

## SUNDAY MASS

Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm  
 Sunday 9 am, 11 am

## WEEKDAY MASS

Monday *Springvale* 9.30 am  
 Tuesday 9 am  
 Wednesday 9 am  
 Thursday 9 am  
 Friday 9 am  
 Saturday 9 am



## SATURDAY

8.30 am Divine Mercy  
 8.30 am Reconciliation  
 9.00 am Mass  
 9:30–10:30 am  
 Reconciliation

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday 6pm–7pm  
 Parish Centre Chapel

During the seasons of Advent and Christmas, Adoration will be held Tuesday to Saturday 8.30am–9am 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*

## The Sacrament of Reconciliation

is available 30 minutes before each Mass, and between 9:30–10:30 am Saturday morning, or by appointment.

# PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

## Advent 1st Sunday A 27th November 2022

### Where are we?

Advent is the beginning of a new liturgical year and a time for new beginnings. For the parishioners who regularly follow Mass with a Missal, we are now in Year A of the three year Sunday cycle of readings, and Year 1 of the two year cycle of daily readings.

The beginning of a new liturgical year is also an ideal opportunity to pause and see what changes have been made to the timetable at St Joseph's due to all the COVID lockdowns and restrictions.

This week, we will look at Confessions.

Since my first year at St Joseph's, we have had weekday confessions half an hour before each Mass, and a time for confessions before most of the Masses on Sunday. This enabled the timetable for confession to remain largely intact during all the COVID lockdowns and restrictions. For many months over the last 2 1/2 years, we have been legally bound to record names and contact details for people entering the Church. In consequence, by running confessions half an hour before Mass, or during a time of Eucharistic Adoration, we have been diligently recording the names of the people attending Mass or Exposition.

However, only the Lord God almighty alone knows who was attending the sacrament of confession during these times!

Now that the need to restrict numbers of people entering the Church and recording their names seems to be behind us (unless the newly-elected government engages in another spate of COVID lockdowns), the timetable for confessions at St Joseph's in 2023 should look like this:

### Weekday confessions:

8:30 am – 8:52 am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday morning.

In addition, there will be a time of confession on Saturday morning between 9:30am–10:30am.

### Sunday confession times:

5:30 pm – 5:52 pm Saturday evening (before the 6pm Vigil)

8:30 am – 8:52 am Sunday morning (before the 9 am Mass)

10:30 am – 10:52 am Sunday morning (before the 11 am Mass)

I know the times of 5:52 pm, 8:52 am, or 10:52 am completion seems a bit arbitrary.

However, please consider; if a penitent enters the confessional at exactly 8:52 am and only drops one of the most lightest, venial sins in his confession, it would still take around 3 minutes to say all the prayers which are part of the liturgical celebration. Which means I only have 5 minutes to leave the confessional, get to the sacristy, vest up for Mass, and say a couple of prayers of preparation, before heading out into the sanctuary.

That's why the 8:52 am stop is so important ... if a penitent barrels in the door at exactly 8:52, I should have enough time to assist them. If I am held up beyond 8:55 am, then Mass will be delayed in starting.

In addition, as I mentioned in the announcements at the end of Mass last week, I have been aware of penitents who have regularly missed out on getting to confession with the current times. In consequence, after the 9am Mass on Saturday morning, I will return to the confessional for around an hour.

Therefore, in addition to the above times, Confessions are now available 9:30 am to around 10:30 am on Saturday morning. I would seriously encourage penitents to try and come to the confessional as early as possible. Because if there has been a steady stream of penitents attending the sacrament throughout the hour, I will try and stay behind a little longer until everyone has been. But it is not guaranteed. And so, it is a good idea to turn up earlier rather than leaving it for the last second.

I have found the following sites useful for making an examination of conscience in preparation for confession and for making confessions:

- <https://www.universitycatholic.net/resources/how-to-go-to-confession/>
- <https://www.ncregister.com/info/confession-guide-for-adults>
- <https://mycatholic.life/catholic-prayers/examination-of-conscience/>

May God grant you the grace to have a happy and holy Advent season this year.

Fr Kevin Williams Parish Priest

## PARISH PRIEST

Rev Kevin Williams

## PRESBYTERY & PARISH OFFICE

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday–Thursday 9am–2pm

Deadline for Bulletin 12 noon Wednesday

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](http://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 emailing list please email [chelsea@cam.org.au](mailto:chelsea@cam.org.au)*

*As of this weekend, the solemn obligation for baptised Catholic to attend regular Sunday Mass has been restored throughout the Archdiocese of Melbourne.*

## Recently Deceased

Francesco Signorelli,  
 Laura Lucchi, Valentine Johans

## Anniversaries of death

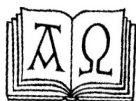
Anton Beckker, Valentine,  
 Catherine & Clement Henricus  
 Elmo Holdenbottle, Herbert James  
 Liddicoat

## Prayers for the Sick

Tyrone & Benita Holdenbottle

## Sacrament of Baptism

Ashton Makin



## 1st Sunday of Advent A

1st R: Isaiah 2: 1-5

2nd R: Romans 13: 11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24: 37-44

CCC 451, 671, 1130, 1403, 2817

*Come, Lord Jesus*

## 2nd Sunday of Advent A

1st R: Isaiah 11: 1-10

2nd R: Romans 15: 4-9

Gospel: Matthew 3: 1-12

CCC 523, 717-720

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

## MONDAY 28 NOVEMBER

10am *Way of the Cross Divine Mercy PG*  
St Joseph's Church  
7pm *St Vincent de Paul*  
St Joseph's Parish Centre

## TUESDAY 29 NOVEMBER

10am *Sacred Heart PG*  
St Joseph's Parish Centre

## WEDNESDAY 30 NOVEMBER

9am Mass—Feast day of St Andrew  
6.30pm *Legion of Mary Meeting*  
St Joseph's Parish Centre

### Additional Adoration



During the seasons of Advent and Christmas, Eucharistic Exposition will be held half an hour before weekday Mass Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday mornings, 8:30 – 9am.

On Wednesday mornings during Advent, Eucharistic Exposition will start at 8am with the Morning Prayer of the Church (Divine Office).

8am Wednesdays 30 November  
7, 14, and 21 December  
*All are welcome!*

### KSC Longbeach Bursary

Applications for the 2022 Longbeach Bursary are now open. Yr10 Parish students who intend completing Years 11 and 12 are eligible. This bursary aims to encourage a Christian way of life and assist families with educational expenses. Applications close on Monday 5 December

For further information contact Branch Chairman Keith Reiter on 0417350733 or Branch Secretary Les Garrad on 0417347592

### St Vincent de Paul Society

**Week 1 – Canned Food only**  
soups, fruit, steak & kidney,  
baked beans, tin spaghetti, ham  
**Please leave your donations  
in the Vinnies bin  
in the church narthex**

*Thank you for your donations*



## St Joseph's Anima Christmas Lunch

### Tuesday 6th December

(12 noon to 3pm) at Chelsea RSL  
Thames Promenade, Chelsea.  
\$30 per person, includes 2-course meal.  
Lots of Raffle Prizes.

Bookings are now open.

*Register your name on the  
clipboard narthex of the Church.*

**Payments to be made no later than THIS  
WEEKEND (Sunday 27th November),  
and can be made after the 9am  
Sunday Mass.**

For all enquiries, ring Daphne 9772 6312.



### St Joseph's Care & Concern Christmas Lunch for Single Men and Women



#### Wednesday 30 November

**11.30am St Joseph's Hall**

Inquiries: Sue 0408 547 791  
or register after Mass



### ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

*Weekly Pledge \$ 2,737  
Weekly average : 2,365*

*T*hank you

### The month of November a special time to remember and pray for our dead

Envelopes for the *November Mass Offerings* are available in the narthex.

These can be placed in the weekend collection.

When collected, the Mass offerings will be sent via *Aid to the Church in Need*. The Mass intentions will be offered by priests living in the Middle Eastern countries where Christianity is persecuted.

**The Bishops of Victoria** have written to the Catholic community in Victoria to provide an election guide designed to help Catholics consider and navigate key issues of significance, particularly those related to the common good. You are invited to read the guide and to prayerfully discern how your vote can contribute to the common good.

The guide can be found at: [www.melbournecatholic.org/stateelection2022](http://www.melbournecatholic.org/stateelection2022).



## LAST CALL!

### SHOW TIMES

24th—25th—26th November @ 7pm  
Sunday 27th November @ 1pm  
**@ Chelsea Town Hall  
Thames Promenade**

★ SUNDAY SHOW IS SOLD OUT ★

Booking link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/camrl>  
[cogtheatre.org](http://cogtheatre.org) or at the door

**The Call of Guadalupe cast  
is honoured to present the musical  
to all parishioners of St Joseph's!**

*Celebrating life, love and hope, The Call of Guadalupe Musical is an entertaining, uplifting Catholic Musical. It includes the participation of many talented parish children and artists.*

Adults \$20

Children under 18 & concession: \$15

Groups of 10 : \$150 Family of Five (5): \$85

### Mass in Reparation for Abortion

**Saturday 3 December 9am**

**St Patrick's Cathedral**

**Followed by Rosary Procession**

**St Vincent de Paul's Flood Appeal** for those who have been effected by

devastating floods particularly in the north of the State. Contributions can be made by:

- Calling 13 18 12 - Visit <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022>.

- at a Vinnies Shop

- via your local IGA where the purchase of a token for the recovery of Victorians devastated by the floods.

## Chelsea Community Christmas Lunch

On the 25th December for guests who reside in our local Community who are either on their own, or needing and would appreciate a home cooked meal.

You can support by:

- Baking a dessert to bring to the Hall on Christmas morning before 11am (no nuts please). Please contact the parish office to arrange this.
- Contributing to the raffle prize hampers. These are filled with a variety of specialty goods such as boxes of chocolates, crackers, sparkling apple juice, box of tea bags, coffee, chocolate, biscuits, jams, etc. No canned items thank you.
- The items can be delivered to the church narthex or parish office **before 25th November.**

Please feel free to inform anyone in need or alone on Christmas Day.

Please call the parish office (9772-2211) to book a seat, or email [chelseacomunityxmaslunch@gmail.com](mailto:chelseacomunityxmaslunch@gmail.com)

Your generosity is much appreciated.  
CCCL Team.



### St Joseph's Parish Shop

*Open after weekend Masses  
Offers a range of Christmas items:*

Columban Calendar 2023

Scripture Diaries Advent wreaths

Nativity sets Christmas Cards

### Advent 2022

**Preparing for Christmas**

**With Bruce Downes**

**The Catholic Guy**

*"You don't become who you hope to become, you only become what you do!"*

You are invited to **Prepare for Christmas** this Advent (starting November 27<sup>th</sup>) with a new Daily Devotional series. Each day, you will receive a short inspirational video from Bruce Downes, known as The Catholic Guy, full of inspiration, real-life stories and practical ways to become all that God has created you to be!

Register now or for more information: <https://BruceDownes.org/Advent>

Email: [info@brucedownes.org](mailto:info@brucedownes.org)