

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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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

Ken Foxworthy

Prayers for the Sick

Marie Claire Aziz, Derick D'Costa, Laura De Cunha, Margaret Dunne, Joaquin Ferreira, Jamie Fleming, Bev Garing, Leonie Gilchrist, Rick Hayes, Jessie Jackson, Conceicao Reis, Juliette Ronald, Josephine Russell, Josephine Sanjorja, Danielle Spencer, Toni (Marie) Wilton, Baby Area Maria (Cathy Meehan's Great Granddaughter)

Anniversaries

Father John Tollan, Rosina Fiumara, Graham and Kevin Meehan, Maria dos Anjos, Eduardo Antonio and Ligia Pinto Crisostomo, Dillys Rozario, Chris and Sofia Santos



15th March; Lent 4A

1st R: 1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

2nd R: Eph 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41

22nd March; Lent 5A

1st R: Ezek 37:12-14

2nd R: Rom 8:8-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45

29th March; Palm Sunday A

1st R: Is 50:4-7

2nd R: Phil 2:6-11

Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

4TH AND 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

15TH AND 22ND MARCH 2026

This is part 4 of a four-part series exploring the article "Different kinds of scapulars" written by Fr. William Saunders

- (6) The green scapular. In 1840, our Blessed Mother gave the green scapular of the Immaculate Heart of Mary to Sister Justine Bisqueyburu, a Daughter of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. She belonged to the same community as St.



Catherine Laboure, to whom our Blessed Mother had manifested the Miraculous Medal ten years earlier. This green scapular has the image of the Immaculate Heart of Mary on one side, and the image of the Immaculate Heart itself, pierced by a sword, surrounded by the inscription, "Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us now and at the hour of our death." This scapular can simply be blessed by a priest, and then worn, or placed in one's clothing, on the bed or in the room. Pope Pius IX approved the green scapular in 1863 and again in 1870.

Perhaps the best way to appreciate the wearing of any scapular is to reflect on the Prayer of Blessing offered in the The Roman Ritual: "O God, the author and perfecter of all holiness, you call all who are reborn of water and the Holy Spirit to the fullness of the Christian life and the perfection of charity. Look with kindness on those who devoutly receive this scapular (in praise of the Holy Trinity or in honour of Christ's passion or in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary). As long as they live, let them become sharers in the image of Christ your Son and, after they have fulfilled their mission on earth with the help of Mary, the Virgin Mother, receive them into the joy of your heavenly home." So, it is always important to remember: the key to this beautiful devotion is not simply the wearing of a piece of cloth, but the spiritual conversion it signifies.

Fr. William Saunders is dean of the Notre Dame Graduate School of Christendom College and pastor of Queen of Apostles Parish, both in Alexandria, VA.

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 14 MARCH

4:30pm Junior Legion of Mary—PC
6:00pm Men's Choir at Mass—Church

SUNDAY 15 MARCH

Laetare Sunday
3:00pm Holy Hour—St Joseph's Church

MONDAY 16 MARCH

10:00am Divine Mercy PG—PC
7:00pm Men's Focus Group—PC

TUESDAY 17 MARCH

Feast of St Patrick
10:00am Sacred Heart PG—PC

WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH

12:30pm Parishioners Luncheon—Riviera Hotel Carrum
1:00pm 15 Decade Rosary—PC
6:30pm Legion of Mary—PC

THURSDAY 19 MARCH

Feast of St Joseph—Masses at 9am and 7pm—St Joseph's Church
10:00am Film and Light Lunch—PC
2:00pm Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible—Parish Centre

FRIDAY 20 MARCH

Anniversary of the Dedication of St Joseph's Church

SATURDAY 21 MARCH

11:45am LOM Acies Ceremony—St Josephs Church
4:30pm Junior Legion of Mary—PC

MONDAY 23 MARCH

10:00am Divine Mercy PG—PC

TUESDAY 24 MARCH

10:00am Sacred Heart PG—PC

WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH

The Annunciation of the Lord
1:00pm 15 Decade Rosary—PC
6:30pm Legion of Mary—PC

FRIDAY 27 MARCH

7:30pm St Joseph's Fridays—PC

Easter Cleaning Bee

Saturday 28th March 10:00am
St Joseph's Church
Volunteer list in the Narthex
Thank you!!!!



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Fourth Sunday of Lent

15-16 March 2026

Life was hard for **Manaini** and her children living in rural Fiji. With the support from Caritas Australia's partner, FRIEND, she learnt food processing and gardening skills, improving nutrition and creating new income opportunities to support her children's education.

Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes and envelopes.

Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate Or by calling: 1800 024 413



Feast of St Joseph 19th March 2026

Masses 9am & 7pm St Joseph's Church



The **Parish Office** will be closed from Wednesday 11th March re-opening on Tuesday 24th March, as Maree and Niamh are off to Daydream Island—which was a lovely present from my friends for Niamh on her 18th birthday last year!!



LAETARE SUNDAY

15th March 2026

Holy Hour 3pm
St Joseph's Church



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Pledge \$ 2,528
Weekly average \$ 2,301.05

Stewardship

New envelope sets for givers have arrived with commencement date of 05/04. Please collect from the Narthex. Those who give via Credit Card or Direct Debit can collect their yearly statement also from the Narthex!

Thank you to those who so kindly give to keep our Church successful!! God Bless you!



Calling all school children!

If you love music, singing or playing instruments, St Joseph's Junior Choir would love to welcome you. It's a place for fun, friendship, creativity, and discovering the joy of making music together.

We rehearse every **Thursday** from **4.30–5.00 pm** in **St Joseph's Church**.

Come along and give it a try!

For more information, call Sue Hyde on 0408 547 791.



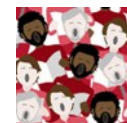
3rd Wednesday Parishioner's Luncheon

18th March at the Riviera Hotel Nepean Highway Carrum. Arrive by 12:30pm for lunch at 1pm. Contact either Pat Adams on 0448-866-020 or Keith Reiter 0417-350-733.

Alternatively leave a message on Keith's landline 9772-7292.

Men's Choir 2nd Saturday Vigil Mass each month. Saturday 14 March.

We are always looking for new members!! Please contact Mike on mikeshawau@gmail.com or 0418-122-966



Reconciliation Holy Week Saturday 28 March

8:30am, 9:30am & 5:30pm

Sunday 29 March

8:30am and 10:30am

Tuesday 31 March

8:30am and 6:30pm (with Eucharistic adoration)

Wednesday 1 April

8:30am and 6:30pm (with Eucharistic adoration)

Thursday 2 April

8:30am

Friday 3 April

8:30am

Saturday 4 April

10:00am

No confessions before any of the Triduum ceremonies or Easter Sunday Masses



Reconciliation



Holy Week

PALM SUNDAY 28-29 MARCH

6:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

9:00am Mass with Procession

11:00am Mass

HOLY THURSDAY 2 APRIL

7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

10:00pm Night Prayer

GOOD FRIDAY 3 APRIL

10:00am Way of the Cross

3:00pm The Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY 4 APRIL

8:00pm The Vigil of Easter

EASTER SUNDAY 5 APRIL

9:00am Mass

11:00 am Mass

St Vincent de Paul Society

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

Week 4 Washing Powder, Dishwashing Liquid, Household cleaning items etc.

Thank you for your continued support of our St Vincent De Paul Society—the items received are accepted with much joy on our home visits! God Bless

