

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 Wednesday 1pm St Joseph's Parish Centre 15 Decade-Rosary Mary Untier of Knots
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	

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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
Lorraine Benjamin

Prayers for the Sick
Bill Armstrong, Marie-Claire Azie, Margot Coghlan, Dennis Gallagher, Brian Glewis, Brian Grace, Rick Hayes, Antonio and Antonietta Laria, Siu Kiang Lay, Julie McLeod, Peter O'Shea, Christine Riddle, Danielle Spencer, Brian Wilson

Anniversaries
Pauline Eden, Frank Harkness, Evelyn Godsil, Brian McNamara, Peter Roberts, Joseph Rochford, Henri Styzinski, Gerry and Margaret Wallace



1st September; 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time B

1st R: Deut:4:1-2, 6-8
2nd R: James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27
Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

8th September; 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time B

1st R: Is 35:4-7
2nd R: James 2:1-5
Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

22ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

1 SEPTEMBER

Our Father on Father's Day

Lessons about fatherhood from the Lord's Prayer.

GOD BLESS
our Fathers

On Father's Day, we take time to celebrate our fathers, or father-figures, and to thank God for them. The Bible points us to God, who is our perfect Father in heaven. He is always good and perfectly loves us.

One example of this is in Matthew 6, 'The Lord's Prayer'. These are words that Jesus taught his disciples publicly as a model for talking to God in prayer.

'This is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven..."' (Matthew 6:9).

When Jesus taught his disciples to pray, he taught them first to call God 'Father'. He could have used other terms used in the Bible to describe God, like our Rock, King, Shepherd etc. But instead, he highlighted the term 'Father'. This term is used in a couple of places in the Old Testament, such as Isaiah 63:16. But predominantly, the language of 'father' is found in the New Testament.

This means that the God of the Bible is neither an impersonal energy or force, nor a cold tyrant who simply wants submissive slaves. The Bible reveals that the Creator of the universe is also our loving Father in heaven. He is a personal and relational being, whom we can know, trust and pray to. We are part of God's family, so the Creator of the universe is also our Father.

Our Father provides

"... Give us today our daily bread" (Matthew 6:11).

This means that God cares not only about our spiritual relationship with him, but also our physical needs, including food, shelter and the use of our bodies. God cares about our daily lives and concerns. Fatherhood modelled on this will be fatherhood that makes sure our families have what they need. Not just in material things, but all kinds of other things that families and children need: love, support, encouragement, face-to-face attention, physical activity, rest, safety and prayer

Our Father forgives

"... Forgive us our debts as we have forgiven our debtors" (Matthew 6:12).

The Bible tells us the incredible news that God doesn't treat us as our sins deserve. Instead, he sent his Son, to live a sinless life, to die in our place and to be raised from the dead. In Jesus, God treats us like the father in the parable of the Prodigal Son—rich in mercy and forgiveness.

God's word, the Bible, teaches and enables men to be the kind of father God wants them to be. Passages like the Lord's Prayer point to God as our heavenly Father, the model of perfect parenting—he is personal, he provides and he forgives.

This Father's Day may we rejoice in our Father in heaven, as well as our earthly fathers, and may our own fathering increasingly be shaped by his.

<https://growingfaith.com.au/articles/our-father-on-fathers-day>



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 AUGUST

4:30pm Junior Legion of Mary—Parish Centre. Enquiries—0403 095 627

SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

Father's Day

MONDAY 2 SEPTEMBER

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

TUESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

10:00am Sacred Heart PG—Parish Centre

WEDNESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

6:30pm Legion of Mary
Chelsea—PC

THURSDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

St Mother Teresa of Calcutta



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Pledge \$ 2,787
Weekly average \$ 2,700.83

St Vincent de Paul Society Vinnies are experiencing a higher demand of visits & are having to purchase food every month, so would be very grateful for any extra grocery donations which can be left in the Vinnies bin in the Church Narthex or dropped off in the Parish Office. Thank you!!!!

Father's Day—Junior Legion of Mary

At 9am and 11am Mass this Sunday 01/09, our Junior Legion of Mary children will be handing out little surprises to all our Dad's to wish them a very happy Father's Day!!!



ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION ON THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. The information session is open to everyone interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate.

Online Diaconate information meeting
Tuesday, 24 September / 19:30 – 21:00 via ZOOM

Attendance will be by invitation. Express your interest by emailing Deacon Kevin Pattison
Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au

St Mary of the Cross Mackillop Stamps Appeal

Please donate your used postage stamps to the St Mary of the Cross MacKillop used stamp appeal. The Sisters of St Joseph (the religious congregation founded by Australia's first "home-grown" Saint) use the stamps to raise funds for their work with children and the poor. Used stamps can be left in the yellow box up the back of St Joseph's Church (on the table near where the bulletins are kept). Thank you!



Confirmation Congratulations and God's Blessings to our Year 6 St Joseph's Students as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation on the 8th of September. May the gifts of the Holy Spirit guide you and give you strength! Confirmation Masses will be held on Sunday 08/09 at 1:30pm and 3:30pm, with the ceremony's conducted by Bishop Tony Ireland.

St Joseph's Parish Website:

<https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/chelsea>

ST JOSEPH'S FAMILIES DINNER



Please join us for some quality time with parish families. Kids of all ages are very welcome!

Saturday 14th September
6pm Mass
7.15 Shared dinner
Bring a plate to share
BYO drinks

SPECIAL GUEST: Fr James Grant

RSVP by 10/9 Raffy
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Legion of Mary

First Saturday Devotion to our Lady

Every first Saturday of the month after 9:00am
Mass in the Church, commencing Saturday 8th August 2024.



Preparation of rosters for **Lectors and Special Ministers** for Oct—Dec 2024 will commence shortly. Please contact Chris Bennetts on 0402 823 0404 or cjbennetts@optusnet.com.au by **31/08** if you are unavailable during this time.

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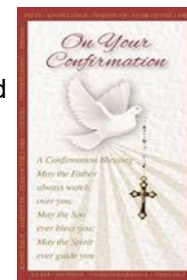


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St Joseph's Piety Shop

Open after all weekend Masses. Ideal, thoughtful and genuine gifts for all occasions.

Confirmation cards and gifts are available!!



The **Men's Focus Group** meet every fortnight - next meeting will be **Monday 2nd September at 7:30pm** - in the parish centre. All men are welcome to join us as we read the gospel for the day and share our reflections on this, and how we can



bring a positive change in our own lives.
Enquiries—Neville on 0469 341 463