

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

13 August 2023

One of the disadvantages of taking annual leave in July and then coming back in August without a working email system ... is that I completely lost track of current affairs! Apparently World Youth Day was running last week, and I totally forgot about it!

One of the parishioners expressed disappointment that there was no mention of the event last week. And because the Solemnity of the Assumption will occur this Tuesday (15th August), this reflection will be spent focussing upon that particular event. Hopefully there is nothing exciting happening next week, so I can eventually get round to talking about World Youth Day. I am hoping to ask one of the families who attended to give us a bit of a reflection upon their World Youth Day experiences in Portugal.

In regards to the Solemnity of the Assumption this coming Tuesday, (15th August), I would be failing in my responsibilities as parish priest if I did not remind parishioners that the Assumption is one of the two Holy Days of Obligation that we observe here in Australia. The discipline of the Church is that we observe a Holy Day of Obligation the same we observe our Sunday obligation to attend Mass:

- 1) by attending the celebration of Mass with faith and devotion
- 2) and we abstain from paid labour (so – ideally – we should not be working on either Christmas Day or the Assumption. However, God knows that we do not live in a perfect world ... that it is not always possible for Catholics to take time off work on the Assumption).

This year we will have three Masses at St Joseph's for the Assumption:
9am, 11am, and 7pm.

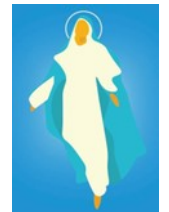
Thanks to the generosity of our resident musicians and singers, we will have music available at both the 9am and 7pm Masses (so Mass will take around the same time as a Sunday service).

In previous years, the early Mass was held with the children of St Joseph's school present. The 11am and 7pm were more for the benefit of the parish community. Due to a full school program on Tuesdays this year, it is not possible for the St Joseph's students to attend Mass together as a school community on the feast of the Assumption. This does give me an opportunity to examine the whole situation, and whether I still need to run the three Masses on the 15th August into the future.

So I will be keeping close watch on Mass numbers this Tuesday, to see if all three Masses are still viable and necessary. I would also like to hear some feedback from parishioners regarding whether it is necessary for us to have a Vigil Mass for the Assumption (a Mass that is held on the evening of the day before, just like we do at Sunday Mass).

Speaking of which ... at the last Parish Pastoral Council meeting, it was recommended that the Suggestions Box be restored up the back of the Church. So from this weekend, the Suggestions Box will be available. Please remember, it is only the suggestions that have the person's name and contact number that will be considered (that way, we know who to congratulate if something goes well, and who to blame if it all falls apart!).

God bless.
Fr Kevin Williams



SUNDAY MASS

Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm
Sunday 9 am, 11 am

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday (Springvale) 9.30 am
Tuesday 9 am
Tuesday 15/08 11 am & 7 pm
Wednesday 9 am
Thursday 9 am
Friday 9 am
Saturday 9 am

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Is available 30 minutes before each Mass, between 9:30-10:30 am Saturday morning, or by appointment.

Eucharist Adoration

Saturday 8:00-8:55am
St Joseph's Church

HOLY ROSARY

Tuesday—Friday 8.35am
St Joseph's Church

Wednesday 1pm
St Joseph's Parish Centre
15 Decade-Rosary
Mary Untier of Knots



PARISH PRIEST

Rev Kevin Williams

PRESBYTERY & PARISH OFFICE

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday –Friday 9am–2pm
Deadline for Bulletin 12 noon Thursday
Baptism, Weddings, Parish Centre enquiries:
Parish Office 9772 2211
Parish Website <http://pol.org.au/chelsea>

SISTERS OF ST PAUL DE CHARTRES

78 Argyle Avenue, Chelsea Tel 9773 9295

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

Tel. 8773 1111
Principal: Gavan O'Donnell
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

Ian Dey, Priscilla Smith

Prayers for the Sick

Mary Caderamanpulle, Margot Coghlan, Beverley Garing, Helen Guest, Sister Anita LeClercq, Rita Popley, Malcolm Russell, Danielle Spencer

Anniversaries

Thomas Dart-Stone, Josie and Jim Gilligan, Robert Scanlon



13th August; 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

1st R: 1 Kgs 19:9, 11-13
2nd R: Rom 9:1-5
Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

20th August; 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

1st R: Is 56:1, 6-7
2nd R: Rom 11:13-15, 39-32
Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28



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 12 AUGUST

8:30am Divine Mercy Chaplet— Church
4:30pm Our Lady Star of the Sea Junior
Legion of Mary—any enquiries please
contact June Pereira on 0403 095 627
6:00pm Men's Choir at Mass

SUNDAY 13 AUGUST

Catholic Care Victoria Sunday Appeal
3:00pm Baptisms - Church

MONDAY 14 AUGUST

10:00am Divine Mercy PG—Chapel
6:30pm God and Beer—Nottinghill Hotel

TUESDAY 15 AUGUST

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin
Mary—Holy Day of Obligation—Masses at
9am, 11am and 7pm
10:00am Sacred Heart PG –Chapel

WEDNESDAY 16 AUGUST

12:30pm Longbeach Parishes Luncheon—
Seaford RSL
6:30pm Legion of Mary Chelsea—
Parish Centre

THURSDAY 17 AUGUST

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

FRIDAY 18 AUGUST

11:30am St Pio PG—Parish Centre

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Pledge \$ 2,737
Weekly average \$ 2,448.36
Thank you for your ongoing support

Longbeach Parishes July Luncheon

The next luncheon will be held at Seaford
RSL on Wednesday 16 August. 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.

*Married, retired couple from Perth WA
in their 70s, are seeking accommodation
in the Chelsea or surrounding area with
a like minded family. We are willing to
pay reasonable prices for suitable
accommodation. We are seeking this
accommodation when we visit our
daughter and grandchild, which could be
every 2-3 months. Please contact the
Parish Office for more information or if
you can assist. Thank you!*

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

This weekend is the CatholicCare
Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your
compassionate generosity will help the
most vulnerable members of our
community – those facing unemployment
and homelessness, those experiencing
mental health challenges, families
struggling with relationship problems,
people in hospitals and prisons, newly
arrived refugees, and those experiencing
grief and trauma. You can donate using
the appeal envelope available in the
narthex or donate online at
www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03)
9287 5513. All gifts of \$2 and above are
tax deductible



St Joseph's Care and Concern

Ladies Morning Tea and Movie
Wednesday 30th August from
9:45am - Parish Centre. RSVP in
the narthex or to Sue on 0408
547 791



Congratulations to Raya Aurelie
Fernando and her family on her
Baptism on Sunday 13th August

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

God and Beer

Topic: Reflections of an Australian Catholic
Exorcist **Speaker:** Fr Michael Shadbolt
Date: Monday 14th August
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
From the earliest days of his public life, Jesus of
Nazareth exercised a ministry we now call
exorcism, with many references throughout the
Gospels that record Jesus confronting and
expelling evil spirits within people he encountered.
Many Catholics have little understanding of this
ministry or have developed mistaken ideas from
movies and TV shows. Fr Michael Shadbolt was
the officially appointed exorcist for the
Archdiocese of Melbourne for ten years. He was
the much-loved parish priest of Holy Family
Doveton for many years and is the recent author
of a book '[Exorcism: Reflections of an Australian
Catholic Exorcist](#)'

QUARTERLY MEN'S HOUR

Saturday 19th August 7am
St Joseph's Parish Centre Chapel

QUARTERLY MEN'S BBQ BREAKFAST

Saturday 19th August 8am
St Joseph's Hall \$10
For both Mens Events, please Register:
Church Narthex or
Mike 0418 122 966
[mikesha-
wau@gmail.com](mailto:mikesha-wau@gmail.com)



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.**

St Pio Prayer Group will now be held
on the 3rd Friday of each month at
11:30am in the Parish Centre from
Friday 18/08 (Previously
2nd Thursday)

St. Padre Pio