




<p>SUNDAY MASS Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm Sunday 9 am, 11 am</p> <p>WEEKDAY MASS 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>HOLY ROSARY Wednesday 1pm St Joseph's Parish Centre 15 Decade-Rosary Mary Untier of Knots</p> 
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St Joseph's Parish is committed to the Safeguarding of Children and Young People in all aspects of Parish life.

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The solemn obligation for baptised Catholics to attend regular Sunday Mass has been restored throughout the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

Recently Deceased
Andrew Gill, Carmen Scinto

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

Anniversaries
Jolyon Butler, Edna Godlieb, William Alfred Liddicoat, Simone Oddy

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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

30th July; 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time A
1st R: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12
2nd R: Rom 8:28-30
Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52



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 OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time A
23 July 2023

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE THIRD WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY 23 JULY 2023

"His mercy is from age to age" (Lk 1:50)

Dear brothers and sisters!

"His mercy is from age to age" (Lk 1:50). This is the theme of the Third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, and it takes us back to the joyful meeting between the young Mary and her elderly relative Elizabeth (cf. Lk 1:39-56). Filled with the Holy Spirit, Elizabeth addressed the Mother of God with words that, millennia later, continue to echo in our daily prayer: "Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb" (v. 42). The Holy Spirit, who had earlier descended upon Mary, prompted her to respond with the *Magnificat*, in which she proclaimed that the Lord's mercy is from generation to generation. That same Spirit blesses and accompanies every fruitful encounter between different generations: between grandparents and grandchildren, between young and old. God wants young people to bring joy to the hearts of the elderly, as Mary did to Elizabeth, and gain wisdom from their experiences. Yet, above all, the Lord wants us not to abandon the elderly or to push them to the margins of life, as tragically happens all too often in our time.

This year, the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly takes place close to World Youth Day. Both celebrations remind us of the "haste" (cf. v. 39) with which Mary set out to visit Elizabeth. In this way, they invite us to reflect on the bond that unites young and old. The Lord trusts that young people, through their relationships with the elderly, will realize that they are called to cultivate memory and recognize the beauty of being part of a much larger history. Friendship with an older person can help the young to see life not only in terms of the present and realize that not everything depends on them and their abilities. For the elderly, the presence of a young person in their lives can give them hope that their experience will not be lost and that their dreams can find fulfilment. Mary's visit to Elizabeth and their shared awareness that the Lord's mercy is from generation to generation remind us that, alone, we cannot move forward, much less save ourselves, and that God's presence and activity are always part of something greater, the history of a people. Mary herself said this in the *Magnificat*, as she rejoiced in God, who, in fidelity to the promise he had made to Abraham, had worked new and unexpected wonders (cf. vv. 51-55).

To better appreciate God's way of acting, let us remember that our life is meant to be lived to the full, and that our greatest hopes and dreams are not achieved instantly but through a process of growth and maturation, in dialogue and in relationship with others. Those who focus only on the here and now, on money and possessions, on "having it all now", are blind to the way God works. His loving plan spans past, present and future; it embraces and connects the generations. It is greater than we are, yet includes each of us and calls us at every moment to *keep pressing forward*. For the young, this means being ready to break free from the fleeting present in which virtual reality can entrap us, preventing us from doing something productive. For the elderly, it means not dwelling on the loss of physical strength and thinking with regret about missed opportunities. Let us all look ahead! And allow ourselves to be shaped by God's grace, which from generation to generation frees us from inertia and from dwelling on the past!

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PARISH CALENDAR

SATURDAY 22 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 23 JULY

The Third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly
Altar Society Collection

MONDAY 24 JULY

10:00am Divine Mercy PG—Chapel

TUESDAY 25 JULY

10:00am Sacred Heart PG—Chapel
7:30pm Knights of the Southern Cross Branch Meeting—Parish Centre

WEDNESDAY 26 JULY

6:30pm Legion of Mary Chelsea—Parish Centre

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Pledge \$ 2,528.97

Weekly average \$ 2,436.56

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.



A big **Thank You** to Father James Grant for blessing us by covering Father Williams while on leave!!!

Did you know that the path that Jesus took to His crucifixion is called the "Via Dolorosa" which is Latin for "Way of Grief" or "Way of Suffering"?



Father Kevin Williams will be on Leave from the 3rd to the 29th of July. Father James Grant will be with us 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.

St Vincent de Paul Society

Week 3 - Toiletries personal, toilet rolls, disinfectant, hand lotion, 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.

We are looking for volunteers to assist with gardening around the Church and Presbytery, a few hours once a month. Please contact Peter Kelly on 0439 159 140 if you can help—every little bit is appreciated!!!



Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop



Feast Day 8th of August
Novena of Masses from the 31st of July to the 8th of August.
Envelopes for the Novena are available in the Narthex and can be placed in the Weekend collection.

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.

All, I am taking orders for the below publications:

Name of Publication	Price	Quantity	Total
Word Among us (Yearly Subscription)	\$40.00		
Columban Calendar 2024	\$10.00		
Scripture Diary 2024	\$14.00		
TOTAL			

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Payment can be made at the Parish Office, via EFT to BSB 083347 Acct No 641923016 or via emailing Credit Card details through to chelsea@cam.org.au. Closing date for orders is Sunday 20th August 2023. Thank you, Maree

In the meeting between Mary and Elizabeth, between young and old, God points us towards the future that he is opening up before us. Indeed, Mary's visit and Elizabeth's greeting open our eyes to the dawn of salvation: in their embrace, God's mercy quietly breaks into human history amid abundant joy. I encourage everyone to reflect on that meeting, to picture, like a snapshot, that embrace between the young Mother of God and the elderly mother of Saint John the Baptist, and to frame it in their minds and hearts as a radiant icon.

Next, I would invite you to make a concrete gesture that would include grandparents and the elderly. Let us not abandon them. Their presence in families and communities is a precious one, for it reminds us that we share the same heritage and are part of a people committed to preserving its roots. From the elderly we received the gift of belonging to God's holy people. The Church, as well as society, needs them, for they entrust to the present the past that is needed to build the future. Let us honour them, neither depriving ourselves of their company nor depriving them of ours. May we never allow the elderly to be cast aside!

The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is meant to be a small but precious sign of hope for them and for the whole Church. I renew my invitation to everyone – dioceses, parishes, associations and communities – to celebrate this Day and to make it the occasion of a joyful and renewed encounter between young and old. To you, the young who are preparing to meet in Lisbon or to celebrate World Youth Day in your own countries, I would ask: before you set out on your journey, visit your grandparents or an elderly person who lives alone! Their prayers will protect you and you will carry in your heart the blessing of that encounter. I ask you, the elderly among us, to accompany by your prayers the young people about to celebrate World Youth Day. Those young people are God's answer to your prayers, the fruits of all that you have sown, the sign that God does not abandon his people, but always rejuvenates them with the creativity of the Holy Spirit.

Dear grandparents, dear elderly brothers and sisters, may the blessing of the embrace between Mary and Elizabeth come upon you and fill your hearts with peace. With great affection, I give you my blessing. And I ask you, please, to pray for me.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 31 May 2023,

Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
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