

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) 9:30am 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.*

Recently Deceased
Baby Cora Agius, Malcolm Morrison, Rhea D'Lima, John Donohue

Prayers for the Sick
Pope Francis, Lina Blake, Henfi Chun, Dennis Gallagher, Rick Hayes, Jessie Jackson, Pam Jansz, Sheila Joseph, June Pereira, Christine Riddle, Juliette Ronald, Danielle Spencer, Brian Wilson, Toni (Marie) Wilton, Baby Area Maria, Jacqui Williams

Anniversaries
Alfred Francis, Dixie Longstaff, Howard Lynch

LENT
Pray + Fast + Give

30th March; 4th Sunday of Lent C
1st R: Joshua 5:9-12
2nd R: 2 Cor 5:17-21
Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

6th April; 5th Sunday of Lent C
1st R: Is 43:16-21
2nd R: Phil 3:8-14
Gospel: John 8:1-11

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

30 MARCH 2025

Laetare Sunday

Laetare Sunday is the 4th Sunday of Lent, the Latin word Laetare meaning rejoice. It is 21 days now to Easter Sunday!

This Sunday is considered a day of relaxation from normal Lenten rigours; a day of hope with Easter at last within sight, a day to express hope and joy in the middle of our Lenten penances and fasts. We can see that our Lenten observances and promises have not been in vain but are the means that lead our souls to our loving Father.

You will notice Father Williams in pink/rose vestments on Laetare Sunday too! Twice a year, these vestments are used – Gaudete Sunday (3rd Sunday of Advent) and Laetare Sunday. Gaudete Sunday is the “Advent equivalent” of Laetare Sunday – giving us a break from the usual preparation for significant times in the life and death on earth of our Saviour. The rose vestments give us a glimpse of upcoming happiness – the joy of the resurrection of Jesus is so close! We will face the darkness of Good Friday and Holy Saturday first, but we will then delight in the risen Lord.

“Laetare, Jerusalem, et conventum facite omnes qui diligitis eam; gaudete cum laetitia, qui in tristitia fuistis, ut exsultetis, et satiemini ab uberibus consolationis vestrae. Laetatus sum in his quae dicta sunt mihi: in domum Domini ibimus!”

“Rejoice, Jerusalem, and assemble, all you that love her; rejoice with joy, you who were in sadness, that you may exult be filled from the breasts of your consolation. I rejoiced when they said unto me: let us go to the house of the Lord!” *Isaiah 66:10*



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 29 MARCH

4:30pm Junior Legion of Mary—PC
7:00pm Families Dinner—Hall

SUNDAY 30 MARCH

Laetare Sunday
3:00pm Holy Hour—St Joseph's Church

MONDAY 31 MARCH

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

TUESDAY 1 APRIL

10:00am Sacred Heart PG—PC

WEDNESDAY 2 APRIL

6:30pm Legion of Mary Chelsea—PC

THURSDAY 3 APRIL

7:00pm ALPHA—Parish Centre



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP
Weekly Pledge \$ 2,705
Weekly average \$ 2,831.59



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Donations to Vinnies are gratefully accepted in the Blue Vinnie's Bin in the narthex.

Week 1 – Canned Food only eg soups, fruit, baked beans, spaghetti, ham etc

Please consider if you can donate some of your time to help our St Vincent De Paul team with distribution of food and home visits to those in need. Please contact Carole on 0404 335 419 if you can assist in any way! Thank you

Laetare Sunday—30th March

Holy Hour 3:00pm St Joseph's Church



PROJECT COMPASSION

Fourth Sunday of Lent 30th and 31st of March 2025

Irene lives in the Kongolo Region in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and faced immense challenges after losing her father to war and raising her children in poverty. With support from Caritas Australia, Irene received vocational training in sewing and farming and can now support her whole family.

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!



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By opening a savings account or Term Investment, not only will you receive a competitive financial return, but your savings will also help build parishes, classrooms, hospital wings, aged care homes and social service facilities. With competitive interest rates available across a range of savings accounts, including **5.10% p.a.* on a 6-month Term Investment**, it's a way to save while doing good.

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scan the QR code, or speak to us on 1800 134 135.

*Interest rates subject to change. View current rates on the CDF website.



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 & 5:30pm,
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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Although it's getting dark earlier outside, Daylight Savings does NOT finish up until Sunday 6th of April 2025—Clocks will go back at 3am to 2am!



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



CHELSEA & DISTRICT
INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL

GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

18 APRIL 2025 | 10.30 AM

BEESON RESERVE
NEPEAN HWY
EDITHVALE

ALL WELCOME

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/>

Jubilee of Missionaries of Mercy

28th-30th March 2025
Over 500 Priests, appointed as Missionaries of Mercy have travelled to the Vatican City for this ceremony and pilgrimage.



Looking for Volunteers to stay with Jesus—During Confessions on Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th April from 6:30pm to 7:30pm.

Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex if you are able to remain with the Blessed Sacrament in the Church on either of these 2 days. Thank you !

