

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
Honora Elvey

Prayers for the Sick
Bill Armstrong, Marie-Claire Azie, Lina Blake, Dennis Gallagher, Rick Hayes, Jessie Jackson, Sheila Joseph, Antonio and Antonietta Laria, Siu Kiang Lay, Julie McLeod, Maria Martin, June Pereira, Christine Riddle, Danielle Spencer, Brian Wilson, Toni (Marie) Wilton, Tina and Kirstie

Anniversaries
Harold Liddicoat, Peter Freese

Special Intentions
Margot Coghlan (1 mth)

2nd February; The Presentation of the Lord C
1st R: Mal 3:1-4
2nd R: Heb 2:14-18
Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

9th February; 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time C
1st R: Is 6:1-8
2nd R: 1 Cor 15:1-11
Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

16th February; 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time C
1st R: Jer 17:5-8
2nd R: 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20
Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD 2ND FEBRUARY 2025; 5TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 9TH FEBRUARY 2025

Introduction: The feast of the Presentation of the Lord commemorates how Jesus, as a baby, was presented to God in the Temple in Jerusalem. This presentation finds its complete and perfect fulfilment in the mystery of the passion, death and Resurrection of the Lord.

Exegesis of today's Gospel: The birth of Christ was revealed by three kinds of witnesses in three different ways – first, by the shepherds, after the angel's announcement; second, by the Magi, who were guided by a star; third, by Simeon and Anna, who were inspired by the Holy Spirit. Today's Gospel describes the Presentation of the Baby Jesus in the Temple forty days after his birth. The presentation ceremony was intended to ritually redeem Jesus who was the first born in his family, and where Mary herself had to be ritually purified (as per the Law of Moses). So, Mary and Joseph were a typical pious Jewish couple, who went to the Temple in obedience to do all that was required and expected of them by the Law. The *Feast of the Presentation of Jesus* is a combined feast, commemorating the Jewish practice of the purification of the mother after childbirth and the presentation of the child in the Temple. It is known as the *Hypapante* feast or *Feast of the Purification of Mary* (observed by the offering of two pigeons in the Temple); the *Feast of the Presentation of the Lord* (by prayers and a sacrifice offered in the Temple to redeem or buy the firstborn male child back from the Lord); the *Feast of Candlemas* (because of its ancient rite of blessing of the candles to be used in the church for the next year — a practice dating from the middle of the fifth century); and the *Feast of Encounter* (because the New Testament, represented by the Baby Jesus, encountered the Old Testament, represented by Simeon and Anna). In the traditional Latin Mass, during the principal Mass of the day, the celebrant blessed candles, and people took part in a candlelight procession. This was to remind us that Jesus is our High Priest and the Light of the World.

On the feast of the Presentation of the Lord in 2014, Pope Francis stated: 'Simeon took Jesus in his arms and thanked God that he had finally "seen" salvation. Anna, despite her advanced age, found new vigour and began to speak to everyone about the Baby. It is a beautiful image: two young parents and two elderly people, brought together by Jesus. He is the one who brings together and unites generations! He is the inexhaustible font of that love which overcomes every occasion of self-absorption, solitude, and sadness. In your journey as a family, you share so many beautiful moments: meals, rest, housework, leisure, prayer, trips and pilgrimages, and times of mutual support... Nevertheless, if there is no love then there is no joy, and authentic love comes to us from Jesus. He offers us his word, which illuminates our path; he gives us the Bread of life which sustains us on our journey.'

(Fr. Antony Kadavil 30 January 2020) Full article found: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2020-01/sunday-reflection-vatican-news3.html>



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 1 FEBRUARY

9:30am Legion of Mary First Saturday Devotion—St Joseph's Church

SUNDAY 2 FEBRUARY

The Presentation of the Lord
World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life
3:00pm Baptism Preparation Meeting—Parish Centre

MONDAY 3 FEBRUARY

St Blaise
9:00am Additional Mass with Blessing of the Throats—St Joseph's Church
10:00am Divine Mercy PG—Parish Centre
7:30pm Men's Focus Group—PC

TUESDAY 4 FEBRUARY

10:00am Sacred Heart PG—Parish Centre

WEDNESDAY 5 FEBRUARY

6:30pm Legion of Mary Chelsea—PC

THURSDAY 6 FEBRUARY

St Paul Miki
10:30am Rosary followed by Requiem Mass for Honora Elvey

SATURDAY 8 FEBRUARY

10:30am Lourdes Day Mass—St Patrick's Cathedral
6:00pm Men's Choir at Mass—Church

SUNDAY 9 FEBRUARY

Word of God Sunday

MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY

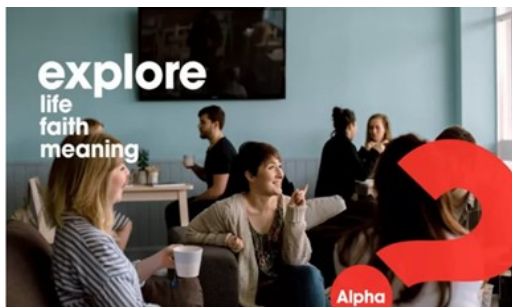
10:00am Divine Mercy PG—Parish Centre

TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY

Our Lady of Lourdes
World Day of Prayer for the Sick
10:00am Sacred Heart PG—Parish Centre
7:30pm KSC Branch Meeting—PC

WEDNESDAY 12 FEBRUARY

10:00am St Joseph's Care and Concern Meeting—Parish Centre
6:30pm Legion of Mary Chelsea—PC



You're Invited!!

Alpha is an opportunity to explore life, faith and God in an open, friendly and informal environment.
Commencing 20th February 2025 at 7:00pm St Joseph's Parish Centre
To register call the Parish Office on 03 9772 2211 or email: chelsea@cam.org.au



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP
Weekly Pledge \$ 2,742
Weekly average \$ 2,732.35



The Parish Office will be closed until Tuesday the 11th of February, while Niamh and Maree enjoy a cruise. Apologies for the inconvenience!



Nota Bene (please note):

This bulletin will serve for the two weeks that Maree is away on annual leave.

Blessing of candles

At the 6pm Vigil (1st Feb) and the two Sunday Masses on the 2nd Feb, there will be a prayer of blessing for the candles in the Church.. Please place your candles on the tables near the tea station in the Narthex of the Church prior to the beginning of Mass. (This is a gentle way to encourage parishioners to turn up to Mass ON TIME if they wish their candles to be blessed!)

St Vincent de Paul Society

The St Vincent De Paul Society is a caring Catholic charity, living the gospel message of Christ through their work with people in need. The compassion shown by Parishioners of St Joseph's Chelsea is very much appreciated in helping St Vinnie's reach their goals.

Please continue to donate non perishable grocery items, cleaning supplies and bathroom goods and place these in the blue Vinnie's bin at the rear of the Church. Buying an item or 2 extra for St Vincent's in your usual shop helps out immensely!

Vinnie's continue to seek volunteers to assist with visits to the poor and distribution of food items. Please contact Carole on 0404 335 419 if you can assist in any way!



QUARTERLY MEN'S HOUR

Saturday 15th February 7am
Parish Centre Chapel
Register: Mike 0418 122 966



QUARTERLY MEN'S BBQ BREAKFAST

Saturday 15th February 8am
St Joseph's Hall \$10
Register: Church Narthex or Mike 0418 122 966
mikeshawau@gmail.com



The Blessing of the Throats is a ceremony of the Roman Catholic Church, celebrated on February 3, the feast day of Saint Blaise of Sebaste (modern Sivas, Turkey)



The Order of Malta invites you to the annual **Lourdes Day Mass**—an opportunity to pray for the sick and infirm, particularly those who are not able to visit Lourdes.

Saturday 8th February 2025 at 10:30am

The Mass will take place at St Patrick's Cathedral, with Archbishop Peter A Comensoli as the principal celebrant. Everybody attending will receive a gift pack containing water from the grotto at Lourdes, rosary beads and prayer material.

St Patrick's Cathedral
1 Cathedral Place East Melbourne

Religious Instruction for Children not attending Catholic Schools in preparation for the Sacraments

Classes for Reconciliation (Grade 3), First Holy Communion (Grade 4) and Confirmation (Grade 6) will commence in March 2025. Please see our website for more details: <https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/chelsea>
To enrol, please contact the Parish Office on 03 9772 2211 or chelsea@cam.org.au



The 2025 St Joseph's



Parish Calendar and Directory is here!!

Please collect one copy per family from the Narthex. All school families will receive a copy of the Calendar next week. Containing: Informative and extremely useful contact numbers, events held in the Parish and communication around our faith.