

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
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	Wednesday 1pm St Joseph's Parish Centre <i>15 Decade-Rosary</i> <i>Mary Untier of Knots</i> 

PARISH PRIEST

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday—Friday 9am to 2pm

Deadline for Bulletin 12 noon Thursday

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SISTERS OF ST PAUL DE CHARTRES

78 Argyle Avenue, Chelsea Tel 9794 8350

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

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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.

Prayers for the Sick

Marie Claire Aziz, Derick D'Costa, Margaret Dunne, Jamie Fleming, Bev Garing, Leonie Gilchrist, Rick Hayes, Eddie Hennessy, Jessie Jackson, Andrea Hazel Pereira, Juliette Ronald, Josephine Russell, Josephine Sanjorja, Len Scott, Danielle Spencer, Toni (Marie) Wilton, Baby Area Maria (Cathy Meehan's Great Granddaughter)

Anniversaries

Marcel Jodun, Vincent Jodun, Michael Jones, Bishop John Joseph, Julie McLeod, Graeme Riddle, Geoff and Ann Shelton

Special Intentions

Thanksgiving for Debbie Johnston



3rd May; 5th Sunday of Easter A

1st R: Acts 6:1-7

2nd R: 1 Pet 2:4-9

Gospel: John 14:1-12

10th May; 6th Sunday of Easter A

1st R: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

2nd R: 1 Pet 3:15-18

Gospel: John 14:15-21

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

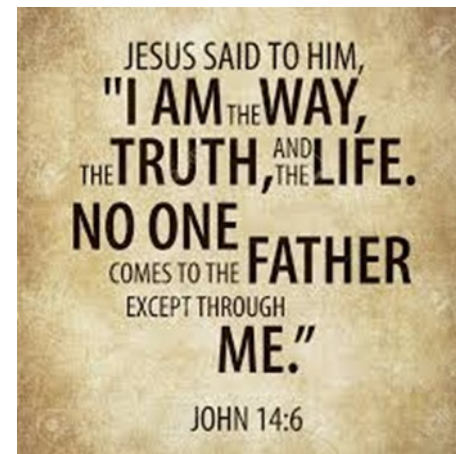
5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

3RD MAY 2026

There are many ways to get into heaven, many rooms in the mansions of eternity. But in today's Gospel – John 14:1-12, Jesus makes the important point that He, specifically, is the way to the Father. He said this as a response to Thomas, the disciple, who said that they didn't know where they were going. The response is helpful, and considerate - If you know me, says Jesus, you know the Father. This is one of our greatest signposts for today. Jesus is saying this to us. We can feel lost and abandoned. We can struggle to know which way to turn. But as long as we follow Jesus, as long as we turn to Him in truth, we are also turning to the Father, aligning ourselves with Him.

The Prayer of Unknowing by the Cistercian monk Thomas Merton (below), gauges some of today's Gospel. We may, if we want, take the words for our own and use them as a personal act of oblation to God:

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following Your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please You does in fact please You. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that, if I do this, You will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore I will trust You always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for You are ever with me, and You will never leave me to face my perils alone. Amen.



Order of the Cistercians of the Strictest Order



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 2 MAY

4:30pm Junior Legion of Mary—PC

SUNDAY 3 MAY

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

MONDAY 4 MAY

10:00am Divine Mercy PG—PC

TUESDAY 5 MAY

Parish Office Closed

10:00am Sacred Heart Prayer Group—PC

WEDNESDAY 6 MAY

1:00pm 15 Decade Rosary—PC

6:30pm Legion of Mary—PC

THURSDAY 7 MAY

4:30pm St Joseph's Junior Choir—Church

2:00pm Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible—Parish Centre

FRIDAY 8 MAY

Anniversary of the election of Pope Leo XVI

7:30pm St Joseph's Fridays—PC



Parish Amalgamation

Following Bishop Tony Ireland's visit in 2024, one of the things he directed your parish priest to do was to run a series of talks, informing the parishioners of St Joseph's about the amalgamation of parishes occurring within the Archdiocese of Melbourne. This is important information that all active parishioners of St Joseph's need to know about. With the invaluable help of the Parish Pastoral Council, there will be two sessions, run from **12pm Sunday 17th of May**, and **7pm Thursday 21st May**. Each session should only take around one hour. There will be sign-up sheets available up the back of the Church for parishioners to indicate which session they will be attending. I would encourage everyone to attend: this is part of the consultation process deciding the future of St Joseph's parish. Fr Kevin



Pregnancy Assistance

Frankston are having their annual MOTHER'S DAY APPEAL on Sunday 10th May.

A 'Hub of Love' for women & babies.

Thank you for your generosity & support.

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, vegemite etc

Thank you for your continued support!

Yearly Mass Counts will be occurring over the first 4 weekends in May at the request of the Vicar General. Thank you!!!



Franciscan Jubilee Year

Anima Pilgrimage to St Francis' Church

Lonsdale Street, Melbourne

Thursday, 28 May 2026

Travel by Train

(Bring Myki card)

Depart 10am Chelsea Station

Exit Melbourne Central

Short video presentation on the history of St Francis' Church, followed by Mass at 12.30pm BYO Lunch or buy in the City

Clipboard now available. Please register if

you are attending,

This is a requirement by St Francis Church

For all enquiries, please ring

Daphne Kelly 0439 006 494

Sue Hyde 0408 547 791

Mary Howard 0411 209 083

Saturday 23 May

YOU'RE INVITED TO A FRIENDLY SOCIAL EVENING WITH PARISH FAMILIES

7:00 PM - 9:30PM

St Joseph's Families Dinner

BRING A PLATE TO SHARE (QUANTITY TO FEED YOUR FAMILY) BYO DRINKS AND A DESSERT IF YOU LIKE

RSVP YOUR ATTENDANCE BY 16 MAY TO RAFFY 0424 325005 RAFFYMAZZEO@GMAIL.COM

PLEASE ADVISE ANY FOOD ALLERGIES

Serra Club Melbourne is

dedicating each Saturday morning Mass for Vocations for the month of May. We warmly welcome new members. Our monthly meeting is at St Catherine's Church, Moorabbin, every 4th Wednesday of the month from 6:10pm. For more info visit: www.scanzspac.org



CatholicCare VICTORIA



This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal (previously held during the month of August). CatholicCare Victoria works with those facing homelessness, those experiencing mental health challenges, families struggling with relationship problems, newly arrived refugees and asylum seekers, and those experiencing grief and trauma. This year, the Appeal aims to give hope and support to people experiencing homelessness. Our faith calls us to welcome the stranger and care for those most in need. Your compassion ensures individuals and families are supported with safe housing, practical assistance, and compassionate care as they rebuild their lives. Please donate to CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. You can donate using the appeal envelope available in our parish, donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9967 2515. All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible. "For I was a stranger and you welcomed me." (Matthew 25:35)

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

Our Divine Mercy Prayer Group meets every Monday (10.00 am-12.30 pm) at the Parish Centre and warmly welcomes new members to join us. Together, we spend time in prayer, reflect on God's mercy, and support one another through life's joys and challenges. Whether you're new to the devotion or have been praying for years, you'll find a friendly, warm and compassionate group ready to walk with you. Come along this Monday—we'd love to pray with you! To find out more: Christiane on 0413 701 381

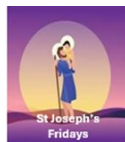


ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Pledge \$ 2,518

Weekly average \$ 2,285.21

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



ST JOSEPH'S FRIDAYS -

8/05/2026 is the next gathering!

Every second and fourth Friday 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

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