

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

13th Sunday of Ordinary Time A
2 July 2023

On Monday the 3rd of July, we celebrate the Feast Day of St Thomas the Apostle.

St Thomas was born in Judea, but spent much of his life after the death and resurrection of Jesus in India and Asia, spreading the word of the Gospel, baptising people and establishing the Church in that region.

But perhaps the best known event in the life of St Thomas brought about the saying “doubting Thomas”, an adage that most of us have used in our daily speech at one time or another. The event that Thomas was referring to was the Resurrection of the Lord, one Thomas did not see and so expressed doubt to this fellow Apostles when told of the miracle that had occurred. Thomas wanted proof of what he had been told, saying “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.” (John 20:24)

Jesus appeared to Thomas, telling him to place his hands in the wounds from his death on the cross, with Thomas exclaiming his belief in the miracle of the Resurrection at this time.

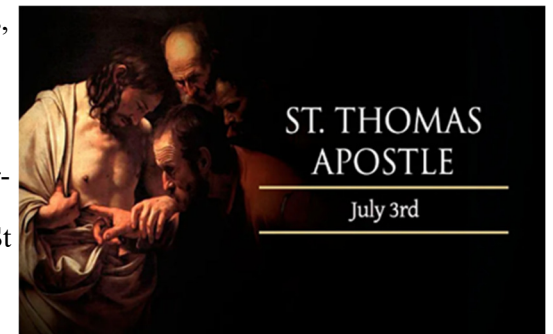
“Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”” (John 20:29)



Believing without seeing is what faith is all about. It is how we practise commitment to the Lord every day of our lives. We hear His word through the Gospels and we live out those words in our deeds and actions. Believing without seeing is understanding – understanding that God loves us, that he listens to our prayers, and that He is with us always.

We are blessed because we believe.

Sadly, because the parish priest is currently away on annual leave, there will be no public Mass in honour of St Thomas at St Joseph’s Church!

God Bless
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SUNDAY MASS Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm Sunday 9 am, 11 am	St Joseph’s Buckingham Avenue Springvale conducts weekday mass 9.30 am Monday to Friday	HOLY ROSARY Wednesday 1pm St Joseph’s Parish Centre 15 Decade-Rosary Mary Untier of Knots
WEEKDAY MASS While Father Williams is on leave, their will be no weekday masses at Chelsea		


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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
Joyce Archer

Prayers for the Sick
Mary Caderamanpulle, Margot Coghlan, Helen Guest, Christopher Larkins, Malcolm Russell, Danielle Spencer

Prayers for return to Health
Rosanna Rudolph

Anniversaries
Gilbert Azavedo, Euremio Azavedo, Valerino Azavedo, Agnes Curry, Anna Grainger,

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2nd July; 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time A
1st R: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16
2nd R: Rom 6:3-4, 8-11
Gospel: Matthew 10: 37-42

9th July; 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time A
1st R: Zech 9:9-10
2nd R: Rom 8:9, 11-13
Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30



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, but their use has been strongly encouraged by the Archbishop.
Please use the hand sanitiser provided.

PARISH CALENDAR

SATURDAY 1 JULY

8:00am Divine Mercy Rosary—Church
8:30am Divine Mercy Chaplet— Church

SUNDAY 2 JULY

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday—Observance
11:00am—Youth Choir at Mass

MONDAY 3 JULY

Father Williams commences Leave
10:00am Divine Mercy Prayer Group—Chapel

TUESDAY 4 JULY

10:00am Sacred Heart Prayer Group—Chapel

WEDNESDAY 5 JULY

6:30pm Legion of Mary Chelsea—Parish Centre



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Pledge \$ 2,940.00
Weekly average \$ 2,516.53

Thank you for your ongoing support

St Joseph's Church has received a generous donation from an anonymous donor. The Parish is very grateful for this gift. Thankyou!



St Joseph's School have supplied us with some RATs for COVID testing. These are available in the Narthex should you wish to collect some.



From Saturday 8 July, while Fr Williams is on Annual Leave, the Divine Mercy Prayer Group will be leading the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet from 9:00am each Saturday in St Joseph's Church.



Father Kevin Williams will be on Leave from the 3rd to the 29th of July. Father James Grant will be with us again for weekend masses, There will be no weekday masses while Father Williams is on his annual break. The Parish Office will remain open over this time.



The Holy Insurance of St Christopher

Did you know that St Christopher is the patron saint of travelers and a medal depicting him is often placed in cars as protection again accidents?



Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers is a Catholic evangelist from the USA. In this presentation Deacon Harold shows how we truly encounter the love of Christ in the Catholic faith. You will see how this relationship with the living God allows us to love as God loves and frees us to become the person that God created us to be. This talk will be especially helpful for people experiencing struggles with their faith or those who need encouragement.

Topic: Meeting Jesus in the Truth and Beauty of the Catholic Faith
Speaker: Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers
Date: Monday 17th July
Time: 6.30pm dinner available for purchase, 7.30pm for the talk
Venue: Notting Hill Hotel (Steakhouse Room), 260-262 Ferntree Gully Rd, Notting Hill, VIC
RSVP: Godandbeer.com.au
Contact: John - jtsmyth@gmail.com

100 Year Anniversary of St Joseph's Primary School Chelsea July 2024



On 29th July 2024 St Joseph's Parish School will be officially 100 years old! We are looking for ideas and volunteers to help co-ordinate a celebration.

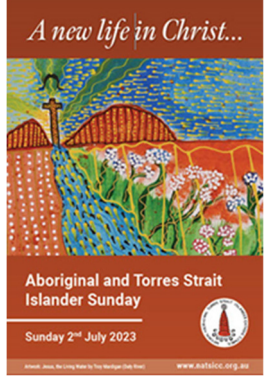
If you have any suggestions or would like to be a part of a group to float ideas please call the school on 03 8773 1111 or email info@sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au

11am First Sunday Youth Choir

Kids 8+ are warmly invited to join Jason & Bella singing at 11am Mass every first Sunday of the month. Please email raffymazzeo@gmail.com if your child would like to join or for more Information.

Each year, Catholics from all corners of Australia gather on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday to celebrate the unique gifts and contributions of Australia's First Peoples.

This years' theme reflects the hope and promise of a brighter future, in unity and in commitment to positive change and "a new life in Christ".



The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria & South Australia, & ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life & ministry. For questions, an itinerary and application form, please contact Sr Annie Bond at national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or on 89124818

St Vincent de Paul Society

Week 4 Washing powder, dishwashing liquid, household cleaning items. Please leave your donations in the Vinnies bin in the Church narthex. Thank you!

St Vincent De Paul urgently need more volunteers. If you can help, please phone Carole on 0404 335 419.

