

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time A
16 July 2023

The story of Ruth in the Old Testament is one that has always inspired & fascinated me, so much so that I chose Ruth as my Confirmation name.

Ruth, a Moabite woman, left all she knew when her husband and her father in law died due to famine to join her mother in law, Naomi, in Bethlehem, despite Naomi insisting that she should go back to her own "blood" family,

But Ruth said, 'Do not press me to leave you and to stop going with you, for wherever you go, I shall go, wherever you live, I shall live. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God. Where you die, I shall die and there I shall be buried. Let Yahweh bring unnameable ills on me and worse ills, too, if anything but death should part me from you!' (Ruth 1:16-17)

What a moving and loyal thing to do - to leave all you know and to place your faith and trust in another person completely! Ruth trusted Naomi without any doubts, and was steadfast in her dedication to her.



When the two women arrived in Bethlehem, Ruth worked in the fields to support Naomi and herself, as Naomi was unwell and growing older. In doing so, Ruth met Boaz who would become her husband. Boaz was a wealthy man and looked after both Ruth and Naomi. Boaz and Ruth would have a son whom they name Obed, with God choosing Ruth to be an ancestor of his son Jesus Christ.

Ruth was a woman with strong morals & beliefs. She showed spiritual growth in leaving her past behind to follow her mother in law to a foreign place, and accepted the God of Israel into her life. Ruth's story is one of encouragement and trust, and a belief in the goodness of our God.



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		

PARISH PRIEST
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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
Bernadette O'Donnell

Prayers for the Sick
Mary Caderamanpulle, Margot Coghlan, Beverley Garing, Helen Guest, Sister Anita LeClercq, Malcolm Russell, Danielle Spencer

Prayers for return to Health
Ryan Curry, Christopher Larkins, Rosanna Rudolph

Anniversaries
Bill Knight, Maria Martinucci, John Sneddon

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16th July; 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time A
1st R: Is 55:10-11
2nd R: Rom 8:18-23
Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

23rd July; 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time A
1st R: Wis 12:13, 16-19
2nd R: Rom 8:26-27
Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30

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 15 JULY

9:00am Divine Mercy Prayer Group—Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet—St Joseph's Church
4:30pm Our Lady Star of the Sea Junior Legion of Mary—any enquiries please contact June Pereira on 0403 095 627

SUNDAY 16 JULY

12:00pm COG Theatre Group Lunch and Workshop—Hall

MONDAY 17 JULY

10:00am Divine Mercy Prayer Group—Chapel
6:30pm God and Beer—Meeting Jesus in the Truth and Beauty of the Catholic Faith—The Nott Nottingham

TUESDAY 18 JULY

10:00am Sacred Heart Prayer Group—Chapel
7:00pm St John Bosco's Relics—Mass at Don Bosco Retreat Centre Lysterfield

WEDNESDAY 19 JULY

12:30pm Longbeach Parishes Luncheon—Longbeach Hotel Nepean Highway
6:30pm Legion of Mary Chelsea—Parish Centre

THURSDAY 20 JULY

10:00am Film and Light Lunch—Parish Centre—Please bring a plate to share



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Pledge \$ 2,528.97

Weekly average \$ 2,516.53

Thank you for your ongoing support



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.



Call of Guadalupe Theatre Group Lunch & Workshop

Sunday 16th July 12pm-3pm @ St. Joseph's Hall, BYO lunch. Singing workshop & prayers for WYD pilgrims. All welcome!
Info - affymazzeo@gmail.com or 0424 325 005



CELEBRATION/S FOR FR. KEVIN

Dear Parishioners, most of us would like to have a celebration for Fr. Kevin on an annual basis. As most of you will know, Father does not wish to celebrate his birthday, and you are asked to respect his privacy and personal desire. However, he is quite happy for us to celebrate his special day on Divine Mercy Sunday as this was the day he first attended Mass and so began his conversion to Catholicism, and ultimately his journey to us here at St Joseph's—For the future, Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated as Father Kevin's special day in our Parish. Details of the celebration will be advised at the time.



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 share ideas please call the school on 03 8773 1111 or email info@sichelsea.catholic.edu.au



On this day—16th July 1228, St Francis of Assisi was canonised by Pope Gregory XI. St Francis founded the Franciscans, He lead a life of poverty and preaching. St Francis of Assisi is the patron saint of animals and the environment.

St John Bosco

You are invited to spend some time in personal prayer and a celebration of the Eucharist in honour of St John Bosco's relics at the Don Bosco Retreat Centre on Tuesday 18th July 2023. (465 Lysterfield Rd, Lysterfield)
Personal prayer is welcome from 6pm and Mass will be celebrated at 7pm.



Fr Shane Reade SDB Ph - 9752 2432

Please note - St Joseph's Youth Group is taking a break and will resume again on Saturday 19th August at 7pm. Any enquiries or to join, please contact Linda on 0422 990 127.

St Vincent de Paul Society

Week 2 – Breakfast cereals, long-life milk, Vegemite, jams, tomato sauce etc. Please leave your donations in the Vinnies bin in the Church narthex.

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

