



<p><b>SUNDAY MASS</b> Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm Sunday 9 am, 11 am</p> <p><b>WEEKDAY MASS</b> Monday (Springvale) 9:30 am Tuesday 9 am Wednesday 9 am Thursday 9 am Friday 9 am Saturday 9 am</p>	<p><b>The Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> Is available 30 minutes before each Mass, between 9:30-10:30 am Saturday morning, or by appointment.</p> <p><b>Eucharist Adoration</b> Saturday 8:00-8:55am St Joseph's Church</p>	<p><b>HOLY ROSARY</b> Tuesday—Friday 8.35am St Joseph's Church</p> <p>Wednesday 1pm St Joseph's Parish Centre <i>15 Decade-Rosary Mary Untier of Knots</i></p> 
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**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](mailto: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**  
Raymond Johnston, Tennille  
Moujalli

**Prayers for the Sick**  
Lorraine Benjamin, Judy Bartosy  
Snr, Mary Caderamanpulle Margot  
Coghlan, Dennis Gallagher,  
Beverley Garing, Helen Guest, Siu  
Kiang Lay, Sister Anita LeClercq,  
Danielle Spencer, Jacqui Williams

**Anniversaries**  
Deceased member of the Alwyn  
and D'Silva families, Lourdes  
Doyle, Elmo Holdenbottle,  
Valentine Johans, Simon Kelly,  
Lane Melelina, Marino Lacson,  
Kim Troy

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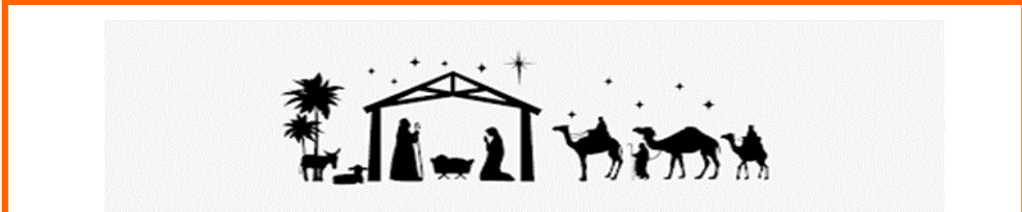
**3rd December; 1st Sunday of Advent B**  
1st R: Is 63:16-17;64:1,3-8  
2nd R: 1 Cor 1:3-9  
Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

**10th December; 2nd Sunday of Advent B**  
1st R: Is 40:1-5, 9-11  
2nd R: 2 Pet 3:8-14  
Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

# PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

## 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### 1ST DECEMBER 2023




**Christmas Mass Times 2023**

**23-24 December**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
Normal Sunday Mass program  
6pm Saturday Night Vigil, 9 & 11 am Sunday morning

**Christmas Eve**  
**Sunday 24 December**  
5:30pm *Christmas Carols followed by*  
6 pm *Vigil Mass*  
8:30pm *Christmas Carols followed by*  
9 pm *Night Mass*

**Christmas Day**  
**Monday 25 December**  
9:30am *Christmas Carols followed by*  
10am *Christmas Dawn Mass*

**THE PARISH PRIEST NEEDS YOUR HELP!**  
To help prepare for the coming Christmas festivities, we are hoping to provide additional confession times between 6:30-7:30pm in the evenings of Tuesday 19, Wednesday 20, Thursday 21, and Friday 22 December. Ideally the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be taking place while confessions are being held. This means that we need at least TWO VOLUNTEERS for each of these evenings to spend an hour or so with Jesus in the Church while confessions are taking place. There will be a clipboard placed up the back of the Church for interested people to leave their name and contact number. If we can't get the volunteers, then the confessions will still take place, but it will be impossible to provide Exposition (the Blessed Sacrament should never be left Exposed if there is no one present in the Church to adore Jesus).  
Thank you  
Fr Kevin Williams



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.  
Please use the hand sanitiser provided.

# PARISH CALENDAR

## SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER

Our Lady Star of the Sea Junior Legion of Mary—enquiries 0403 095 627

## SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER

3:00pm Baptisms—St Joseph's Church

## MONDAY 4 DECEMBER

10:00am Divine Mercy PG—Chapel  
7:30pm Inter-Church Council Carols practice—Chelsea Town Hall  
7:30pm Healing Mass—St Joseph's Springvale (Rosary from 6:30pm)

## WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER

12:00 noon ANIMA Christmas Lunch—Chelsea RSL  
6:30pm Legion of Mary Chelsea—PC

## FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER

Immaculate Conception of Our Lady  
10:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament—Chapel  
12:00 noon Rosa Mystica Hour of Grace—Chapel followed by refreshments



### ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Pledge \$ 2,737  
Weekly average \$ 2,501.43



Please note—**Padre Pio Prayer Group** will be held on Friday the **22nd of December at 11:30am in the Parish Centre** (was scheduled to be the 15th).



Congratulations to Benita and Tyrone Holdenbottle on their 50th Wedding Anniversary on the 8th of December. Benita and Tyrone were married in St Joseph's Church Chelsea on the 8th of December 1973!

Happy  
**Golden Anniversary!**

Do you like singing? Join the choir at the Inter-Church Carols This year at the Inter-church Council Carols on 10 December (starting at 6.30 pm) we would love to have a choir of people from all of our local churches. Practices for this event will be on Mondays 27 November & 4 Dec at the Chelsea Town Hall in Station Street. Practice starts at 7.30 pm and concludes at 8.30 pm. If you would like to be part of this choir, please contact Rev Sue Bluett on 0433 024 626 or [suzannejbluett@gmail.com](mailto:suzannejbluett@gmail.com) so that the music and the singing parts you need can be forwarded to you.



Pregnancy Assistance Frankston's 2023 break up is on Friday 15 December at PAF, 14 Young Street, Frankston (parishioners are welcome to attend). That night we will be drawing the winners of our Christmas Raffle who will be notified by phone. Raffle tickets will be for sale (see Sue Hyde) after each of the weekend Masses on - 2/3 December 9/10 December



**\$2 each or \$5 for 3 tickets**

- 1st prize - Christmas Hamper
- 2nd prize - \$100 Bunnings voucher
- 3rd prize - Bottle of port and Christmas cake

Thankyou for your support!



Congratulations to Harper Hanney, Farley Harris and Leo Hendricks and their families, as they celebrate their Baptisms on Sunday the 3rd of December 2023!



The Youth Choir will be singing at the 11:00am Mass on the 10th of December. New members, kids and parents are very welcome to join!



## Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception - Friday 8th December 2023



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with quiet reflection from 10:00am to 12:00 noon in the Mary MacKillop Chapel, Parish Centre.

Rosa Mystica Hour of Grace and Prayers from 12:00 noon to 1:00pm in the Mary MacKillop Chapel.

Refreshments in the Parish Centre from 1:00pm

## St Joseph's Anima Christmas Lunch Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023

12:00 noon to 3:00pm  
Chelsea RSL Thames Prom  
\$40.00 per person  
**BOOKINGS ARE NOW CLOSING!**

Please make your payment after weekend Masses **today!** If you are unable to attend, please ring Daphne Kelly on 9772 6312



Father John O'Connor has published his first book!



Are you seeking to live more abundantly? If yes, the reflections in this book are for you! Please contact the Parish office to reserve your copy! (\$40.00 each)

## CHELSEA COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2023

### Are you alone on Christmas Day?

Join us at St Joseph's Hall Chelsea 11:45am to 2:00pm on Christmas Day for lunch, Carols, give-aways & Community! To register, please call 03 9772 2211 or [www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1135987](http://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1135987)



## 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 Mary of the Cross Mackillop Stamps Appeal

Please donate your used postage stamps to the St Mary of the Cross Mackillop used stamp appeal. The Sisters of St Joseph (the religious congregation founded by Australia's first "home-grown" Saint) use the stamps to raise funds for their work with children and the poor. Used stamps can be left in the yellow box up the back of St Joseph's Church (on the table near where the bulletins are kept). Thank you!



With more and more vulnerable people

experiencing poverty and on the brink of homelessness this Christmas, St Vincent De Paul urgently needs your help. Your donation can help provide the emergency assistance families desperately need to survive and the long term support they need to build better futures. Envelopes are available in the Narthex.

**The Piety Shop** is your go to for faith based presents this Christmas time! Open after all weekend Masses.

