February; Ordinary 4A

1st R: Zeph 2:3; 3:12-13
2nd R: 1 Cor 1:26-31
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

8th February; Ordinary 5A

1st R: Is 58:7-10
2nd R: I Cor 2:1-5
Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

ORDINARY TIME 4

1ST FEBRUARY 2026

On the 2nd of February, we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This occurs 40 days after the birth of Jesus. This day is also called 'Candlemas', and was formerly known as the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, in the Western Catholic Church.

Both Mary and Joseph returned to the Temple to make a thanksgiving offering to God, in recognition that their Son, Jesus, was a gift from God. The offering required, by Law, was a lamb and a pigeon, however if families could not afford a lamb, a second pigeon would be accepted. As we know Mary and Joseph weren't well-off when it came to money, so they had to use the cheaper offering. Simeon and Anna, both encouraged by the Holy Spirit to go to the Temple on this day, expressed to Mary and Joseph just how much Jesus will impact the world, during his lifetime, to this very day and beyond.

5 lessons can be learned from this story.

1. The importance of PATIENCE – Simeon and Anna waited for most of their lives for the day the salvation would be served in the form of a Messiah. Although they had confidence in God, they were patiently waiting for this promise to be fulfilled.
2. The importance of PRAISE – As you could imagine, this day was full of Joy. After patiently waiting for decades for this day to come, the day of salvation had finally arrived. Simeon says "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."
3. The importance of PROPHECY – As Simon blesses Jesus, he says "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too." Although this seems like a despondent thing to say at such a joyous time, Simeon was speaking God's truth.
4. The importance of PRAYER – In this story, Anna spends day and night in this Temple worshiping and praying. She was then shown her promise of the reveal of the Messiah. This story shows us just how much a relationship with God is dependant on praise and prayer.
5. The importance of PURPOSE – Anna and Simeon knew their purpose in life was found through worshipping God.



<https://understandingfaith.edu.au/presentation-of-the-lord/>



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 31 JANUARY
St John Bosco

MONDAY 2 FEBRUARY

The Presentation of the Lord
9:00am Additional Mass—St Joseph's Church
10:00am Divine Mercy PG—PC
7:00pm Men's Focus Group—PC

TUESDAY 3 FEBRUARY

St Blaise—9am Mass with Blessing of the Throats—St Joseph's Church
10:00am Sacred Heart Prayer Group—PC

THURSDAY 5 FEBRUARY

St Agatha

FRIDAY 6 FEBRUARY

St Paul Miki



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Pledge \$ 2,528
Weekly average \$ 2,357.22
Altar Society \$ 600.00



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 and Spreads etc

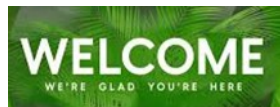


Thank you for your ongoing support of the St Vincent De Paul Society. God Bless.



A warm welcome to all of our St Joseph's Primary School Students and Families!!

We hope you had a restful break and are excited for the year ahead!! We look forward to seeing you all at Mass throughout 2026. 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



The 2026 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 this week. Containing: Informative and extremely useful contact numbers, events held in the Parish and communication around our faith.



QUARTERLY MEN'S HOUR

Saturday 21st February 7am
St Joseph's Parish Centre Chapel
Register: Mike 0418 122 966
mikeshawau@gmail.com

QUARTERLY MEN'S BBQ BREAKFAST

Saturday 21st February
St Joseph's Hall \$10
Register: Church Narthex or Mike 0418 122 966
mikeshawau@gmail.com



ASH WEDNESDAY—18th February 2026

Masses at 9:15am, 11am and 7pm
St Joseph's Church

India Exclusive Pilgrimage – Including Velankanni | March 2026

Experience a deeply spiritual **11-night Catholic pilgrimage to India**, departing **23 March 2026**. This exclusive tour includes **3 nights in Velankanni**, home of the Shrine of **Our Lady of Velankanni**, with **daily Mass** and the guidance of an accompanying **Catholic priest** throughout the journey. Pilgrims will also visit **San Thome Basilica (Chennai)**, **St Andrew's Church (Jaipur)**, **Akbar Church (Agra)** and **St James' Church (Delhi)**, along with iconic sights such as the **Taj Mahal at sunrise or sunset**. The package includes **return economy flights from Melbourne**, selected domestic flights, accommodation, daily breakfast and dinner, private air-conditioned transfers, local guides, and luggage porterage.

From \$4,688 per person (twin share).

A deposit of \$500 is due by January 30th 2026

For bookings and enquiries, contact

Romaine Ferdinands @ Jet Travel & Cruise

☎ 03 9585 3800 | ☎ 0423 737 074

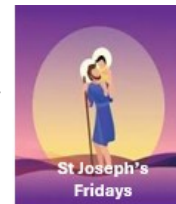


Are you looking for a place to go on Friday night, find parish friends and some faith formation?

ST JOSEPH'S FRIDAYS

Every second and fourth Friday each month starting on 27th February 7.30-9.30pm

St Joseph's Parish Centre
Enter from Argyle Avenue
Open to parents looking for some time out, parishioners and friends of any age, come along for some quality time away from the daily rush!



Info and registrations
Raffy 0424 325005
raffymazzeo@gmail.com

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



Show Times

13th March 7pm
14th March 1pm and 7pm
15th March 1pm

COG Theatre Group at the Renaissance Theatre 826 High St Kew East

Enquiries: cogtheatregroup@gmail.com

Mark this Date!



Anima Bus Outing Blue Lotus Water Gardens

Yarra Junction
Wednesday 11 March
More details to follow
For all enquiries, please ring
Daphne 0439 006 494