

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 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
Marie Ella Bednarski, Ana Lisa DeLaCruz

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

Anniversaries
Mary Cadernampulle, Father Michael Flanagan, Alice and Noel Larkins, Rhian Michal, Mary O'Brien, Maree Stonehouse



15th December; 3rd Sunday of Advent C

1st R: Zeph 12:2-6
2nd R: Phil 4:4-7
Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

22nd December; 4th Sunday of Advent C

1st R: Micah 5:1-4
2nd R: Heb 10:5-10
Gospel: Luke 1:39-44

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

15TH DECEMBER 2024

The Third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday. The day takes its name from the Latin word Gaudete, which means Rejoice. It is also known as Rose Sunday – for the wearing of rose-coloured vestments during Mass, and the lighting of the third, pink candle.



Advent was originally a fast of 40 days in preparation for Christmas. In the ninth century, this was reduced to 4 weeks. Advent is a penitential season – a counterpart to Lent, with Gaudete Sunday being the Advent equivalent of Lent's Laetare Sunday – both signifying the imminence of the coming of our Lord. The readings for Gaudete Sunday reflect on rejoicing in the Lord – “Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.” Philippians 4:4-5.

A great way to observe Gaudete Sunday is spending the day with family and friends and completing an activity that brings you joy. Maybe you can cook a meal and share it, play a board game together (without fighting!) or take a walk in one of your favourite places. Another way is by giving to those in need, like we do here at St Joseph's to the St Vincent De Paul Appeal. Clean out your wardrobe and bring joy to those who need clothes. Have your Nativity Set blessed at Mass and then situate it in pride of place in your home, bringing joy to all who see it.

On the Third Sunday of Advent, we are invited to reflect on the joy we feel because of our faith in Jesus. Let's not allow the struggles of 2024 take away our great joy in Christ our King!



PARISH CALENDAR

SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER

10:00am Working Bee—St Joseph's Church
4:30pm Junior Legion of Mary—Parish Centre
6:00pm Men's Choir at Mass—Church

SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER

St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal

MONDAY 16 DECEMBER

10:00am Divine Mercy PG—Parish Centre

TUESDAY 17 DECEMBER

Parish Office Closed
7:00pm Men's Focus Group end of year celebration—Parish Centre

WEDNESDAY 18 DECEMBER

6:00pm Parishioners Dinner—Chelsea RSL



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Pledge \$ 2,742
Weekly average \$ 2,888.58

The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday the 17th of December. Apologies for the inconvenience!



Make sure to visit St Joseph's Piety Shop after weekend Masses for beautiful and meaningful Christmas gifts!

Congratulations to Posy Kelly, and Penelope and Leonardo Price and their families on their Baptism's this weekend!



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



Blessing of Nativity Sets
Weekend Masses 14th and 15th December
Bring your home Nativity to Mass at St Joseph's for Blessings!

Sister Anita Le Clercq—Funeral Details

The funeral service for Sister Anita Le Clercq will be held at **St Joseph's Church Port Melbourne** on Tuesday 17th December at 10:30am, with burial at Springvale Cemetery. A vigil will be held on Monday 16th December at 7:00pm at Tobin Brothers Chapel St Malvern.



Our end-of-year Men's Focus Group celebration will be held in our Parish Centre at 7.00pm on Tuesday 17th December with special guest Father Kevin.

If possible, please "bring-a-plate of food" as this will be a catered social gathering. **If not possible, please come anyway.** After the semi-formal part of the evening, we encourage you to stay behind to chat and enjoy the evening's supper.

To assist with organising, can you **please rsvp to Mike on 0418-122-966 or mikeshawau@gmail.com before Sunday 15th**



Parishioners Dinner!! For our last event of 2024 we have changed to a Dinner to be held at the **Longbeach RSL Chelsea on Wednesday night 18 December at 6:00pm.** For bookings please advise Pat Adams 0448 866 020 or Keith Reiter 0417 350 733.



Preparation of rosters for **Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers** for January—March 2025 has commenced. Please contact Chris Bennetts on 0402 823 0404 or cjbennetts@optusnet.com.au by 14/12/2024 if you are unavailable during this time.



Fr Robert McCulloch and Eric Siraj - Missionary work in Pakistan 20th January 2025

Fr Robert McCulloch, a Columban missionary, and Eric Siraj, Hospital Administrator, will talk on their work in Hyderabad, Pakistan at 7:00 pm on Monday 20th January in St Patrick's Parish Centre, 3 Mitchell Street, Mentone. The evening has been arranged by the **Knights of the Southern Cross** and all are welcome. To assist with catering it would be helpful to advise via email to johnberuldsen@gmail.com or phone 0429 693 030, if you plan to attend. Thank you!



St Vincent de Paul Society

When out shopping for Christmas presents this year, please buy a little something extra for a Victorian in need. St Vinnies deliver hampers to families who need assistance—an added Christmas present will make someone's day!! Please place presents in the blue bin in the Narthex. You might like to buy a candle, a gift card, movie tickets, a stuffed toy or a box of chocolates!! All donations are gratefully accepted, Thank you for your support.



St Vincent De Paul Chelsea Conference.



The St Vincent de Paul Christmas Collection will take place at weekend Masses on 14th/15th December. 3.3million people in Australia are living in poverty and need our help. Please donate to the Vinnies Christmas Appeal to "lighten the load" of our most vulnerable. Thank you!!

Catholic Mission thanks the parish of St Joseph's for your generous support of this year's World Mission Day Appeal. Through your contribution of \$1,041.70, you have empowered Church workers across 1047 mission dioceses to share a message of hope and compassion with communities around the world.



Your partnership with Catholic Mission makes an incredible difference. Thanks to you, Cardinal Giorgio Marengo and Brother Andrew in Mongolia can continue delivering life-saving care, essential resources, and educational support. Your gift not only uplifts individuals but also strengthens global mission programs, reaching countless others who need our support. Thank you for being a light of hope to those in need!



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/>