

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 Annunciation 9 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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Safeguarding of Children
and Young People
in all aspects of Parish life.*

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*The solemn obligation for
baptised Catholics to attend regular Sunday*

Prayers for the Sick
Sandie Armstrong, Marie-Claire Azie,
Lorraine Benjamin,
David Chalton, Margot Coghlan,
Dennis Gallagher, Helen Guest, Rick
Hayes, Allison Joel, Siu Kiang Lay,
Noreen O'Brien, Christine Riddle,
Danielle Spencer, Brian Wilson

Anniversaries
Wendy Basnet, Molly D'Souza, Hank
and Anne Devries, John Dowie, Justin
Hullond, Margarita Lucson, Eric
Ludwick, Carol (Donny) Perry, Fred
Rowe, Charles and May Sievers,
Margaret Tilley, Arthur Waite (7
months)



**7th April; Second Sunday of
Easter B**
1st R: Acts 4:32-35
2nd R: 1 Jn 5:1-6
Gospel: John 20:19-31

**14th April; Third Sunday of
Easter B**
1st R: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19
2nd R: 1 Jn 2:1-5
Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

7 APRIL 2024

We have another busy weekend ahead of us!

Two weeks ago, we had the Episcopal visitation of Bishop Tony Ireland. Last week, we celebrated the most important moment in the whole of human history ... the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead.

And this week we have a series of important events for two of the parish prayer groups.

As this Saturday (6th April) is the first Saturday of the month, the Divine Mercy prayer group will run its usual Rosary followed by the Divine Mercy devotion (beginning from 8am, with Eucharistic adoration and confessions available from 8:30am).

9am Saturday morning Mass will be for the seventh day in the Octave of Easter (where Easter Sunday is repeated eight times over eight days in the liturgy). You may notice a few new faces in the congregation at the 9am Mass, and that's because the Bayside Curia of the Legion of Mary will be celebrating the Acies from 10am.

The Acies is the great central annual function of the Legion of Mary. The Latin word "Acies" means an army ranged in battle array, and it is when the Legionary members make both an individual and collective consecration ... renewing their fealty to Mary – Queen of the Legion – in order to receive blessing and strength for another year's battle against the forces of evil (Handbook of the Legion of Mary, page 173).

The Acies is traditionally held around the feast of the Annunciation. However, as the 25th of March fell during Holy Week this year, the Church had to move the Annunciation to the nearest available day outside of Holy Week and the Easter Octave. Which is why we will be celebrating the Acies on Saturday 6th April, and there will be an additional Mass at 9am on Monday morning (8th April) to celebrate the Annunciation.

In addition, this Sunday is the Low Sunday of the Easter Octave, also known as the Second Sunday of Easter, also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. In 2002, Pope St John Paul the Great granted a plenary indulgence to Catholics who participate in the public devotions to the Divine Mercy. There are parishes throughout the Archdiocese who will be making this a grand affair.

If you want a quieter celebration, or are unable to travel too far from home, then the Divine Mercy devotion will be prayed 20 minutes before every Mass at St Joseph's this weekend. There will also be an hour of prayer in St Joseph's Church beginning from 2:30pm Sunday afternoon.

Hopefully it goes without saying ... although the weekend devotions are run by the Legion of Mary and the Divine Mercy prayer group, these events are open to anyone who is interested in attending.

Oremus pro invicem!" (Let us pray for one another).

Fr Kevin Williams



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 6 APRIL

10:00am Legion of Mary Acies—St Joseph's Church

SUNDAY 7 APRIL

Divine Mercy Sunday
Daylight Savings ends at 3:00am
11:00am Mass followed by Morning Tea in the Narthex

MONDAY 8 APRIL

The Annunciation
Additional Mass at 9am

TUESDAY 9 APRIL

7:30pm KSC Branch Meeting—Parish Centre

THURSDAY 11 APRIL

7:00pm Legion of Mary Bayside Curia—Parish Centre



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Pledge \$ 2,806
Weekly average \$ 2,724.45



Daylight
Savings
Ends



Sunday 7 April 2024

Move your clock back one hour at 3am !



I'm very pleased to advise that we have a **brand new, refreshed and very modern website** from today here at St Joseph's!!

Link: <https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/chelsea>

Please let me know if you have suggestions etc for content!! Thank you Maree



Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2024. **Your generosity will empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and lift themselves out of poverty.** Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, **for all future generations.** You can donate through Project Compassion by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

Please return donation boxes to the Parish Office or bring along to Mass by no later than Sunday 14 April



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 7 APRIL 2024 St Joseph's Church

Confessions before each
Weekend Mass,
11:00am Parish Mass
2:30pm Divine Mercy Hour of
Prayer, Divine Mercy Chaplet
"Contemplate My Wounds" and Way of the Cross.



The May copy of the **Word Among Us** has arrived and is available for collection in the Narthex for those whom subscribe.



The next **Longbeach Parishoner Luncheon** will be held at **12:30pm on Wednesday 17th April at the Chelsea Longbeach RSL.** For bookings ring either Patricia Adams on mobile 0448-866-020 or Keith on 0417-350-733, alternatively leave a message on Keith's landline 9772-7292.



Our 100 Year Celebration of St Joseph's School will be celebrated on Sunday 28th July with Mass at 11am and activities from 12.00-4.00pm. We are wanting to create some video snippets from our past students in the Parish If you would like to create a video of 30 seconds and send it to events@sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au we will put together a slide show to run throughout the day. If you have any queries please email the school. Memories from the past – A short 30 second video – favourite teacher, favourite memory, favourite subject, a funny story and the year you attended are just some things to talk about. Please share this information with other past members of our school.

St Vincent de Paul Society Week 4 – Washing powder, dishwashing liquid, household cleaning items. Please leave your donations in the Vinnies bin in the Church narthex.
St Vincent De Paul urgently requires more volunteers. If you can assist, please contact Carole on 0404 335 419.

Thank you for your wonderful support of the Holy Places Collection—\$1,588.20 has been forwarded to continue the good works of the volunteers in the Holy Land.



A CELEBRATION

Dear Parishioners, Divine Mercy Sunday is a very special day in Fr Kevin's conversion journey in the Catholic Faith. We are delighted to celebrate this annual anniversary with him **after the 11am Mass on the 7th of April.** We hope that you can all join us in the Narthex for refreshments and to rejoice with Fr Kevin who has been so very blessed by the Lord!

Legion of Mary Bayside Curia ACIES CEREMONY

Saturday 6th April 2024 at
10:00am—St Josephs Church



St Joseph's Anima Group, Chelsea Visit to Mornington Market

BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN for St Joseph's Anima Group Bus Outing to the **Mornington Market**, Main Street, Mornington on **Wednesday 22 May 2024.** Cost per person **\$20.**

Bus departs approximately 9.30am from Woodbine Grove, Chelsea, outside the School Gates. We will return at 3pm. BYO lunch, or buy lunch at Mornington cafés. If you wish to make a lunch booking at the Grand Hotel, Mornington for 12.30pm, please contact Daphne on 9772 6312, or email daphnekelly@bigpond.com. Clipboard for bookings in Church narthex.

Please collect your **Thanksgiving Envelopes and/or letters** from the Narthex—new envelopes commence 7th April!