

SUNDAY MASS Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm Sunday 9 am, 11 am	The Sacrament of Reconciliation Is available 30 minutes before each Mass, between 9:30-10:30am Saturday morning, or by appointment.	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
WEEKDAY MASS 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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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday—Friday 9am to 2pm
Deadline for Bulletin 12 noon Thursday
Baptism, Weddings, Parish Centre enquiries:
Parish Office 9772 2211
Parish Website: <https://www.melbocatholic.org/s/chelsea>

SISTERS OF ST PAUL DE CHARTRES

78 Argyle Avenue, Chelsea Tel 9418 6329

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

Tel. 8773 1111
Principal: Martine Verhagen
www.sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au



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

Codey Brown

Prayers for the Sick

Marie Claire Aziz, Lina Blake, Derick D'Costa, Margaret Dunne, Jamie Fleming, Bev Garing, 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

Keran Frances Cole, Mary Parker

Special Intentions

Birthday remembrance Ignatius Melder



22nd February; Lent 1A

1st R: Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7
2nd R: Rom 5:12-19
Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

1st March; Lent 2A

1st R: Gen 12:1-4
2nd R: 2 Tim 1:8-10
Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

22ND FEBRUARY 2026

During the COVID lockdowns, I tried to run a series of articles about scapulars. Sadly, the necessity of publishing the ever-changing governmental restrictions made such a series impossible to produce in a consistent manner. Hopefully now that times have settled down, I will be able to go back to the project. As Lent is a season of preparation, it seems like the ideal time to do so. Over the next four weeks, the bulletin will present a series of extracts from the article "Different Kinds of Scapulars," written by Fr. William Saunders ...

Recently a friend gave me a scapular. Could you please tell me where the scapular came from? Are there different kinds of scapulars? — A reader in Manassas

The scapular originates in the habits worn by the monastic orders, beginning with the Benedictines, and later adapted by many other religious communities. Basically, the scapular is a piece of cloth, about chest-wide from shoulder to shoulder, and drapes down the front and the back of the person, with an opening for the head. At first, the scapular served more as an apron worn during work, especially farm work; consequently, in the Rule of St. Benedict identified it as the "*scapulare propter opera*" ("the scapular because of works"). After the ninth century, a monk received the scapular after the profession of vows, and it became known as "the yoke of Christ" (*iugum Christi*) and "the shield of Christ" (*scutum Christi*). While certain modifications were made by the various communities, the scapular was a distinctive part of the religious habit.



Over time, pious lay people who worked closely with the monastic communities adopted a smaller version of the scapular. This smaller scapular consisted of two small pieces of cloth joined by two strings, and was worn around the neck and underneath a person's clothing. Eventually these smaller scapulars were marks of membership in confraternities, groups of laity who joined together, attaching themselves to the apostolate of a religious community and accepting certain rules and regulations.

Eventually, these smaller versions of the scapular became even more popular among the laity. To date, the Church has approved at least 18 different scapulars, distinguished by colour, symbolism and devotion. Most scapulars still signify a person's affiliation with a particular confraternity, at least loosely. Over the next three weeks, this article will give a brief description of the six most popular scapulars.

Full article found: <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/view.cfm?id=1312>



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 21 FEBRUARY
12:30pm Junior Choir meeting—PC
4:30pm Junior Legion of Mary—PC
7:00am Men's Hour—Parish Centre
8:00am Men's Breakfast—Hall

MONDAY 23 FEBRUARY
10:00am Divine Mercy PG—PC

TUESDAY 24 FEBRUARY
10:00am Sacred Heart Prayer Group—PC
7:30pm KSC Exec Meeting—PC

WEDNESDAY 25 FEBRUARY
12:30pm Parishioner's Luncheon—
Costello's Chelsea Hotel
6:30pm Legion of Mary—PC

FRIDAY 27 FEBRUARY
9:00am Mass with Anointing—Church
7:30pm St Joseph's Fridays—PC



**ST JOSEPH'S PARISH
STEWARDSHIP**

Weekly Pledge \$ 2,528
Weekly average \$ 2,329.63

ANIMA Bus Outing Blue Lotus Water Gardens

2628 Warburton
Highway,
Yarra Junction

Wednesday 11 March 2026

Bus leaves Woodbine Grove (Gate 6) at 10am.
Return: approx. 4 pm

**\$30 per head
includes Entry Fee
BYO Picnic Lunch**

Bookings

After the 9am Sunday Mass or by Cash/Credit
Card to Maree in the Parish Office

Payable by Sunday 8 March

For all enquiries, please ring

Daphne 0439 006 494

Sue Hyde 0408 547 791

Mary Howard 0411 209 083



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 2026. Please see our
website for more details: [https://
www.melbcatholic.org/s/chelsea](https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/chelsea)

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



Calling all Kids!!!

Dal and Sue are looking to form a
junior choir and request your
presence for a meet and greet
and information session—with
Pizza—on Saturday 21st of
February at 12:30pm in the Parish Centre!!
Everyone is welcome. Enquires Sue on 0408
547 791



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

First Sunday of Lent 21–22 February 2026

Project Compassion 2026 shares four stories
from around the world. Each of this year's
stories highlights unique challenges, yet they
are united by the determination to rise above
adversity and to build brighter, more hopeful
futures for themselves, their families and their
communities.

Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026
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Or online at: [www.projectcompassion.org.au/
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Congratulations to Kai on receiving the
Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

May God's blessings be with you
always!



A big thank you from Don Walker for the
wonderful card and lovely wishes on this 90th
birthday!!!!

Are you looking for a place to go on Friday night, find parish friends and some faith formation?

ST JOSEPH'S FRIDAYS

Every second and fourth Friday each month starting on 27th February 7.30-9.30pm St Joseph's Parish Centre Enter from Argyle Avenue
Open to parents looking for some time out, parishioners and friends of any age, come along for some quality time away from the daily rush!

Info and registrations

Raffy 0424 325 005 raffymazzeo@gmail.com



Donation Terminals

At the suggestion of the Parish Pastoral Council, we have obtained 2 CDF donation terminals in order to trial payment by card/phone to the Church account. These will be placed in the narthex of the Church. Instructions are listed on the terminals. Please feel free to provide any feedback you may have to the PPC or Maree in the Office. Thank you!

3rd Wednesday Parishioner's Luncheon

Usually held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, however in February on the 4th Wednesday—25th February! The venue will be the Chelsea Hotel Costello's Nepean Highway. Meet at 12:30 for a 1pm lunch. For bookings contact Pat Adams 0448-866-020 or Keith Reiter 0417-350-733 or leave a message on Keith's Landline 9772 7292. Thank you!

St Vincent de Paul Society

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

Week 1 Canned foods only eg soups, tinned spaghetti etc
God Bless.



Yvonne Roche would like to thank all parishioners for their prayers, thoughts and support. May Jesus and the Blessed Mother bless you all abundantly!



Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

An 8-week Bible Study Program

St Joseph's Parish Centre, Chelsea

Thursday, 2:00pm-4:00 pm, 05 March – 23 April

2026 Sign up sheet in the Narthex. \$30.00 which covers the cost of your study guide. Enquiries
Christine on 0401 517 078



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including parishes,
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