

SUNDAY MASS Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm Sunday 9 am, 11 am WEEKDAY MASS Monday (Springvale) 9:30 am 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—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
Father Denis Carabott MSSP, Margot Coghlan, Father Babu Varghese Kattikattu MC, Ben Munro, Michael Varni

Prayers for the Sick
Bill Armstrong, Marie-Claire Azie, Lina Blake, Dennis Gallagher, Rick Hayes, Jessie Jackson, Sheila Joseph, Antonio and Antonietta Laria, Siu Kiang Lay, Julie McLeod, June Pereira, Christine Riddle, Danielle Spencer, Brian Wilson, Toni (Marie) Wilton, Tina and Kirstie

Anniversaries
Brett Johnstone, Roy Stonehouse

Special Intentions
Thanksgiving, Sabina Sannen—90th Birthday, Thanksgiving



12th January; Baptism of the Lord C
1st R: Is 40:1-5, 9-11
2nd R: Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7
Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

19th January; 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time C
1st R: Is 62:1-5
2nd R: 1 Cor 12:4-11
Gospel: John 2:1-11

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

12TH JANUARY 2025

The Baptism of the Lord

The Baptism of the Lord (also called the "Theophany" by our Eastern brethren) is the feast day celebrating the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan by John the Baptist. This feast is also the last day in the liturgical season of Christmas. It was originally commemorated on the Epiphany of the Lord, however, over time it was observed as a feast in its own right.

"It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water He saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon Him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Mark 1:9-11

Jesus' baptism marked the beginning of His ministry work and the acquisition of His disciples, confirmed His identity as the Son of God and showed His solidarity with the human race – being sinless Himself, He chose to take on our sins, and receive the repentance of baptism.

Christ's baptism shows us all three Persons of the Trinity – the Son being baptised, the Holy Spirit descending and the Father speaking from above.

"After Jesus was baptised, heaven opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

Our Christian baptism recognises our unity with the Holy Trinity – God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. On this feast day, we remember our own baptisms, which freed us from sin and made us sons and daughters of God. Through our own baptism, God has opened the doors of Heaven to and for us!



Francesco Trevisani *John the Baptist baptising Christ* 1723



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 12 JANUARY
The Baptism of the Lord

TUESDAY 14 JANUARY
10:30am Requiem Mass for Margot Coghlan—St Joseph's Church

WEDNESDAY 15 JANUARY
12:00 Parishioners Luncheon—Riviera Hotel Seaford

FRIDAY 17 JANUARY
St Anthony of Egypt



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP
Weekly Pledge \$ 2,742
Weekly average \$ 2,743.33

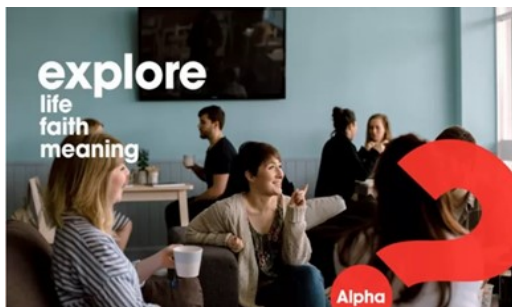
2025 Jubilee Year
Pilgrims of Hope



HOLY DOOR

From a symbolic viewpoint, the Holy Door takes on a special significance: it is the most powerful sign of the Jubilee, since the ultimate aim of the pilgrim is to pass through it. The opening of the door by the Pope constitutes the official beginning of the Holy Year. In crossing the threshold of the Holy Door, the pilgrim is reminded of the passage from chapter 10 of St John's gospel: "I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture." Passing through the Holy Door expresses the decision to follow and be guided by Jesus, who is the Good Shepherd.

<https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>



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

To register call the Parish Office on 03 9772 2211 or email: chelsea@cam.org.au

The first Parishioners Luncheon of 2025 will be held at the Riviera Hotel 30 Nepean Highway Seaford on Wednesday 15th of January from 12:00. For bookings ring Pat Adam's on 0448-866-5977 or Keith Reiter on 0417-350-733. Alternatively leave a voice message on Keith's Landline 9772-7292.



Magi Pilgrimages Australia is organising the following Jubilee Pilgrimages 2025.

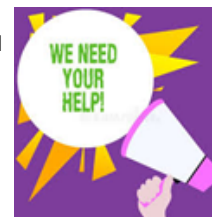
1. Streams of Mercy (May), 2. Italy & Poland (May), 3. Marian Shrines (June), 4. Shrines of our Lady (August), 5. Pilgrimage of Hope (October).

The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides. For itineraries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or 1300 721 561 or email us.pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au

St Vincent de Paul Society

Over the Christmas and New Years period, our St Vinnies team will continue to visit and supply groceries and other essential items to those in need. Please continue to donate non-perishable grocery items, toiletries (eg Toothpaste, soap) and cleaning products (eg wipes, Glen 20) and place in the blue bin in the Narthex.

Your generous support for the valuable work of our St Vincent De Paul team is very much appreciated!!
St Vincent De Paul Chelsea Conference.



The Order of Malta invites you to the annual **Lourdes Day Mass**—an opportunity to pray for the sick and infirm, particularly those who are not able to visit Lourdes.

Saturday 8th February 2025 at 10:30am

The Mass will take place at St Patrick's Cathedral, with Archbishop Peter A Comensoli as the principal celebrant. Everybody attending will receive a gift pack containing water from the grotto at Lourdes, rosary beads and prayer material.

St Patrick's Cathedral
1 Cathedral Place East Melbourne



THURSDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2025

6pm – 9.30pm

Cathedral Hall, ACU, 22 Brunswick St, Fitzroy

TICKETS & DETAILS:

Godandbeer.com.au

ADULTS \$30-\$45
(see further details on website)

U18 \$20
U10 FREE



Includes BBQ
& live music
with Olivia
Chamoun
Canavan



Fr Robert McCulloch and Eric Siraj - Missionary work in Pakistan 20th January 2025

Fr Robert McCulloch, a Columban missionary, and Eric Siraj, Hospital Administrator, will talk on their work in Hyderabad, Pakistan at 7:00 pm on Monday 20th January in St Patrick's Parish Centre, 3 Mitchell Street, Mentone. The evening has been arranged by the **Knights of the Southern Cross** and all are welcome. To assist with catering it would be helpful to advise via email to johnberuldsen@gmail.com or phone 0429 693 030, if you plan to attend. Thank you!



St Mary of the Cross Mackillop Stamps Appeal

Please donate your used postage stamps 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 up the back of St Joseph's Church (on the table near where the bulletins are kept). Thank you!



Join the Good Shepherd Parish Gladstone Park and the Disciples of the Infant Jesus of Prague as they host their 22nd annual celebration of the feast of the Holy Infant Jesus of Prague.

Good Shepherd Church 88 South Circular Road Gladstone Park

Sunday 19th January 2025
1:40pm Rosary, Novena and Chaplet
2:40pm Holy Mass, Procession, Exposition and Benediction
Followed by refreshments

