

SUNDAY MASS Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm Sunday 9 am, 11 am	The Sacrament of Reconciliation Is available 30 minutes before each Mass, between 9:30-10:30 am Saturday morning, or by appointment.	HOLY ROSARY Tuesday—Friday 8.30am St Joseph's Church
WEEKDAY MASS Monday 9 am 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>
		

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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.*



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.

Recently Deceased
Sister Anita LeClerq, Charles Phillips, Jenni Stewart

Prayers for the Sick
Bill Armstrong, Marie-Claire Azie, Marie Ella Bednarski, Lina Blake, Margot Coghlan, Dennis Gallagher, Rick Hayes, Sheila Joseph, Antonio and Antonietta Laria, Siu Kiang Lay, Julie McLeod, Peter O'Shea, Christine Riddle, Danielle Spencer, Brian Wilson, Don Walker, Toni (Marie) Wilton

Anniversaries
Marino Lacson

Special Intentions
Alexander Pirie (Birthday), Gerry Sonen 95th Birthday



8th December; 2nd Sunday of Advent C

1st R: Baruch 5:1-9
2nd R: Phil 1:4-6, 8-11
Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

15th December; 3rd Sunday of Advent C

1st R: Zeph 12:2-6
2nd R: Phil 4:4-7
Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8TH DECEMBER 2024

On the Second Sunday of Advent, we light the second purple candle, symbolising peace.



This peace focuses on the tranquillity and completeness that Jesus brings to the world. Peace reminds us that Christ's coming is destined to reconcile humanity with God and with one another. Jesus talked about peace quite often in his life – in the Sermon on the Mount, he spoke of peacemakers, and that they would be God's children, then at His Last Supper, he comforted his disciples by saying "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you" (John 14:27)

The Second Advent candle is sometimes called the Bethlehem Candle as a reminder of the journey of Mary and Joseph from Nazareth to Bethlehem, a journey by a humble couple, at a very inconvenient time to a very small town in order to complete a census!! Mary and Joseph found light and warmth in a dark stable for the birth of our Saviour, and God gave us His greatest gift, His only Son.

For many of us, the weeks leading up to Christmas are the busiest of the year, and we can sometimes lose sight of what this time of year should be all about – parties, shopping, kids finishing school, travelling, birthdays (well in my family anyway!!!). Let us continue to focus on the true meaning on Advent – preparing for the birth of our Lord, with Joy and Peace in our hearts.

"Be artisans of peace, around you and within you; ambassadors of peace, so that the world can discover the beauty of love, of fraternity and solidarity" Pope Francis

God Bless

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PARISH CALENDAR

SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER

2:00pm Consecration to Mary—Divine Mercy Shrine Keysborough
4:30pm Junior Legion of Mary—Parish Centre

SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER

12:00pm Legion of Mary Hour of Grace—St Joseph's Church
4:00pm Chelsea and District InterChurch Council Christmas Carols—LF Payne Hall

MONDAY 9 DECEMBER

Immaculate Conception of Our Lady
9:00am Additional Mass—St Joseph's Church
10:00am Divine Mercy PG—Parish Centre
10:30am St Padre Pio PG—Church
7:30pm Men's Focus Group—PC

TUESDAY 10 DECEMBER

7:30pm KSC Branch Meeting—Parish Centre

THURSDAY 12 DECEMBER

7:00pm Legion of Mary Bayside Curia—PC

St Joseph's Church and Garden Working Bee!

Saturday 14th December 2024
10:00 until midday. Let's have our Church sparkling in time for the birth of our Lord!!! Volunteer lists are in the Narthex! God Bless



Legion Of Mary Hour of Grace

Sunday 8 December 2024
12:00pm to 1:00pm St Joseph's Church
All are welcome



Blessing of Nativity Sets
Weekend Masses 14th and 15th December
Bring your home Nativity to Mass at St Joseph's for Blessings!

Parishioners Dinner!! For our last event 2024 we have changed to a Dinner to be held at the Longbeach RSL Chelsea on Wednesday night 18 December at 6:00pm. For bookings please advise Pat Adams 0448 866 020 or Keith Reiter 0417 350 733.



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Pledge \$ 2,742
Weekly average \$ 2,799.49



There will be an additional mass at St Joseph's Chelsea on Monday 9th December at 9:00am for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of our Lady.

Legion of Mary Chelsea will resume on Wednesday January 22nd 2025 at 6:30pm.



Consecration to Mary at the Divine Mercy Shrine

Saturday 7 December 2024
2:00-4:30pm
377 Greens Road Keysborough

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Hour of Mercy followed by Mass.
All welcome Enquiries 0412 035 685 or auip@tpg.com.au

Preparation of rosters for **Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers** for January—March 2025 has commenced. Please contact Chris Bennetts on 0402 823 0404 or cibennetts@optusnet.com.au by 14/12/2024 if you are unavailable during this time.



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve
Tuesday 24 December
5:30pm Christmas Carols followed by 6pm Vigil Mass
8:30pm Christmas Carols followed by 9pm Night Mass
Christmas Day
Wednesday 25 December
9:30am Christmas Carols followed by 10am Christmas Dawn Mass

St Vincent de Paul Society

When out shopping for Christmas presents this year, please buy a little something extra for a Victorian in need. St Vinnies deliver hampers to families who need assistance—an added Christmas present will make someone's day!! Please place presents in the blue bin in the Narthex. You might like to buy a candle, a gift card, movie tickets, a stuffed toy or a box of chocolates!! All donations are gratefully accepted, Thank you for your support.



St Vincent De Paul Chelsea Conference.



The St Vincent de Paul Christmas Collection will take place at weekend Masses on 14th/15th December. 3.3million people in Australia are living in poverty and need our help. Please donate to the Vinnies Christmas Appeal to "lighten the load" of our most vulnerable. Thank you!!

Pregnancy Assistance Frankston Christmas Raffle

Tickets on sale after weekend Masses from 30th November

1st prize Christmas hamper
2nd prize \$100 Bunnings voucher
3rd prize Christmas Cake & Bottle of Port \$2 each ticket or 3 tickets for \$5.
Drawn on Friday 13th December
Thank you for your support!



Chelsea Community Christmas Lunch

Will you be alone on Christmas Day? Experience the joy of Christmas at The Chelsea Community Christmas Lunch - 2024.

We're serving up more than just a delicious traditional meal - we're dishing out hope, love, and joy to all who attend. Enjoy festive music, great company, and a chance to be part of something special this holiday season.

11:45am—2pm Christmas Day 25/12
St Joseph's Hall Woodbine St Chelsea

For more info and to book:

<https://www.chelseacommunitychristmaslunch.au/>



CHelsea & DISTRICT INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL
CHRISTMAS CAROLS
ecumenical service
SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2024
4.00PM - 5.30PM
LF PAYNE HALL, STATION ST CHELSEA
All welcome
And a special visit from Santa!
Includes tea, coffee and Christmas cake.
A FREE EVENT Gold coin donation appreciated
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