

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
WEEKDAY MASS Tuesday 9 am Ash Wednesday 9:15am , 11:00am and 7:00pm 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> 

PARISH PRIEST
Rev Kevin Williams

PRESBYTERY & PARISH OFFICE

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday—Friday 9am to 2pm
Deadline for Bulletin 12 noon Thursday
Baptism, Weddings, Parish Centre enquiries:
Parish Office 9772 2211
Parish Website: <https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/chelsea>

SISTERS OF ST PAUL DE CHARTRES
78 Argyle Avenue, Chelsea Tel 9418 6329

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

Tel. 8773 1111
Principal: Martine Verhagen
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.*

Recently Deceased
Colin Marks, Celeste Pollman

Prayers for the Sick
Marie Claire Aziz, Lina Blake, Derick D'Costa, Margaret Dunne, Jamie Fleming, Bev Garing, Leonie Gilchrist, Rick Hayes, Jessie Jackson, Juliette Ronald, Josephine Russell, Josephine Sanjorja, Danielle Spencer, Toni (Marie) Wilton, Baby Area Maria (Cathy Meehan's Great Granddaughter)

Anniversaries
SR Sagaya Sargunam

Special Intentions
Thanksgiving for blessings granted,
Repose of the soul of Roselyn Ibrahim



15th February; Ordinary 6A
1st R: Sir 15:15-20
2nd R: 1 Cor 2:6-10
Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

22nd February; Lent 1A
1st R: Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7
2nd R: Rom 5:12-19
Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

ORDINARY TIME 6

15TH FEBRUARY 2026

FOR THE INFORMATION OF PARISHIONERS—LENT 2026

109. The Lenten season has a twofold character: 1) it recalls baptism or prepares for it 2) it stresses a penitential spirit. By these means especially, Lent readies the faithful celebrating the paschal mystery after a period of closer attention to the Word of God, and more ardent prayer. In the liturgy itself and in the liturgy-centred instructions, these baptismal and penitential themes should be more pronounced hence: a) wider use is to be made of baptismal features proper to the Lenten liturgy and b) the same approach holds for the penitential elements. **110.** During Lent, penance should not only be internal and individual, but also external and social. In any event, let the paschal fast be kept sacred. It should be observed everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the resurrection may be visited on uplifted and responsive spirits.
Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Vatican II

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence from meat.

On all other Fridays, except solemnities, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following: **Prayer** - for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary; or in other ways. **Self-Denial** - for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country or elsewhere; or in other ways. Project Compassion is a major means of expressing our self-denial in Australia. **Helping Others** - for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or over-burdened; or in other ways.

All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain (Canon 1252). The Season of Lent is a time of penance. During this season the faithful are exhorted to devote themselves in a special manner to prayer, to engage in works of piety and charity, and to deny themselves. Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled between Ash Wednesday, Wednesday 18 February and Trinity Sunday, 31 May 2026 unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year. The wonderful gift of the Lord's merciful love is offered in a special way in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Lent is a most appropriate time to receive this Sacrament. All the faithful who have reached the age of discretion are bound faithfully to confess their grave sins at least once a year

FUNERALS - On Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday all Masses for the Dead, including Funeral Masses, **are forbidden**. Funerals on these days are celebrated with the Liturgy of the Word and without the Eucharistic Sacrifice. **WEDDINGS** - Weddings should be discouraged during the Easter Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday. Should a couple be particularly insistent on a wedding for one of these days, then please indicate that no decorations (including flowers), no music nor Nuptial Mass will be permitted.

Very Reverend Anthony Kerin JCL VG **VICAR GENERAL**



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 FEBRUARY
4:30pm Junior Legion of Mary—PC

SUNDAY 15 FEBRUARY
Project Compassion Sunday

MONDAY 16 FEBRUARY
10:00am Divine Mercy PG—PC

TUESDAY 17 FEBRUARY
10:00am Sacred Heart Prayer Group—PC

WEDNESDAY 18 FEBRUARY
Ash Wednesday
9:15am Mass with St Joseph's School—Church
11:00am Mass—Church
7:00pm Mass—Church

THURSDAY 19 FEBRUARY
10:00am Film and Light Lunch—PC



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP
Weekly Pledge \$ 2,528
Weekly average \$ 2,306.04

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 ongoing support of the St Vincent De Paul Society. God Bless.

3rd Wednesday Parishioner's Luncheon

Usually held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, however in February, that is Ash Wednesday. So we will hold the February luncheon on the 4th Wednesday—25th February! The venue will be the Chelsea Hotel Costello's Nepean Highway. Meet at 12:30 for a 1pm lunch. For bookings contact Pat Adams 0448-866-020 or Keith Reiter 0417-350-733 or leave a message on Keith's Landline 9772 7292. Thank you!



Religious Instruction for Children not attending Catholic Schools in preparation for the Sacraments

Classes for Reconciliation (Grade 3), First Holy Communion (Grade 4) and Confirmation (Grade 6) will commence in March 2026. Please see our website for more details: <https://www.melbatholic.org/s/chelsea>
To enrol, please contact the Parish Office on 03 9292 7211 or chelsea@cam.org.au



QUARTERLY MEN'S HOUR

Saturday 21st February 7am
St Joseph's Parish Centre Chapel
Register: Mike 0418 122 966
mikeshawau@gmail.com



QUARTERLY MEN'S BBQ BREAKFAST

Saturday 21st February
St Joseph's Hall \$10
Register: Church Narthex or Mike 0418 122 966
mikeshawau@gmail.com

Calling all Kids!!!

Dal and Sue are looking to form a junior choir and request your presence for a meet and greet and information session—with Pizza—on Saturday 21st of February at 12:30pm in the Parish Centre!! Everyone is welcome. Enquires Sue on 0408 547 791



Due to some home renovations, Cathy and Rick Hayes have a number of used appliances in very good



condition that they are giving away from free, including a dishwasher, washing machine, stove and rangehood. Please contact Cathy on 0409 001 290.



Are you looking for a place to go on Friday night, find parish friends and some faith formation?

ST JOSEPH'S FRIDAYS

Every second and fourth Friday each month starting on 27th February 7.30-9.30pm St Joseph's Parish Centre Enter from Argyle Avenue
Open to parents looking for some time out, parishioners and friends of any age, come along for some quality time away from the daily rush!

Info and registrations
Raffy 0424 325 005 raffymazzeo@gmail.com



Project Compassion Sunday 14–15 of February 2026

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.

Your generosity this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need. **Please donate today.**

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes and envelopes available in the narthex. **Or online at:**
www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Donation Terminals

At the suggestion of the Parish Pastoral Council, we have obtained 2 CDF donation terminals in order to trial payment by card/phone to the Church account. These will be placed in the narthex of the Church.

Instructions are listed on the terminals. Please feel free to provide any feedback you may have to the PPC or Maree in the Office. Thank you!



ANIMA Bus Outing Blue Lotus Water Gardens

2628 Warburton Highway,
Yarra Junction

Wednesday 11 March 2026

Bus leaves Woodbine Grove (Gate 6) at
10am. Return: approx. 4 pm

\$30 per head

includes Entry Fee

BYO Picnic Lunch

Bookings

After the 9am Sunday Mass

or by Cash/Credit Card

to Maree in the Parish Office

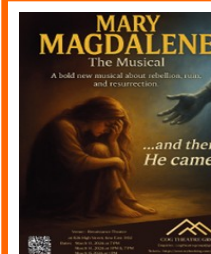
Payable by Sunday 8 March

For all enquiries, please ring

Daphne 0439 006 494

Sue Hyde 0408 547 791

Mary Howard 0411 209 083



Show Times

13th March 7pm

14th March 1pm & 7pm

15th March 1pm

COG Theatre Group at the
Renaissance Theatre 826

High St Kew East

Enquiries: cogthea-tregroup@gmail.com