

SUNDAY MASS Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm Sunday 9 am, 11 am WEEKDAY MASS Monday 9 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 to 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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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, Lina Blake, Henfi Chun, Margaret Dunne, Rick Hayes, Jessie Jackson, Juliette Ronald, Josephine Sanjorja, Danielle Spencer, Toni (Marie) Wilton, Baby Area Maria (Cathy Meehan's Great Granddaughter)

Anniversaries

Anne Maree Cardoz, Claude and Mary Cullen, Frances Dascoli (Bakker), Deceased members of the Interlandi family—Francesca, Antonio, Pina, Vincenzo, Pino, Filipo, Giuseppina, Matia Antonio, Liliana and Milina Salvatore Gangi, Michael Morris, Clive Pereira, Catherine Samy

Special Intentions

Thanksgiving from Loretta Fernandez, Thanksgiving from Hoshang and Roselin, Birthday Serder Koc



14th September; Exaltation of the Holy Cross C

1st R: Num 21:4-9

2nd R: Phil 2:6-11

Gospel: John 3:13-17

21st September; Ordinary Time 25 C

1st R: Amos 8:4-7

2nd R: 1 Tim 2:1-8

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

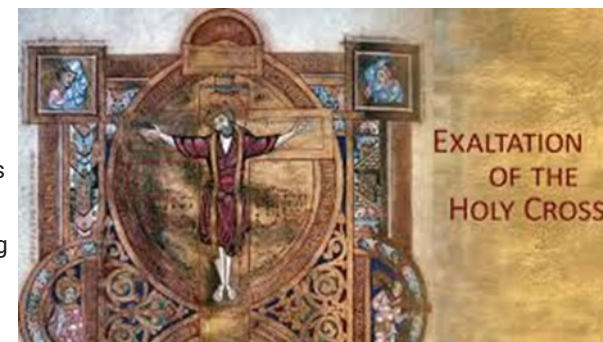
PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

14 SEPTEMBER 2025

The Story of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Early in the fourth century, Saint Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Savior's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher on that spot. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman.



The cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus' head: Then "all the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on."

To this day, the Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September anniversary of the basilica's dedication. The feast entered the Western calendar in the seventh century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614, 15 years earlier. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself, but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim.

The cross is today the universal image of Christian belief. Countless generations of artists have turned it into a thing of beauty to be carried in procession or worn as jewellery. To the eyes of the first Christians, it had no beauty. It stood outside too many city walls, decorated only with decaying corpses, as a threat to anyone who defied Rome's authority—including Christians who refused sacrifice to Roman gods. Although believers spoke of the cross as the instrument of salvation, it seldom appeared in Christian art unless disguised as an anchor or the Chi-Rho until after Constantine's edict of toleration.

Taken from: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/exaltation-of-the-holy-cross/>



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 13 SEPTEMBER

4:30pm Junior Legion of Mary—PC
6:00pm Men's Choir at Mass—Church
7:15pm Families Dinner—Hall

SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Safeguarding Sunday

MONDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

Our Lady of Sorrows
9:00am Additional Mass—St Joseph's Church
10:00am Divine Mercy PG—Parish Centre

TUESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

10:00am Sacred Heart PG —Parish Centre

WEDNESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

1:00pm—15 Decade Rosary Mary Untier of Knots—Parish Centre
6:30pm Legion of Mary Chelsea—PC

THURSDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

10:00am Film and Light Lunch—PC

FRIDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

School term 3 concludes

You may have noticed that the security screen doors on the Presbytery have been replaced – and they look great – however, they have made the wrought iron gates and windows look very rusted and shoddy!! As such, I've organised to get some quotes for sand blasting, powder coating and repair of these, as well as rot repair and painting of the windows. I have set up a donation link to assist in payment for this – if you are able to financially contribute to this, we would be eternally grateful!!
<https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/donate?id=0012w00000LOj4VAAT&parish=chelsea>



There will be no 9:30 Mass on Monday Mornings nor 7:00pm Friday evenings at **St Joseph's In Springvale** until further notice.



The September 3rd Wednesday Parishioner Luncheon is on this coming **Wednesday September 17th** - being held at the **Longbeach RSL Chelsea**. Please advise either Pat Adams or Keith Reiter to make your place at the table. Contact Pat on 0448-866-020 or Keith on 0417-350-733.



2025 Jubilee Year
Pilgrims of Hope



St Joseph's Families Dinner Sabbath Meal Hosted by the MGL Brothers

Saturday 13 September
7.15pm (after 6pm Mass)

St Joseph's Hall
Please bring a dish to share

RSVP by 8 September
Raffy 0424 325 005

raffymazzeo@gmail.com



Preparation of rosters for **Lectors and Special Ministers** for Oct-Dec 2025 has commenced.

Please contact Chris Bennetts on 0402 823 0404 or cjbennetts@optusnet.com.au by 19/09 if you are unavailable during this time.



There have been a number of parishioners that have been the targets of attempted scamming. The parishioners have received texts on their mobile phones claiming to be from "Fr Kevin Williams," and requesting for funds to be transferred. Please be aware: (the real) Fr Kevin Williams would never directly, individually contact parishioners on their mobiles with requests for alms. All fund-raising is done publicly, from the lectern at the end of Mass supported by details included in the parish bulletin. **PLEASE DO NOT GIVE ANY SUPPORT TO REQUESTS MADE VIA MOBILE TELEPHONE OR EMAIL.** Please also let Maree in the office know if you have received any of these messages as we are reporting these to the Archdiocese.



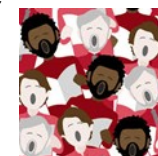
The Parish Shop will be closed on Saturday's from 6th September, reopening on Saturday 27th September. Sunday's will see the shop open from 10:30am and then again after 11am Mass, with Annie. Have a wonderful break Rosemary and Nyoman!!

If you do require any gifts/books etc, please contact Maree in the Office 9am-2pm Tuesday to Friday and I can organise to take payment and collection of purchases.



St Joseph's Men's Choir are seeking new members!!!
2nd Saturday Vigil Mass of each Month—13th September!!!

Please contact Mike Shaw mikeshawau@gmail.com or 0418-122-966



FILM AND LIGHT LUNCH

Thursday 18th Sept 10:00am in the Parish Centre.

All are Welcome. Come along and enjoy a movie, conversation and friendship with fellow parishioners!! Please bring a plate to share!



MARCH FOR THE BABIES

Come and show your support and march for the babies at 1.00pm Saturday, 11th October - Treasury Gardens, Cnr Spring St and Wellington Pde, Melbourne
Wear pink and blue for the Babies!

www.marchforthebabies.com

This is the 17th annual March for the Babies, and every year since 2009, thousands of Victorians have gathered peacefully with grief and hope to remember the ever-increasing number of babies killed by abortion in this state since the Government legalized abortion-till-birth on October 10, 2008



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP
Weekly Pledge \$ 2,709
Weekly average \$ 2,724.62
Wrought Iron Repairs \$ 880.00

St Vincent de Paul Society

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

Week 3 Personal Toiletries, Hand lotion, Toilet paper, Disinfectant etc



Please consider if you can donate some of your time to join our St Vincent De Paul team to continue in their good works. Please contact Carole on 0404 335 419 if you can assist in any way! Thank you