


<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> Half an hour before each weekday Mass St Joseph's Church</p>	<p><b>HOLY ROSARY</b> Tuesday—Friday 8.30am St Joseph's Church</p> <p>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.*

*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.*


**Prayers for the Sick**  
Sandie Armstrong, Marie-Claire Azie, Lorraine Benjamin, Judy Bartosy Snr, Nicole Bigotto, Gregory Blain, Margot Coghlan, Dennis Gallagher, Helen Guest, Rick Hayes, Allison Joel, Siu Kiang Lay, Sister Anita LeClercq, Carolyn Marshall, Sandra Marshall, Kath Noonan, Danielle Spencer, Don Walker

**Anniversaries**  
Maria Casey, Joan and Hector D'Souza

**Special Intentions**  
Marion Buckley, Steven Coombs, Rebecca

**18th February; First Sunday of Lent B**  
1st R: Gen 9:8-15  
2nd R: Ps 24:4-9  
Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

**25th February; Second Sunday of Lent B**  
1st R: Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18  
2nd R: Rom 8:31-34  
Gospel: Mark 9:2-10



# PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

## 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

### 18 FEBRUARY 2024


I have opened and shared a few times some of the beautiful readings from the Office of Readings in the Breviary (the Prayer of the Church, which all Diocesan priests and many religious take vows to pray daily). This is a reading from the 3<sup>rd</sup> of January which I find applicable to the Lenten season ...

A reading from St Augustine's Treatise on St John. The Lord himself comes, the teacher of love, full of love, 'shortening the word upon the earth,' as was foretold of him. He shows that the law and the prophets depend on the two precepts of love. What those two commandments are, brethren, recall with me. They ought to be most familiar, and not come to mind just when they are mentioned by us; rather, they should never be blotted out from your hearts. Always, at all times, reflect that you must love God and your neighbour: God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind; your neighbour as yourself. At all times, these must be pondered, they must be meditated and retained, they must be practices and fulfilled. The love of God comes first in the order of command, but the love of neighbour first in the order of action. The man who would teach you this love in two commandments should not commend to you first your neighbour and then God, but first God and then your neighbour. You do not yet see God, but by loving your neighbour you gain the sight of God; by loving your neighbour you purify your eye for seeing God, as John says clearly: 'If you do not love the brother whom you see, how will you be able to love the God whom you do not see?' You are told: love God. If you say to me: 'Show me the one I am to love,' what shall I answer, except what John himself says: 'No one has ever seen God'? Do not think that you are altogether unsuited to seeing God – no, for John states: 'God is love, and he who dwells in love is dwelling in God.' Love your neighbour, therefore, and observe the source of that love in you; there, as best you can, you will see God. So then, begin to love your neighbour, 'Share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; if you see the naked, cover him, and do not despise the servants of your kinsfolk.' If you do this, what will you obtain? 'Then shall your light break forth like the morning.' Your light is your God; to you he is 'morning light,' because he will come to you after the night of the world; he neither rises nor sets, because he abides always. By loving your neighbour and being concerned about your neighbour, you make progress on your journey. Where is your journey, if not to the Lord God, to him whom we must love with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our mind? We have not yet reached the Lord, but we have our neighbour with us. So then, support him with whom you are travelling so that you may come to him with whom you long to dwell.

If you would like to experience more of the Divine Office, then on Wednesday mornings during the season of Lent, we pray Morning Prayer together beginning from around 8:00 am.

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 17 FEBRUARY

7:00am Men's Hour—Parish Centre Chapel  
8:00am Men's BBQ Breakfast—St Joseph's Hall

4:30pm Junior Legion of Mary—Parish Centre (Enq—0403 095 627)

## MONDAY 19 FEBRUARY

10:00am Divine Mercy PG—Chapel  
7:30pm Men's Focus Group—Parish Centre

## TUESDAY 20 FEBRUARY

10:00am Sacred Heart PG—Parish Centre

## WEDNESDAY 21 FEBRUARY

12:30pm Longbeach Parishioner Lunch—Longbeach Hotel  
6:30pm Legion of Mary Chelsea—Parish Centre

## THURSDAY 22 FEBRUARY

Chair of St Peter

## FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY

9:00am Holy Mass with Anointing—St Josephs' Church



### ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Pledge \$ 2,914  
Weekly average \$ 2,721.68



## LONGBEACH PARISHIONER LUNCH

The next luncheon will be held at the Longbeach Hotel

Nepean Highway  
Chelsea on Wednesday

21st at 12:30pm. For bookings ring Patrica Adams on 0448-866-020 or Keith Reiter on 0417-350-733. Alternatively, please leave a message on Keith's landline 9772-7292.



## QUARTERLY MEN'S HOUR

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>  
February 7am

St Joseph's Parish  
Centre Chapel

Register: Mike 0418 122 966

## QUARTERLY MEN'S BBQ BREAKFAST

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February 8am  
St Joseph's Hall \$10

Register: Church Narthex  
or Mike 0418 122 966

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Congratulations to Leo Kiremitciyan, Lucia Savaidis, and Niamh and Nash Richardson, and their families on their Baptisms on Sunday 11th February 2024



## St Joseph's Paschal Candle:

Donors are invited to sponsor our 2024 Easter Candle. Please contact the Parish Office 9772 2211 [chelsea@cam.org.au](mailto:chelsea@cam.org.au).



The **Men's Focus Group** meet every fortnight - commencing **Monday 19th Feb at 7:30pm** - at the parish centre. All men are welcomed to join us as we read the gospel reading for the day and share our reflections on this and how we can bring a change in our own lives .

Contact Neville on 0469 341 463

## St Vincent de Paul Society Week 1

– Canned Food Soups, fruit, steak & kidney, baked beans, tin spaghetti, ham, etc. Please place your donations in the Vinnie's Bin in the Narthex.

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

## Please note:

### Padre Pio Prayer Group

Terry is currently organising when St Padre Pio Prayer Group will be held.



Days/times will be communicated as soon as this is confirmed.



This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women: Ronita from the Philippines, Leaia from Samoa and Memory from Malawi. While from three different corners of the world and facing vastly different challenges, they are all united by one dream: to create a better world *for all future generations*.

### Please donate to Project Compassion.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes available in the Narthex, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413



## Lent at St Joseph's Church Way of the Cross

Fridays of Lent 8.15am

**Morning Prayer & Eucharistic Adoration**

Wednesdays of Lent 8:00am

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

30 minutes before every Mass (except Friday)  
9:30am-10:30am Saturday morning, or by appointment

