

SUNDAY MASS Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm Sunday 9 am, 11 am WEEKDAY MASS 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 to Friday 8:30am St Joseph's Church Wednesday 1pm St Joseph's Parish Centre <i>15 Decade-Rosary</i> <i>Mary Untier of Knots</i> 
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St Joseph's Parish is committed to the Safeguarding of Children and Young People in all aspects of Parish life. If you have any concerns, please contact the Parish Office or a member of the Parish Pastoral Committee

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.

Please pray for:

Recently Deceased

Greg Dobson, Rudi Sampieri

Prayers for the Sick

Pope Leo, Douglas Meehan, Annie Pineda, Fr Brendan Lane, Bishop Terry Curtin, Derick D'Costa, Margaret Dunne, Jamie Fleming, Bev Garing, Leonie Gilchrist, Rick Hayes, Jessie Jackson, Andrea Hazel Pereira, Juliette Ronald, Josephine Russell, Danielle Spencer, Toni (Marie) Wilton, Baby Aria Maria (Cathy Meehan's Great Granddaughter)

Anniversaries

Maurice Brohier, Joseph Fleming, Severino Lacson, Elvina Moniz, Fred and Murray Swinton

Special Intentions

Thanksgiving from Dominic and Loretta

25th October; Ordinary 30 A

1st R: Ex 22:20-260

2nd R: 1 Thess 1:5-10

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

1st November; All Saints A

1st R: Rev 7:2-4, 9-14

2nd R: 1 Jn 3:1-3

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

25th October 2026

Today's Gospel (Matthew 22:34-40) reflects on the greatest commandment.

A Pharisee and expert on Jewish religious law asked Jesus "which commandment in the law is the greatest?" As was the case at the time, the Pharisee was attempting to confuse Jesus and was trying to catch him in an inconsistency. He was testing Him and trying to get Him to choose one rule over the many others.

Jesus answered the Pharisee by stating the greatest commandment is to love God with all your heart, soul, and mind (Deuteronomy 6:5), and the second, to love your neighbour as yourself (Leviticus 19:18). Jesus further explained that "On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets," (Matthew 22:40) meaning all moral and religious duties spring from genuine love for God and others

Jesus stated that the first and greatest commandment is to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind. This requires total, undivided devotion and worship, placing God above all idols, desires, and self-interests.

The second commandment is tied directly to the first: you must love your neighbour just as you care for yourself. Real love for God cannot exist in isolation; it must be noticeable outwardly through kindness, compassion, and respect for other people.

Jesus was not making something up here, he quoted directly from books of the Old Testament in order to answer the Pharisee.

Every rule or moral standard flows from or points back to these two very strong values.

These commandments shift life away from being selfish and inward focusing. They show us that active service and our community are of paramount importance in our daily lives.

"Our lives should be preoccupied with love. Love is the primary reason why we're on the planet – not productivity, though that can be loving, not correctness in our opinions, though that can be loving, not even doing the right thing, though that can be loving. But the primary reason why we're on the planet is not success or popularity or anything else but loving God and loving our neighbour. Only God himself should be dearer to me than my neighbour. That's what the Bible clearly and repeatedly says." (Ray Ortlund – American Theologian)

Saturday 14th November 10:00am St Patrick's Cathedral – Ordination Mass for Rev Rhys Lowther and Rev Dominic Lawes to the priesthood, and the Ordination to the diaconate of Mr Nicolas Calandra, Mr Andrew Tran, Mr Anthony Wright, Mr Bradley Proud, Mr Ryan Martin, Mr Francis Thomas and Mr Peter Nguyen.



**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 24 OCTOBER

9:00am Parish Planning Meeting – Parish Centre
4:30pm Junior Legion of Mary—PC

SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER

Altar Society

MONDAY 26 OCTOBER

10:00am Divine Mercy Prayer Group—PC

TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER

Dedication of St Patrick's Cathedral
10:00am Sacred Heart Prayer Group—PC

WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER

Sts Simon and Jude, Apostles
Mary's Mantle Consecration commences
10:00am Care and Concern meeting with shared lunch - PC
1:00pm 15 Decade Rosary—PC
6:30pm Legion of Mary—PC



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP
Weekly Pledge \$ 2,391
Weekly average \$ 2,336.60

St Vincent de Paul Society

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

Week 3 Personal toiletries, toilet paper, disinfectant etc

Thank you for your continued support for the St Vincent De Paul Society!



Congratulations to Kai and Carter on receiving their First Holy Communion and Eddie and Jessie on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at 6pm Mass on Saturday 24/10. May God Bless you!!!

Knights of the Southern Cross (KSC) - Melbourne Cup Sweep 2026

Tickets in our annual Melbourne Cup Sweep will be available before and after this weekend's Masses through until Sunday 1 Nov. Horse numbers will be drawn on Melbourne Cup Eve (2 Nov) with lucky recipients informed by telephone.
Tickets cost \$2. Proceeds fund \$100 Bursaries for nominated Grade 6 students at our local Parish Schools. Your continued support is much appreciated! God Bless



St Joseph's Care and Concern
Festive Lunch for Single Men and Women
Sunday 22nd November 2026
Noon to 2:30pm
St Joseph's Hall
Woodbine Grove Chelsea

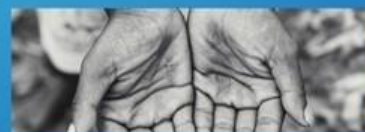
Festive Lunch - RSVP sheet in Narthex or to Sue on 0408 547 791. Dietary requirements to Sue ASAP please!

ST JOSEPH'S FRIDAYS 23 October 7.30pm

Join us for a presentation of St Vincent de Paul Society



An evening to find out more about St Vincent de Paul's Society



St Joseph's Parish Centre
Argyle Ave, Chelsea
Friday 23 October
7.30pm-9pm
Info and RSVP
Raffy 0424 32500
Coffee and tea provided

World Youth Day 2027

Seoul—South Korea 3rd to 8th August 2027 The PPC have commenced preliminary investigations into WYD and are seeking expressions of interest from Parishioners who may wish to attend. Please note your interest on the sheet in the narthex.

All, I will be on Annual Leave from Friday 27th November, returning on Tuesday 15th December. The Parish Office will be closed during this time. I will be working on Christmas rosters etc over the next few weeks. The Christmas Working Bee is on Saturday 12th December from 10am. Niamh and I will be cruising Far North QLD from Sydney – we love a cruise!!!! Thank you Maree

There will be an additional Mass on Monday 2nd November for the Feast of All Souls.

Refreshments will be hosted by the Bereavement Support Group after the 11am Mass on Sunday 1st November for the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls.



Commencing 28th October, the Legion of Mary is leading a 46 day **Mary's Mantle Consecration**, concluding on 12/12, the feast of Our Lady of Guadeloupe. Please register your intention to join by Sunday 18/10 on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. The accompanying book for the Consecration can be purchased in the Parish Shop or Parish Office for \$15.00 (RRP \$20).

There will be a second collection this weekend for the Altar Society. These monies are used for the flowers, Altar bread and wine, candles, cleaning supplies and sacristy preparation – with all these jobs completed by our wonderful volunteers – We couldn't do this without you!! Please consider a donation to aid in the work of our Altar Society people!

