

SUNDAY MASS Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm Sunday 9 am, 11 am WEEKDAY MASS Monday (Springvale) 9:30 am Tuesday 9 am Ash Wednesday 9:15am, 11am and 7pm 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.*

Recently Deceased
Daphne Johans, Therese Khoury

Prayers for the Sick
Pope Francis, Bill Armstrong, Marie-Claire Azie, Lina Blake, Henfi Chun, Dennis Gallagher, Rick Hayes, Jessie Jackson, Pam Jansz, 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
Rosina Fiumara, Rita and George Gauci, Kathleen and Jack Hyde

Special Intentions
Freddy Francis (B'day Thanksgiving)



2nd March; 8th Sunday of Ordinary Time C
1st R: Sirach 27:4-7
2nd R: 1 Cor 15:54-58
Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

9th March; 1st Sunday of Lent C
1st R: Deut 26:4-10
2nd R: Rom 10:8-13
Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

8TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

2 MARCH 2025

FOR THE INFORMATION OF PARISHIONERS - LENT 2025



109. The Lenten season has a twofold character:

- 1) it recalls baptism or prepares for it;
- 2) it stresses a penitential spirit.

By these means especially, Lent readies the faithful for celebrating the paschal mystery after a period of closer attention to the Word of God, and more ardent prayer. In the liturgy itself and in the liturgy-centred instructions, these baptismal and penitential themes should be more pronounced. Hence:

- a) Wider use is to be made of baptismal features proper to the Lenten liturgy ...
- b) The same approach holds for the penitential elements ...

110. During Lent, penance should not be only internal and individual but also external and social ... In any event, let the paschal fast be kept sacred. It should be observed everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the resurrection may be visited on uplifted and responsive spirits. *Constitution on the Sacred liturgy, Vatican II



Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence from meat.

On all other Fridays, except solemnities, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

- (a) **Prayer** - for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary; or in other ways.
- (b) **Self-Denial** - for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country or elsewhere; or in other ways. Project Compassion is a major means of expressing our self-denial in Australia.
- (c) **Helping Others** - for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened; or in other ways.

- All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (Canon 1252).

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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.

Sacrament of Confirmation—By virtues of the provisions of canon law (canons 882 and 884), Fr Kevin Williams has been granted the faculty to administer the sacrament of Confirmation to Jeremy Davis at the 9am Mass, Sunday 2nd March. Please pray for Jeremy and his family at this grace-filled time. Congratulations!!!

PARISH CALENDAR

SATURDAY 1 MARCH

4:30pm Junior Legion of Mary—PC.

SUNDAY 2 MARCH

Launch of Project Compassion

MONDAY 3 MARCH

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

TUESDAY 4 MARCH

10:00am Sacred Heart PG—PC

WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH

Ash Wednesday—Masses at 9:15am, 11am
and 7pm—St Joseph's Church
6:30pm Legion of Mary Chelsea—PC

THURSDAY 6 MARCH

7:00pm ALPHA—Parish Centre



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Pledge \$ 2,705

Weekly average \$ 2,742.86

Altar Society 23/02 \$ 699.75

The Lenten and Easter editions of the
Word Among us are available for
collection in the narthex for those who
subscribe!



Ash Wednesday 5 March 2025

Masses at 9:15am (St
Joseph's School children
attending), 11am and 7pm
St Joseph's Church



2025 Jubilee Year
Pilgrims of Hope



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 and
running for 12 weeks through until early May .
To register call the Parish Office on 03 9772
2211 or email: chelsea@cam.org.au or sign up
sheet in the narthex. It's not too late!!!



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- The Season of Lent is a time of penance. During
this season the faithful are exhorted to devote
themselves in a special manner to prayer, to
engage in works of piety and
charity, and to deny themselves.

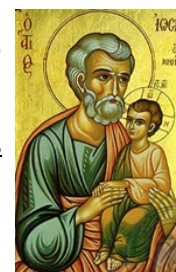
- Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy
Communion at least once a year. This precept
must be fulfilled between Ash Wednesday, 14
February 2024 and Trinity Sunday, 26 May 2024
unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another
time during the year.
-The wonderful gift of the Lord's merciful love is
offered in a special way in the
Sacrament of Reconciliation. Lent is a most
appropriate time to receive this Sacrament.
All the faithful who have reached the age of
discretion are bound faithfully to confess their
grave sins at least once a year.

FUNERALS - On Holy Thursday, Good Friday and
Holy Saturday all Masses for the Dead, including
Funeral Masses, are forbidden. Funerals on these
days are celebrated with the Liturgy of the Word
and without the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

WEDDINGS- Weddings should be discouraged
during the Easter Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good
Friday, Holy Saturday. Should a couple be
particularly insistent on a wedding for one of
these days, then please indicate that no
decorations (including flowers), no music nor
Nuptial Mass will be permitted.



St Joseph's Anima Group
Pilgrimage Visit in this Jubilee
Year "Pilgrims of Hope" is to
**St Joseph's Melkite Catholic
Church, Fairfield on Tuesday,
18th March 2025**, leaving by
bus 10am returning 3pm
from Woodbine Grove. \$20
per person. Prayer, and
guided tour of the Church.
Light lunch provided, but BYO if preferable.
Sign up sheet in the Narthex or contact
Daphne Kelly on 0439 006 494. Payment (by
Sunday 16th March) can be made directly to
Daphne (Cash) or to Maree in the Parish
Office (Card or Cash) 9am-2pm Tues-Friday.



The **Vigil Mass Choir** is looking
for 2 more voices to enhance
the richness of our Liturgical
singing. We practice at 2pm
on Wednesdays and have a run
through at 5pm on Saturdays prior to Mass at
6pm. If you think that times, days or other
issues may be problematic, they might not
necessarily be so. Please ring Elaine Shelton
0409026839 if you feel you can and would
like to contribute to the Liturgical singing.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

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

Week 2 – Breakfast cereals,
long-life milk, Vegemite,
jams, tomato sauce 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

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

Classes for Reconciliation (Grade 3), First
Holy Communion (Grade 4) and Confirma-
tion (Grade 6) will commence in March
2025. Please see our website for more de-
tails: [https://www.melbrcatholic.org/s/
chelsea](https://www.melbrcatholic.org/s/chelsea)

To en-
rol, please contact the Parish Office on 03



Caritas AUSTRALIA | **PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Project Compassion Sunday 1st and 2nd of March 2025

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty*
through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.

Your generous support this Lenten Season will
enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing
support to vulnerable communities in need.

You can support Project Compassion
2025 through the donation boxes
available in the narthex, online at [https://
www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion)
or by calling 1800 024 413. Thank you!