

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 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	

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday—Friday 9am to 2pm

Deadline for Bulletin 12 noon Thursday

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SISTERS OF ST PAUL DE CHARTRES

78 Argyle Avenue, Chelsea Tel 9794 8350

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

Henfi Chun, Hassel Joy Markovic

Prayers for the Sick

Marie Claire Aziz, Derick D'Costa, Margaret Dunne, Jamie Fleming, Bev Garing, Leonie Gilchrist, Rick Hayes, Jessie Jackson, Juliette Ronald, Josephine Russell, Josephine Sanjorja, Len Scott, Danielle Spencer, Toni (Marie) Wilton, Baby Area Maria (Cathy Meehan's Great Granddaughter)

Anniversaries

John Cardoz, Christopher D'Cruz, Pascal Fernandes, Rita & George Gauci, Kathleen and Jack Hyde, Gwen Rosario, Margaret Tilley

Special Intentions

Birthday Remembrance—Justin Hulland



12th April; 2nd Sunday of Easter A

1st R: Acts 2:42-47

2nd R: 1 Pet 1:3-9

Gospel: John 20:19-31

19th April; 3rd Sunday of Easter A

1st R: Acts 2:14, 22-33

2nd R: 1 Pet 1:17-21

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER—DIVINE MERCY

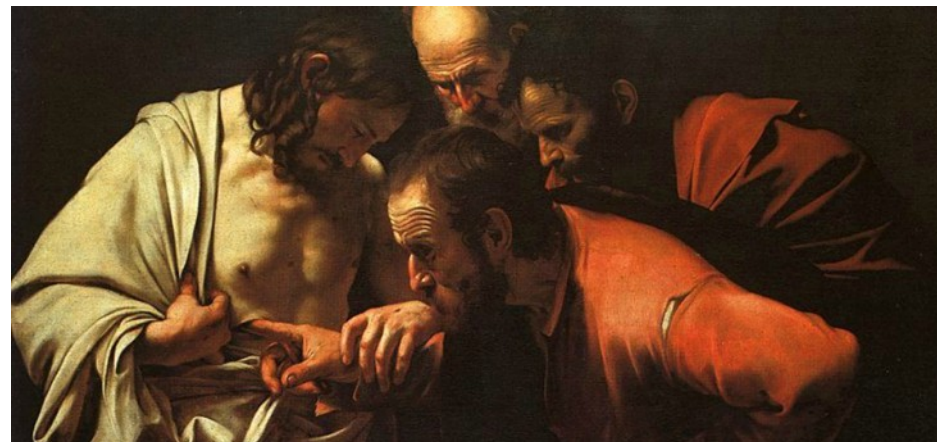
SUNDAY - 12TH APRIL 2026

"Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." John 20:29 - This highlights that faith, not sight, is the foundation for believers, challenging us to live as witnesses of mercy.

The Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on Jesus' appearing to his fearful disciples and addressing the doubt of one of them. In today's gospel, the apostle Thomas is absent for Jesus's post-resurrection appearance to His early followers who were in hiding out of fear. When he returns to the others, he handles the news of Jesus's appearance with incredulity and scepticism, raising doubts about what happened, in the absence of any evidence or physical proof.

Consider the role of doubt in the life of Christian faith. Absolute certainty is not what we are asked to embrace as people of faith, but we are asked to *believe*. Faith isn't the end point, but the beginning of a journey of further discovery and greater understanding. Thomas was not faithless, but hesitant and deeply affected by Jesus' death – asking questions show his path of spirituality. Thomas' legacy is a journey of "from doubt to faith," inviting believers to move beyond intellectual scepticism into a personal, intimate relationship with the risen Christ.

The Apostle Thomas should be remembered not as the weak-willed or demanding character known pejoratively as "doubting Thomas," but instead called upon by all the faithful as the patron saint of holy doubt. St. Thomas, pray for us!



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

SUNDAY 12 APRIL

Divine Mercy Sunday
1:30pm onwards—Adoration,
Confessions, Exposition, Chaplets and
Mass—Church

WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL

12:30pm Parishioners Luncheon—
Chelsea RSL
1:00pm 15 Decade Rosary—PC
6:30pm Legion of Mary—PC

THURSDAY 16 APRIL

10:00am Film and Light Lunch—PC
2:00pm Unlocking the Mystery of the
Bible—Parish Centre



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Pledge \$ 2,528
Weekly average \$ 2,315.27
Holy Places \$ 1,379.10
Easter Offerings \$ 931.25



St Vincent de Paul Society

Donations to Vinnies are gratefully accepted
in the Blue Vinnie's Bin in the narthex.
Week 3 Toilet rolls, deodorant, disinfectant,
personal toiletries etc
Thank you for your continued support for the
St Vincent De Paul Society!



After the 3pm Good Friday Service in
the Church on the 3rd of April, Pat
Adams Aspire Walker was mistakenly
taken by another person, leaving their
much heavier one that Pat cannot
use. If you have taken the Aspire
Walker in error, please call Pat on
9772 5977 or contact Maree in the
Parish Office. Thank you!



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

THANK YOU!

Caritas Australia sincerely thanks you for
your generous support of Project
Compassion this Lent. If you still have your
Project Compassion box or donation
envelope at home, please return it next week
at Mass. Every contribution, no matter the
size, helps to bring hope and opportunity to
people experiencing poverty and injustice.
Together, we are *Uniting Against Poverty*
and walking alongside vulnerable
communities as they build stronger, more
sustainable futures.

Please donate today.

Online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate
Or by calling: 1800 024 413



**St Joseph's Men's Choir
will not be gathering in
April, but will be present
for the 2nd Saturday of May**
A big thank you to Mike
Shaw for his running of the
Men's Choir - a big task
undertaken with humour and
faith.

The choir will now be managed by Terry Guest,
who can be contacted on
theguest32@optusnet.com.au. Thanks Terry!!



2026 Easter Candle

Please consider if you can make a
donation towards our 2026
Paschal Candle. Every bit helps!!
Thank you and God Bless!



St Joseph's Junior Choir will recommence on
Thursday 7th May 2026.

Meet Thursday's 4:30pm in
St Josephs Church. All
school children from Prep
to Year 12 are more than
welcome!!!



MARK THIS DATE

Jubilee Year of St Francis Anima Pilgrimage to St Francis' Church

Lonsdale Street, Melbourne

Thursday, 28 May 2026
Attend Mass at St Francis'
NO COST – Travel by Train

leave 10am Chelsea Station

More details to follow

For all enquiries, please ring **Daphne
Kelly 0439 006 494**

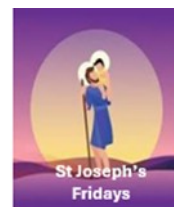


Are you looking for a place
to go on Friday night, find
parish friends and some
faith formation?

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 325 005
raffymazzeo@gmail.com



FILM AND LIGHT LUNCH

Thursday 16th April 10:00am in the
Parish Centre.

All are Welcome.
Come along and enjoy
a movie, conversation
and friendship with fellow parishioners!!
Please bring a plate to share!



The Junior Legion of Mary group is currently

on a break for the
school holidays and will
resume on Saturday
2nd May 2026 at
4:30pm in the Parish
Centre



Divine Mercy Sunday 12th April 2026

St Joseph's Chelsea

1:30pm Adoration,
Confessions and Exposition
2:00pm Chaplet of Our
Lady of Mercy
3:00pm Divine Mercy
Chaplet
3:20pm Holy Mass

3rd Wednesday Parishioner's Luncheon

Wednesday 15th April at the Chelsea Long-
beach RSL Thames Promenade
Arrive by 12:30pm for lunch at 1pm.

Contact either Pat Adams
on 0448-866-020 or Keith
Reiter 0417-350-733. Alter-
natively leave a message
on Keith's landline 9772-
7292. Seniors meals provided and all in good
company!!



Saturday 25th April 2026 from midday and Sunday 26th April 2026 from 2:30pm

The Polish Catholic community warmly invites the faithful of the Archdiocese of Melbourne to cele-
brate the 20th anniversary of the dedication of the Divine Mercy Shrine.
The Shrine was dedicated on 22 April 2006 by Archbishop Denis Hart and established as Australia's
first Divine Mercy sanctuary. Inspired by the message entrusted to St. Faustina Kowalska and promot-
ed by St John Paul II, the shrine has become a place of prayer and pilgrimage for people from across
Australia and overseas. **Divine Mercy Shrine—337 Greens Road Keysborough**