

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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PARISH PRIEST

Rev Kevin Williams

PRESBYTERY & PARISH OFFICE

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday—Friday 9am to 2pm

Deadline for Bulletin 12 noon Thursday

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Parish Office 9772 2211

Parish Website: <https://www.melbatholic.org/s/chelsea>

SISTERS OF ST PAUL DE CHARTRES

78 Argyle Avenue, Chelsea Tel 9418 6329

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

Tel. 8773 1111

Principal: Gavan O'Donnell

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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

Dr Ronald Fitzgerald, Carmelina Grech

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

Margot Coghlan, Michael Morris, Roy Stonehouse, Inez Mary Vincent

Special Intentions

Birthday Thanksgiving



4th January; Epiphany A

1st R: Is 60:1-6

2nd R: Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

11th January; Baptism of the Lord A

1st R: Is 42:1-4, 6-7

2nd R: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

4TH JANUARY 2026

The Angelus

The Angelus is a catholic devotion honouring the Incarnation of Christ. It is over 700 years old. The name Angelus for this prayer comes from the first few words: *Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariae* – “The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary”

The dedication is traditionally recited in Roman Catholic churches, convents, monasteries and by the faithful three times a day – morning, noon and night. Our Pope Leo conducts the Angelus and this is broadcast via the Holy See website – with these devotions available to view here:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/events/year.dir.html/2025.html>

The Angelus is usually accompanied by the ringing of the Angelus church bells, which is a call to prayer and to spread goodwill to everyone. The angel referred to in the prayer is Gabriel, a messenger of God who revealed to the Virgin Mary that she would conceive a child who would be the Son Of God.

The Angelus became the prayer that we know today in around 1560 in Venice, Italy: three Hail Marys, with short verses in between (called versicles), ending with a prayer.

V. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary,...

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord

R. Let it be done unto me according to thy word. Hail Mary,...

V. And the Word was made flesh

R. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary,...

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ

Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts;

that, we to whom the incarnation of Christ, thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by his passion and cross, be brought to the glory of his resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Angelus (1857–1859) by [Jean-François Millet](#)



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 4 JANUARY
The Epiphany of the Lord

MONDAY 5 JANUARY
Father Williams commences Annual Leave

Annual leave



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP
Weekly Pledge \$ 2,603
Weekly average \$ 2,383.65

St Vincent de Paul Society
Donations to Vinnies are gratefully accepted in the Blue Vinnie's Bin in the narthex.
Week 2 Breakfast cereals, longlife milk, jams and spreads, muesli bars etc
A reminder that the Vinnies Christmas Appeal is currently on going through until February. Envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Thank you for your ongoing support of the St Vincent De Paul Society. God Bless.



St Joseph's Piety Shop
Will be open after 9am Sunday Mass only throughout January.
If you do require anything from the shop, please contact Maree in the Parish Office during Office Hours and we can organize your purchase then!

St Joseph's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

St Joseph's Parish Website:
<https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/chelsea>

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 February 2026. Please see our website for more details: <https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/chelsea>

To enrol, please contact the Parish Office on 03 9292 7211 or chelsea@cam.org.au



St Joseph's Parish Office

New Years Hours

Day	Date	Office Hours
Tuesday	06/01	9am – 2pm
Wednesday	07/01	9am – 2pm
Thursday	08/01	9am – 2pm
Friday	09/01	9am – 2pm
Tuesday	13/01	9am – 2pm
Wednesday	14/01	9am – 2pm
Thursday	15/01	Office Closed
Friday	16/01	Office Closed
Tuesday	20/01	9am – 2pm
Wednesday	21/01	9am – 2pm
Thursday	22/01	Office Closed
Friday	23/01	Office Closed

Normal hours return from Tuesday 27/01/2026. Happy New Year!!

Holy Mass Intentions can be requested for 9am weekday Mass, Saturday 6pm and Sunday 11am. Only one Mass intention per Mass per day is accepted. Please address all your Mass Intentions requests to the Parish Office. Should your preferred date not be available, the next available date will be offered.

PATER ABSENS!

Between 4-25 January, Fr Kevin Williams will be away on annual leave. This is to catch up on the annual leave booked for July 2025, which was converted to compassionate leave when his mum went into full-time aged care. During this time, the following Masses will be celebrated by a supply priest:

- 6pm Saturday night Vigil (10, 17 and 24 January)
 - 9 & 11am Sunday morning (11, 18, and 25 January)
- Weekday Mass will be celebrated at 9am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings, preceded by half-hour Eucharistic Adoration from 8:30am. There will be no confessions or 9am Saturday morning Mass during the three weeks that Father is away. Please be assured of his prayers for the parishioners and their families during this time!

Christian New Year's Resolutions focus on deepening your relationship with God through prayer, sacraments, and service, with ideas like daily prayer (Rosary, Morning Offering), frequent confession, attending Mass, reading Scripture, performing acts of mercy (feeding the hungry, visiting the sick), learning about saints, and incorporating spiritual disciplines like fasting or silent prayer into your routine. They encourage discipline in your spiritual life to grow in holiness, turning everyday actions into prayers, and making concrete commitments to grow closer to Christ in the new year.



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 at the back of St Joseph's Church. Thank you

2026 Divine Australia

HEALING MASSES & RETREAT

JANUARY 2026 MELBOURNE

Fr. Antony Parankimilil VC
Director, Divine Retreat Centre
Kigali, Rwanda

6 January, Tuesday
6:30 PM - Healing Mass
Divine Mercy Shrine
343 Greens Road
Keysborough

7 January, Wednesday
6:30 PM - Healing Mass
St. Thomas the Apostle Church
5 Fiorelli Boulevard
Cranbourne East

8 January, Thursday
6:30 PM - Healing Mass
St. Kevin's Church
120 Hallam Road
Hampton Park

9 January, Friday
6:30 PM - Healing Mass
Our Lady's Parish
171 Craigieburn Road
Craigieburn

10 January, Saturday
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
St. Alphonsa Syro-Malabar
Cathedral Parish
53 McKellar Way, Epping

11 January, Sunday
6:45 PM - Healing Mass
Holy Family Church
100 Power Road, Doveton

12 January, Monday
6:30 PM - Healing Mass
St. Mary MacKillop Church
152 Odessa Avenue
Keilor Downs

13 January, Tuesday
6:30 PM - Healing Mass
St. Joseph's Church
362 Station Street
Chelsea

14 January, Wednesday
6:30 PM - Healing Mass
St. Christopher's Church
184 Blackburn Road
Glen Waverley

15 January, Thursday
7:00 PM - Healing Mass
St. Peter Chanel Church
848 Ballarat Road
Deer Park

16 January, Friday
7:00 PM - Healing Mass
Our Lady Help of Christians
496 Princes Highway
Narre Warren

17 January, Saturday
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Our Lady of the Southern Cross
2-20 Hawqua Way
Wyndham Vale

18 January, Sunday
6:45 PM - Healing Mass
Holy Family Church
100 Power Road
Doveton

19 January, Monday
7:00 PM - Healing Mass
St. Francis Xavier Church
60 Davey Street
Frankston

20 January, Tuesday
7:00 PM - Healing Mass
St. Andrew's Church
76 Springs Road
Clarinda

22 January, Thursday
7:00 PM - Healing Mass
St. Patrick's Church
128 Princes Highway
Pakenham

3-DAY RETREAT

23, 24 & 25 January
Friday to Sunday
9:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Holy Family Church Hall
100 Power Road, Doveton

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