

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 (Springvale) 9:30 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	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 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.*

Recently Deceased
Betty Kennedy

Prayers for the Sick
Bill Armstrong, Marie-Claire Azie, Marie Ella Bednarski, Lina Blake, Margot Coghlan, Dennis Gallagher, Rick Hayes, Antonio and Antonietta Laria, Siu Kiang Lay, Julie McLeod, Peter O'Shea, Christine Riddle, Danielle Spencer, Brian Wilson, Don Walker, Toni (Marie) Wilton

Anniversaries
Douglas and Helen Alphonso, Garry Dellamarta

Special Intentions
Charles, Stephanie, Guy, Wil and Fritz Ohis, Catherine Schoots, Deceased members of the Knights of the Southern Cross

24th November; Christ the King B
1st R: Dan 7:13-14
2nd R: Rev 1:5-8
Gospel: John 18:33-37

1st December; 1st Sunday of Advent C
1st R: Jer 33:14-16
2nd R: 1 Thess 3:12-4:2
Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Liturgical Year C commences 01/12/2024



PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

CHRIST THE KING

24 NOVEMBER 2024

During the week, on Wednesday 20th November, St Joseph's parish in Chelsea took part in Red Wednesday, which is an initiative of the Aid to the Church in Need. Here is Melbourne Catholic's write-up of the event ...

Red November: a chance to stand in solidarity with persecuted Christians (19 November 2024)

Throughout November, Catholics in Melbourne and around the world are being called to remember and stand in solidarity with persecuted Christians through the Red November campaign, led by Aid to the Church in Need (ACN), a pontifical charity working for the cause of persecuted Christians globally. The month-long initiative seeks to raise awareness, prayer and support for Christian communities facing severe hardship and violence around the globe. Bernard Toutounji, National Director of Aid to the Church in Need Australia and New Zealand, emphasises the importance of standing with Christians who do not enjoy the protections that we take for granted in Australia. 'These Christians, the Catholic population who are suffering or oppressed or persecuted, are our brothers and sisters in Christ,' he points out. 'We share in the same baptism, in the same faith.'

The climax of the Red November campaign is Red Wednesday, which falls on 20 November in 2024 and is marked by the illumination of churches and public buildings in red as a symbol of solidarity. This year, 24 Catholic cathedrals across Australia will participate, including Melbourne's iconic St Patrick's Cathedral.

'St Patrick's has been lighting up in red for the past four or five years,' Mr Toutounji says, praising the Archdiocese of Melbourne's commitment to raising awareness for the cause. ACN's recently released [Persecuted and Forgotten? report \(https://acnuk.org/pf-edition-2024/\)](https://acnuk.org/pf-edition-2024/) paints a stark picture of the global challenges faced by Christian communities. The report details the harsh realities for believers in countries such as Nigeria, Burkina Faso, Nicaragua and the Holy Lands, where violence, discrimination and systemic persecution are part of daily life for many Christians. Reflecting on this sobering reality, Mr Toutounji points out that in Nigeria, 'Christians are not just suffering; they're dying ... The government is really failing to intervene to protect its people, so we really want to speak out for our brothers and sisters in Nigeria.'

Many of these Christians 'live day to day not knowing whether there'll be an attack', Mr Toutounji says, emphasising the need for prayer, and to assist in any way we are able, whether that's through trauma support or other forms of aid.

Mr Toutounji is also keen to draw attention to the situation of Christians in the Holy Lands, where Christian populations have been in rapid decline in recent years, and particularly so in the past 12 months. In Bethlehem, for instance, 'it's only about 1,000 Christians among two million others,' he says. 'These are the lands where Christ walked, where the beginnings of our faith are found.'

Mr Toutounji is also heartened by the 'growth in interest' he's observed in recent years within the Australian community when it comes to the plight of persecuted Christians. 'We speak in 200 parishes across the course of a year around the country, and we engage in all sorts of ways to talk to people,' he says. 'I think it's a little bit more in the news. People are a bit more aware of it.'

The campaign's reach is not limited to churches and cathedrals. ACN invites individuals and parishes to engage through simple yet meaningful actions. The Red November website (<https://rednovember.org/home>) offers resources for organising events and suggests ways to participate at home. Mr Toutounji identifies three simple ways for individuals to get involved: 'Learn, pray and support. That's what we're asking people to do.'

Full article accessed: <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/red-november-a-chance-to-stand-in-solidarity-with-persecuted-christians>



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 23 NOVEMBER

4:30pm Junior Legion of Mary—Parish Centre

SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER

Last day to RSVP/pay for ANIMA Christmas Lunch!

11:00 Knights of the Southern Cross Mass for deceased members and widows—St Joseph's Church

MONDAY 25 NOVEMBER

10:00am Divine Mercy PG—Parish Centre
7:00pm Men's Focus Group—PC

TUESDAY 26 NOVEMBER

10:00am Sacred Heart PG—PC
7:30pm KSC Executive Meeting—PC

WEDNESDAY 27 NOVEMBER

11:30am Care and Concern Christmas Lunch for single men and women—Hall
6:30pm Legion of Mary Chelsea—PC



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Pledge \$ 2,742
Weekly average \$ 2,721.09



9:00am Mass Friday 6 December

Holy Mass with Anointing
Followed by refreshments in the Narthex hosted by the Bereavement Support Group



Our Parish is looking to expand our Safeguarding Children and Young People (SC&YP) Committee. Reporting to Father Williams, the duties consist of assisting the Committee in ensuring our Parish complies with the Melbourne Archdiocese SC&YP policies and procedures. Circa 3 hours per week and requires basic Microsoft Office Excel and Word skills. If you are interested, please phone Maree on 9772-2211 or email chelsea@cam.org.au

The month of November is a time in which we remember and pray for those who have died. The names of deceased family and friends may be added to the St Joseph's Memorial Book in the narthex. Envelopes for November Mass Offerings are available in the narthex. These offerings will be sent to *Aid to the Church in need*, where priests serving in countries that persecute those of our faith will offer masses.



St Joseph's Church and Garden Working Bee!

Saturday 14th December 2024
10:00 until midday. Let's have our Church sparkling in time for the birth of our Lord!!! Volunteer lists are in the Narthex! God Bless



ST JOSEPH'S CARE & CONCERN CHRISTMAS LUNCH FOR SINGLE MEN & WOMEN

11.30 AM – 2.00 PM
WEDNESDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2024



St Joseph's Parish Hall
Woodbine Grove, Chelsea

Entertainment by Andy Lonestar

Enquiries to Sue Hyde 0408 547 791 or sign up sheet in the Narthex.



Legion Of Mary Hour of Prayer

Sunday 8 December 2024
12:00pm to 1:00pm
St Joseph's Church

Anima Christmas Lunch Wednesday, 4th December 2024 12 noon to 3pm - \$45 per person

Chelsea RSL, Thames Promenade, Chelsea
Festive 2-Course Meal (pork/turkey 50-50) + Dessert. Soft drink, teas, coffees included

Please ring Daphne if you have any dietary requirements

BOOKINGS (payable by Sunday, 24 November)

will be taken after the 9am Sunday Mass in the Church Foyer,

or ring: Daphne Kelly 9772 6312, or Mobile: 0439 006 494

If you wish to pay by Credit Card, please contact Maree, Parish Office (9772 2211)



Christmas Raffle: 3 Tickets for \$5

Knights of the Southern Cross

Mass for deceased members of KSC and widows.



Sunday 24th November 11:00am

Followed by widows lunch at Chelsea RSL

St Vincent de Paul Society

It would be so appreciated if anyone would like to contribute some gifts for Christmas (eg Movie Tickets, Gift Cards, Candles etc) in our blue bin at the back of the Narthex to make our hampers more special than our usual food hampers which we take out on our visits weekly. Anything extra you enjoy at Christmas would be wonderful to share with those families who are experiencing a hard time at the moment.



Thanking you in advance for your generosity. God Bless. Vinnies Chelsea Conference.



The cost of living crisis is forcing families to make unimaginable choices – keep the lights on in the home or put food on the table. Please consider providing vulnerable families with the help they need this Christmas. Appeal launch 1st December 2024. Thank you for your continued support!

Pregnancy Assistance Frankston Christmas Raffle

Tickets on sale after weekend Masses from 30th November

1st prize Christmas hamper
2nd prize \$100 Bunnings voucher
3rd prize Christmas Cake & Bottle of Port
\$2 each ticket or 3 tickets for \$5.
Drawn on Friday 13th December
Thank you for your support!



Chelsea Community Christmas Lunch

Will you be alone on Christmas Day? Experience the joy of Christmas at The Chelsea Community Christmas Lunch - 2024.

We're serving up more than just a delicious traditional meal - we're dishing out hope, love, and joy to all who attend. Enjoy festive music, great company, and a chance to be part of something special this holiday season.

11:45am—2pm Christmas Day 25/12
St Joseph's Hall Woodbine St Chelsea

For more info and to book:

<https://www.chelseacommunitychristmaslunch.au/>

