

SUNDAY MASS Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm Sunday 9 am, 11 am	The Sacrament of Reconciliation Is available 30 minutes before each Mass, between 9:30-10:30 am Saturday morning, or by appointment.	HOLY ROSARY Tuesday—Friday 8.30am St Joseph's Church
WEEKDAY MASS Monday 9 am Tuesday 9 am Wednesday—Feast of St Joseph 9 am and 7pm Thursday 9 am Friday 9 am Saturday 9 am	Eucharist Adoration Half an hour before each weekday Mass St Joseph's Church	Wednesday 1pm St Joseph's Parish Centre <i>15 Decade-Rosary</i> <i>Mary Untier of Knots</i>

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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.*



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.

Recently Deceased
Guyhene Baya, Lilian Lau

Prayers for the Sick
Pope Francis, Bill Armstrong, Marie-Claire Azie, Lina Blake, Henfi Chun, Margaret Hewitt, Dennis Gallagher, Rick Hayes, Jessie Jackson, Pam Jansz, 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, Baby Area Maria

Anniversaries
Joseph Bartholomeufz, Edna Godlieb,

Special Intentions
For Visa Approval, Jean Baya (B'day)



16th March; 2nd Sunday Lent C
1st R: Gen 15:5-12, 17-18
2nd R: Phil 3:17—4:1
Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

23rd March; 3rd Sunday of Lent C
1st R: Ex 3:1-8, 13-15
2nd R: 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12
Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

16 MARCH 2025

The Transfiguration



This Second Sunday of Lent, we are offered the opportunity to think about and act on the Transfiguration of Jesus – an event that is celebrated in the Catholic Church. Jesus had told His disciples that He would be going to Jerusalem to be condemned and die, and then took Peter, James and John to pray on a mountain with Him. While He was praying, Jesus transfigured right in front of His disciples, with His face taking on a glorious form and His clothing becoming dazzling white. Peter, James and John saw Moses and Elijah talking to Jesus about His future and death. Moses and Elijah then disappeared leaving Jesus to face three very frightened men. God then spoke from the heavens – “This is My beloved Son, my Chosen. Listen to Him” (Luke 9:35). Peter, James and John did not tell anyone what they had soon – at Jesus’ request – only speaking of it after His resurrection.

There are lessons for us in the Transfiguration:

- ◆ In each Holy Mass, the bread and wine we offer on the altar become “transfigured” or “transformed” into the living Body and Blood of the crucified, risen, and glorified Jesus. Each holy Mass should be our source of Heavenly strength against temptations.
- ◆ In moments of doubt and during our dark moments of despair and hopelessness, the thought of our transfiguration in Heaven will help us to reach out to God and to listen to His consoling words: “*This is My beloved Son.*” Let us offer our Lenten sacrifices to our Lord, that through these practices of Lent and through the acceptance of our daily crosses we may grow closer to him in his suffering and may share in the carrying of his cross so that we may finally share the glory of his Transfiguration.
- ◆ Each time we receive one of the Sacraments, we are transformed – For example: Baptism transforms us into sons and daughters of God. Confirmation makes us temples of the Holy Spirit. By the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God brings back the sinner to the path of holiness.
- ◆ We share the mountain-top experience of Peter, James, and John when we spend extra time in prayer during Lent. Fasting for one day can help the body to store up spiritual energy. This spiritual energy can help us have thoughts that are far higher and nobler than our usual mundane thinking. The hunger we experience can put us more closely in touch with God and make us more willing to help the hungry. The crosses of our daily lives also can lead us to the glory of transfiguration and resurrection.

Art—*Transfiguration*, Titian, 1560

PARISH CALENDAR

SATURDAY 15 MARCH
4:30pm Junior Legion of Mary—PC

MONDAY 17 MARCH
Feast of St Patrick—
Additional Mass at
9:00am—St Joseph's
Church

10:00am Divine Mercy PG—
Please BYO Lunch—Parish
Centre

7:00pm Men's Focus Group—PC

TUESDAY 18 MARCH

10:00am ANIMA Pilgrimage to St
Joseph's Fairfield—meet at Woodbine Gr
10:00am Sacred Heart PG—PC

WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH
Feast of St Joseph—
Masses at 9:00am and
7:00pm - St Joseph's
Church

12:30pm Parishioners
Luncheon —Seaford RSL
6:30pm Legion of Mary
Chelsea—PC

THURSDAY 20 MARCH

Anniversary of the Dedication of St
Joseph's Church
7:00pm ALPHA—Parish Centre



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Second Sunday of Lent
15th and 16th of March 2025

Toefuata'iga - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) a primary school student from Samoa faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her primary school now has a 10,000 L water tank. Teachers and students now have access to clean drinking water at their school and are able to focus on education. You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes available in the narthex, online at <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion> or by calling 1800 024 413. Thank you!

Preparation of rosters for **Lectors and Special Ministers** for April—June 2025 has commenced. Please contact Chris Bennetts on 0402 823 0404 or cjbennetts@optusnet.com.au by 19/03 if you are unavailable during this time.



St Joseph's Easter Candle 2025: Donors are invited to sponsor the Easter Candle. Please contact the parish office on 03 9772 2211 / chelsea@cam.org

St Joseph's Stewardship

New envelopes are located in the Narthex, with commencement date of the 6th of April 2025. Some Parishioners have had their accounts renumbered (Envelope givers only) and if this is the case, it is noted in your letter.

Direct Debit and Credit Card givers—please collect your letters from the Narthex.

If you do not donate, please consider this—your support would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you to all who so generously give to the Parish of St Joseph's. May God bless you!



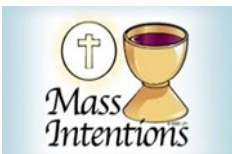
**ST JOSEPH'S PARISH
STEWARDSHIP**

Weekly Pledge \$ 2,705
Weekly average \$ 2,750.40

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.



ST JOSEPH'S CHELSEA

PALM SUNDAY 12-13 APRIL

6:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass
9:00am Mass with Procession
11:00am Mass

HOLY THURSDAY 17 APRIL

7:30pm Mass of the Lord's
Supper
10:00pm Night Prayer

GOOD FRIDAY 18 APRIL

10:00am Way of the Cross
3:00pm The Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY 19 APRIL

8:00pm The Vigil of Easter

EASTER SUNDAY 20 APRIL

9:00am Mass
11:00 am Mass

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 12th April

8:30am, 9:30am & 5:30p,

Sunday 13th April

10:30am

Tuesday 15th April

8:30am & 6:30pm

Wednesday 16th April

8:30am & 6:30pm

Thursday 17th April

8:30am

Friday 18th April

8:30am

Saturday 19th April

10:00am

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Parishioners Luncheon—Wednesday

19th March—Feast of St Joseph!! At Seaford RSL from 12:30pm. For Bookings ring Patricia Adams on 0448-866-020 Or Keith Reiter on 0417-350-733 or alternatively leave a message on 9772-7292.

LENT at St Joseph's

Way of the Cross Fridays of Lent
8.15am

**Morning Prayer & Eucharistic
Adoration** Wednesdays of Lent 8:00am

Via Matris Saturdays of Lent after 9am Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation 30 minutes before every Mass (except Friday). 9:30am-10:30am Saturday morning, or by appointment



St Bede's College—Current Year 5 Families of boys — Applications for Year 7 2027 are now open!! Please visit: <https://www.stbedes.catholic.edu.au/>

Congratulations to Zoe Cairney and her family on her Baptism this Sunday. May God bless you!



St Joseph's Anima Group

Pilgrimage Visit in this Jubilee Year "Pilgrims of Hope" is to **St Joseph's Melkite Catholic Church, Fairfield** on **Tuesday, 18th March 2025**, leaving by bus 10am returning 3pm from Woodbine Grove. \$20 per person.

Prayer, and guided tour of the Church. Light lunch provided, but BYO if preferable. Sign up sheet in the Narthex or contact Daphne Kelly on 0439 006 494. Payment (by Sunday 16th March) can be made directly to Daphne (Cash) or to Maree in the Parish Office (Card or Cash) 9am-2pm Tues-Friday.

