

# PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

14th Sunday of Ordinary Time A  
9 July 2023







I remember well receiving my darling daughter Niamh's diagnosis on the 27<sup>th</sup> of July 2017. The fear on hearing those horrible words in regards to GM1 Gangliosidosis, and what that meant for Niamh broke my heart. I'll admit that I did a whole lot of feeling sorry for MYSELF. "What did I do so wrong that my daughter would be inflicted with this horrible disease?", "Why me?" and "Did I do something I shouldn't have during pregnancy to cause this?". The stages of grief – anger and guilt – were causing issues to my mental health.

This self-pity only made me feel worse, and was definitely not helpful in caring for Niamh. Talking things over with a professional did help, giving me perspective on why I was feeling this way, and steps to put into place to move forward. My sisters and their families also supported me, and still do, alleviating the sense of loneliness, and at times isolation, in raising a child with disabilities. The source of fortitude I found through prayer provided me with further courage and strength, helping me to see the happiness in nurturing Niamh and ensuring that her life is filled with joy. That her needs are not only met but exceeded and that she is happy and well loved. Through my involvement in various support groups, I know parents of children with disabilities and life limiting conditions struggle with blame, depression and pre-emptive grief. Though destructive, my belief is that these things need to be felt in order for a person to move forward, to see the blessings in their special little person and to celebrate their child. I know that Niamh has made me a better person,

*"Parenthood is about raising and celebrating the child you have, not the child you thought you'd have. It's about understanding your child is exactly the person they are supposed to be. And, if you're lucky, they might be the teacher who turns you into the person you're supposed to be"* Joan Ryan (The Water Giver)

God Bless  
Maree and Niamh



<p><b>SUNDAY MASS</b> Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm Sunday 9 am, 11 am</p> <p><b>WEEKDAY MASS</b> While Father Williams is on leave, their will be no weekday masses at Chelsea</p>	<p>St Joseph's Buckingham Avenue Springvale conducts weekday mass 9.30 am Monday to Friday</p> 	<p><b>HOLY ROSARY</b> Wednesday 1pm St Joseph's Parish Centre 15 Decade-Rosary Mary Untier of Knots</p> 
<p><b>PARISH PRIEST</b> Rev Kevin Williams</p> <p><b>PRESBYTERY &amp; PARISH OFFICE</b> 362 Station Street Chelsea 3196 Tel. 9772 2211 Fax: 9776 0025 Email: chelsea@cam.org.au</p> <p><b>PARISH OFFICE HOURS</b> Tuesday –Friday 9am–2pm Deadline for Bulletin 12 noon Thursday Baptism, Weddings, Parish Centre enquiries: Parish Office 9772 2211 Parish Website <a href="http://pol.org.au/chelsea">http://pol.org.au/chelsea</a></p> <p><b>SISTERS OF ST PAUL DE CHARTRES</b> 78 Argyle Avenue, Chelsea Tel 9773 9295</p> <p><b>ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL</b> Tel. 8773 1111 Principal: Gavan O'Donnell <a href="http://www.sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au">www.sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au</a></p>  <p><i>St Joseph's Parish is committed to the Safeguarding of Children and Young People in all aspects of Parish life.</i></p> <p><i>To subscribe to St Joseph's Parish email list please email <a href="mailto:chelsea@cam.org.au">chelsea@cam.org.au</a></i></p> <p><i>The solemn obligation for baptised Catholics to attend regular Sunday Mass has been restored throughout the Archdiocese of Melbourne.</i></p>	<p><b>Recently Deceased</b> Bernadette O'Donnell</p> <p><b>Prayers for the Sick</b> Mary Caderamanpulle, Margot Coghlan, Helen Guest, Christopher Larkins, Malcolm Russell, Danielle Spencer</p> <p><b>Prayers for return to Health</b> Rosanna Rudolph</p> <p><b>Anniversaries</b> Joyce Douyere, Maurice Koelmeyer</p> <p>☪ ☪ ☪</p> <p><b>9th July; 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time A</b> 1st R: Zech 9:9-10 2nd R: Rom 8:9, 11-13 Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30</p> <p><b>16th July; 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time A</b> 1st R: Is 55:10-11 2nd R: Rom 8:18-23 Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23</p> 	
<p>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.</p>		

# PARISH CALENDAR

## SATURDAY 8 JULY

9:00am Divine Mercy Prayer Group—  
Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet—St Joseph's Church

## MONDAY 10 JULY

School Term 3 commences  
10:00am Divine Mercy Prayer Group—  
Chapel

## TUESDAY 11 JULY

10:00am Sacred Heart Prayer Group—  
Chapel  
7:30pm KSC Branch Meeting—Parish Centre

## WEDNESDAY 12 JULY

6:30pm Legion of Mary Chelsea—  
Parish Centre

## THURSDAY 13 JULY

11:30am St Pio Prayer Group—Chapel  
7:30pm Legion of Mary—Bayside Curia—  
Parish Centre



### ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Pledge \$ 2,528.97  
Weekly average \$ 2,516.53  
Thank you for your ongoing support



Please note that St Joseph's Mens Choir will not be singing at the 6:00pm Mass on Saturday the 8th of July. We look forward to seeing them again in August and send prayers to those whom are in ill health.



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 morning 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.



### Longbeach Parishes July Luncheon

The next luncheon will be held at Longbeach Hotel Nepean Highway on

**Wednesday 19 July.** Arrive at 12:30 for a 1pm lunch. For bookings ring Keith on 0417-350-733. Or Patricia on 0448-866-020. Alternatively leave a message on Keith's landline 9772-7292.



### St John Bosco



The relic statue of St John Bosco, better known as Don Bosco, will be touring Australia as part of the celebrations of the centenary of the Salesians in this country.

Victorian dates/locations:	
8-11 July	Don Bosco House Clifton Hill
12-14 July	Salesian College Chadstone
15-19 July	Don Bosco Retreat Centre Lysterfield
20-21 July	St Joseph's College Ferntree Gully
6 August	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Ringwood

For further details and times, please email Br Stan Rossato SDB Coordinator at [srossato@salesions.org.au](mailto:srossato@salesions.org.au)



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](http://Godandbeer.com.au)  
**Contact:** John - [jtsmyth@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:info@sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au)



This month *Aid to the Church in Need* is raising money to build a parish house in Sierra Leone. The parishioners of the parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour have been trying to help their priest who is living in a house that is decaying due to heavy rainfall and salt-laden sea air but they themselves are poor and have little to give. ACN has promised to help but we need your help to make this possible. To learn more and to make an offering visit [www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject](http://www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject).

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](mailto:national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au) or on 89124818

### St Vincent de Paul Society Week

**1 - Canned Food only** Soups, fruit, steak & kidney, baked beans, tin spaghetti, ham, etc. Please place your donations in the Vinnie's Bin in the Narthex.



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

**0404 335 419.**