

SUNDAY MASS Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm Sunday 9 am, 11 am WEEKDAY MASS Monday (Springvale) 9:30 am Tuesday 9 am Wednesday 9 am Thursday 9 am Friday 9 am Saturday 9 am		The Sacrament of Reconciliation Is available 30 minutes before each Mass, between 9:30-10:30 am Saturday morning, or by appointment. Eucharist Adoration Half an hour before each weekday Mass St Joseph's Church	HOLY ROSARY Tuesday—Friday 8.30am St Joseph's Church Wednesday 1pm St Joseph's Parish Centre 15 Decade-Rosary Mary Untier of Knots
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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
Nancy Butler, Vincenzina Pennisi, Father Leonard (Len) Thomas

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, Christine Riddle, Danielle Spencer, Brian Wilson, Don Walker, Toni (Marie) Wilton

Anniversaries
Leslie Shelton, Noella Caroline Vincent, Albert Paul Weiss

Special Intentions
For a special intention



22nd December; 4th Sunday of Advent C
1st R: Micah 5:1-4
2nd R: Heb 10:5-10
Gospel: Luke 1:39-44

29th December; Holy Family C
1st R: 1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28
2nd R: 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24
Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

22ND DECEMBER 2024

The Fourth and Final Sunday of Advent is here, and with it the eager anticipation of the celebration of Jesus' birth. The Christmas tree is up, the Nativity set has been blessed and food has been purchased for our Christmas feast. We light the fourth candle, the candle of love or the "angel candle", which represents the peace that Christ's birth brings to us. This Sunday we prepare for the birth of Christ, who was recognised as a Messiah even before His birth! Our Mother Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth, who was carrying John the Baptist. The baby in her womb leapt for joy, identifying the presence of our Lord.



Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Luke 1:42

We need to be on the lookout for the signs of God's presence in our lives, just as Elizabeth did when she was visited by Mary. Elizabeth could have thought no more of her child, John the Baptist, moving in her womb – just another kick, or re-positioning. But she saw it for what it was - a sign of the presence of God – a moment of grace.

As Advent draws to a close and we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, let us open our hearts in our interactions with others, so that we too may encounter, recognise and welcome our Lord every day. Let us be ready to say yes to the Father, yes to the Son and yes to the Holy Spirit. Let us prepare to experience the joy and love of His coming – not just at Christmas, but every day!



PARISH CALENDAR

SATURDAY 21 DECEMBER

8:30-9:30am Confessions
9:30-10:30am Confessions
5:30-6:00pm Confessions

SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER

3:00-4:00pm Confessions

TUESDAY 24 DECEMBER

6:00pm Christmas Vigil Mass
9:00pm Christmas Night Mass

WEDNESDAY 25 DECEMBER

Christmas Day
10:00am Christmas Dawn Mass

THURSDAY 26 DECEMBER

St Stephen's Day

FRIDAY 27 DECEMBER

St John, Apostle



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Pledge \$ 2,742
Weekly average \$ 2,748.45

The Parish Office will be open on Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd of December and then closed on Wednesday 25th, Thursday 26th and Friday 27th of December.

All the volunteers at Pregnancy Assistance Frankston would like to thank the parishioners of St Joseph's who supported our Christmas Raffle.

1st Prize – Christmas Hamper – Michelle Dart

2nd Prize - \$100 Bunnings Voucher – Vicki Abbatangelo

3rd Prize – Christmas Cake & Bottle of Brandy – Emmie Salcedo

If anyone would be interested in volunteering at PAF, just a few hours per week, please call us on 9770 6226 or pop in to the Centre anytime for a chat. Thank you.

www.pregnancyassistancefrankston.org.au

St Joseph's Working Bee!

Our Parish is blessed with many dedicated volunteers who give their time and effort in all facets of Parish life. Once again, this was visible last Saturday morning for the working bee, especially the young and youth who helped out in great numbers! The Church and garden look amazing! Sincere thanks to all who attended. God Bless



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

Fr Robert McCulloch, a Columban missionary, and Eric Siray, 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!



We are pleased to share the success of the inaugural Archbishop's Campaign and sincerely thank you for your generosity and support. Together, parishes across the Archdiocese raised **\$811,178** including **\$4,242** contributed by the Parish Of St Joseph, Chelsea. These funds will support vital mission areas such as the Priests Retirement Foundation, the John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, Corpus Christi College, Catholic Theological College and the Archbishop's Evangelisation Initiatives. Thank you for being part of this important campaign and for living out your faith with action.

St Vincent de Paul Society

Over the Christmas and New Years period, our St Vinnies team will continue to visit and supply groceries and other essential items to those in need. Please continue to donate non-perishable grocery items, toiletries (eg Toothpaste, soap) and cleaning products (eg wipes, Glen 20) and place in the blue bin in the Narthex. Your generous support for the valuable work of our St Vincent De Paul team is very much appreciated!!



St Vincent De Paul Chelsea Conference.

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



Thank you for your generous donations to the St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal. The lives of so many disadvantaged are improved with your kind gifts!! God Bless

The Divine Mercy Prayer group and the 15 decade Rosary on Wednesday's are now on break and will resume when school returns in 2025. Thank you!



Christmas Mass Schedule

21-22 December

Fourth Sunday of Advent

6pm Saturday Night Vigil, 9am and 11am Sunday Morning

Christmas Eve

Tuesday 24 December

5:30pm Christmas Carols followed by
6pm Vigil Mass

8:30pm Christmas Carols followed by
9pm Night Mass

Christmas Day

Wednesday 25 December

9:30am Christmas Carols followed by
10am Christmas Dawn Mass

Reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration

- Wednesday 18 December 6:30-7:30pm
- Thursday 19 December 6:30-7:30pm
- Friday 20 December 6:30-7:30pm
- Saturday 21 December 8:30-9:00am, 9:30-10:30am and 5:30-6:00pm
- Sunday 22 December 3:00-4:00pm

There will be no Confessions before Mass on the 24th or 25th of December

