

SUNDAY MASS Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm Sunday 9 am, 11 am WEEKDAY MASS 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 to 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.

Recently Deceased

Kevin Breen, Rose Baya

Prayers for the Sick

Marie Claire Aziz, Lina Blake, Derick D'Costa, Margaret Dunne, Jamie Fleming, Leonie Gilchrist, Rick Hayes, Jessie Jackson, Juliette Ronald, Josephine Russell, Josephine Sanjorja, Danielle Spencer, Toni (Marie) Wilton, Baby Area Maria (Cathy Meehan's Great Granddaughter)

Anniversaries

Serge Baya, Noella Vincent, Ines Mary Vincent, Albert Paul Weiss, Deceased members of the Cristostomo and Santos family, Jessica Valentine McDonald

Special Intentions

Repose of the Soul of Ferdinand Melder, Repose of the Soul of Kristijan "Kiki" Utkovic, for successful surgery for Daniella Sharp

21st December; 4th of Advent A

1st R: Is 7:10-14
2nd R: Rom 1:1-7
Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

28th December; Holy Family A

1st R: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
2nd R: Col 3:12-21
Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

21ST DECEMBER 2025

On 15 December 2025, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli released the following statement in response to the events the previous evening at Bondi Beach in Sydney

Yesterday, as a quiet summer evening was settling, and as the festival lights of Hanukkah were being lit, darkness enveloped our Jewish brothers and sisters in a targeted attack against them. Our nation is in shock, and a community of our nation has been devastated, by the violence that unfolded on Bondi Beach. We begin to name clearly the horror of what has occurred. This evil act of violence against our Jewish friends has deeply wounded our common humanity. What transpired was an overwhelming act of desecration. That this took place as families and friends gathered at Bondi to celebrate Hanukkah—a festival proclaiming light in the face of darkness—deepens the pain and outrage of this moment.

I stand in unequivocal solidarity with the Jewish community in Australia, and reach out in sorrow, friendship, and resolve. I call upon all people of good will to do the same.

In the face of calculated hatred and terrifying violence, we must reject knowing silence and calculated indifference. We must choose to be present, to pray, and to stand in solidarity.

Together, we pray in grief and lament for those who have lost their lives. We pray for strength and healing for those who have been injured and traumatised. We pray for all who carry the heavy burden of dread in the wake of this violence. We hear their cry, we see their fear, we share in their grief. We entrust our Jewish friends—our neighbours and fellow Australians – to the embrace of God. Yet even in devastating darkness, there is light. Hanukkah proclaims that light cannot be extinguished by darkness.

Our faith, too, calls us to be a light for the world—to resist despair, to name evil truthfully, and to move together from desolation toward hope.

May the God of all humanity draw us from this darkness onto a path of light. May we be strengthened to stand together, to reject hatred in all its forms, and to bear witness—through prayer and action—to a future shaped not by fear, but by solidarity, justice and peace.



Pope Leo XIV @Pontifex · 9h

Let us #PrayTogether for all those who suffer due to war and violence. Today I particularly wish to entrust to the Lord the victims of the terrorist massacre carried out yesterday in #Sydney against the Jewish community. Enough with this antisemitic violence! Let us eliminate hatred from our hearts.



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

SUNDAY 21 DECEMBER

St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal Collection
3:00pm 51st Advent Carol Service—St Patrick's Cathedral

MONDAY 22 DECEMBER

7:00pm Men's Focus Group—Final gathering for the year—Parish Centre

TUESDAY 23 DECEMBER

6:30pm Reconciliation—Church

WEDNESDAY 24 DECEMBER

Christmas Eve
5:30pm Carols in the Church
6:00pm Christmas Vigil Mass—Church
8:30pm Carols in the Church
9:00pm Christmas Night Mass—Church

THURSDAY 25 DECEMBER

Christmas Day
9:30am Carols in the Church
10:00 Christmas Dawn Mass—Church

FRIDAY 26 DECEMBER

St Stephen's Day
Parish Office Closed



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Pledge \$ 2,603
Weekly average \$ 2,682.78

St Vincent de Paul Society

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

Week 4 Washing Powder, Dishwashing Liquid, Household Cleaning Items etc
A reminder that the Vinnies Christmas Appeal is currently on going through until February. Envelopes are available at the back of the Church. There will also be a second collection at weekend masses 20th and 21st December for this appeal. The Chelsea St Vincent's team wish all a happy and holy Christmas and thank you for your ongoing support and assistance. Merry Christmas!

Preparation of rosters for **Lectors and Special Ministers** for Jan-Mar 2026 has commenced. Please contact Chris Bennetts on 0402 823 0404

or cjbennetts@optusnet.com.au ASAP if you are unavailable during this time.



St Joseph's Piety Shop

Open after all weekend Masses.
Great range of gifts, cards, medals, calendars and books and more!!



St Mary of the Cross Mackillop Stamps Appeal

Hang on to those used stamps from your Christmas Cards and bring them along to Mass to donate 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!

A huge thank you to those who have offered up their time and knowledge to assist with our RCIC/RCIA program. We will be in touch, if we haven't already, to organise some training before classes start again next year!! Always looking for volunteers!! God Bless.



20-21 December

Fourth Sunday of Advent

6pm Saturday Night Vigil, 9am and 11am

Sunday Morning

Christmas Eve

Wednesday 24 December

5:30pm Christmas Carols followed by

6pm Vigil Mass

8:30pm Christmas Carols followed by

9pm Night Mass

Christmas Day

Thursday 25 December

9:30am Christmas Carols followed by

10am Christmas Dawn Mass

Reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday 23 December 6:30pm – 7:30pm



A wonderful time was had by all at the ANIMA Christmas Lunch at Chelsea RSL, with festive food, wonderful prizes and terrific company!

Thank you to the ANIMA group for a brilliant event! Please find link to some photos from the day: <https://cam-parishwebfiles-public.s3.amazonaws.com/0012w00000LOj4VAAT%2FAnima-Christmas-Lunch-2025-9086.pdf>



The renowned choir of St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne presents its **51st Advent Carol Service** (music, readings and prayers) in the spectacular setting of the Cathedral.

SUNDAY 21st December 2025

3pm to 4:15pm

St Patrick's Cathedral
<https://melbournecatholic.org/events/advent-carol-service>

Thank you to those wonderful Parishioners who came along to the Working Bee on the 13th of December. The Church looks fantastic—your efforts are very much appreciated!!



Join us as we celebrate the closure of the Jubilee Year! Archbishop Peter Comensoli will be leading Mass at the Our Lady of Lavang Shrine. Mass will also be celebrated in Vietnamese. Refreshments afterwards.

Sunday 28th December 2025

10:00am to 12:00pm

Our Lady of Lavang Shrine

225 Hutton Road Keysborough



The Legion of Mary Wednesday weekly gathering has concluded for the year and will recommence on the 4th of February in the Parish Centre.

