


<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 OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA**  
*24th Sunday of Ordinary Time*

*17th September 2023*

**PARISH PRIEST**  
Rev Kevin Williams

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**  
Tuesday –Friday 9am–2pm  
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**SISTERS OF ST PAUL DE CHARTRES**  
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**ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL**  
Tel. 8773 1111  
Principal: Gavan O'Donnell  
[www.sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au)



**Recently Deceased**  
Trish Farrugia, Miralda Lopez, Jenny Vasallo, Arthur Waite

**Prayers for the Sick**  
Mary Caderamanpulle, Margot Coghlan, Beverley Garing, Helen Guest, Sister Anita LeClercq, Danielle Spencer

**Anniversaries**  
Owen Freese, Tess Ireland, Michael Morris, John Morrison, Betty Reilly, Gerry and Margaret Wallace, Henry Weinman

**Board Examinations**  
Alfonso Nixon and Aladdin Allan  
Dela Paz Tiu

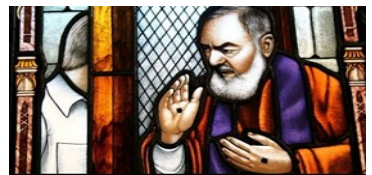
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**17th September; 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time A**  
1st R: Sirach 27:30-28:7  
2nd R: Rom 17:7-9  
Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

**24th September; 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time A**  
1st R: Is 55:6-9  
2nd R: Phil 1:20-24,27  
Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

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.

**St. Padre Pio**



**Feastday: 23<sup>rd</sup> September;**  
Patron Saint of Civil defence volunteers, Adolescents, Pietrelcina, Stress relief, & "January blues" ... as well as the St Joseph's Padre Pio prayer group!  
Birth: 25<sup>th</sup> May 1887; Death: 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1968; Canonized by Pope St John Paul the Great, 16 June 2002

As the feast day of St Padre Pio will occur on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, I thought it would be fitting to spend the next two weeks in the bulletin exploring the life of this great Saint ...

St. Padre Pio was an Italian priest who was known for his piety and charity, as well as the gift of the stigmata, which has never been explained. St. Padre Pio was born Francesco Forgione, on May 25, 1887, in Pietrelcina, Italy. His parents were peasant farmers. He had an older brother and three younger sisters, as well as two other siblings who died in infancy. As a child, he was very religious and by the age of five he reportedly made the decision to dedicate his life to God.

Fortunately, his parents were also very religious and they supported his Catholic development. His family attended daily Mass. Francesco served as an altar boy at his local parish. Francesco was known for taking on penances and his mother once scolded him for sleeping on a stone floor. Francesco's community was also supportive. Saint's days were popular celebrations and commonly celebrated in his town.

From his tender age, Francesco had a peculiar ability. He could see guardian angels, spoke with Jesus and the Virgin Mary. This was not something taught to him, but occurred so naturally that he assumed other people could see them too.

Although Francesco and his family was very religious, they were also very poor, which required that he work. He spent many years as a child tending to a small flock of sheep owned by his family. Unfortunately, the work meant he was unable to attend school regularly, so he quickly fell behind other kids his age.

Francesco was sickly as a child. He suffered an attack of gastroenteritis at age six and when he was ten, he had typhoid fever.

In 1897, after three years of schooling, Francesco expressed to his parents that he wanted to become a friar. His parents travelled to a nearby community of monks and asked if Francesco could join them. He was evaluated, despite his young age, and was told that he needed more education before he could join. To prepare Francesco, his parents decided to hire a private tutor. To pay the cost of the tutor, Francesco's father travelled to America to find work, and sent the money home.

At the age of 15, Francesco was finally ready and he entered the novitiate of the Capuchin friars at Morcone. He took the name of "Pio" in honour of Pope Pius I, whose relic he often saw at his local chapel. At the age of 17, Brother Pio became extremely ill and could only digest milk and cheese. He was sent to the mountain for better air, and when this did not work, he was sent home to his family. Amid all this, he continued to study for the priesthood.

On one occasion during prayer, a fellow monk astonishingly reported he saw Pio levitate during an episode of ecstasy.

To be continued next week  
Full article found: [https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint\\_id=311](https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=311)

# PARISH CALENDAR

## SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

8:30am Divine Mercy Chaplet— Church

## SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

Social Services Sunday  
12:15pm Serra Club—Event to support vocations—Parish Centre

## MONDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

7:30pm Mission Night 1—Gangland to Promised Land—St Thomas More Mt Eliza

## TUESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

10:00am Sacred Heart PG –Chapel  
7:30pm Mission Night 2—Gangland to Promised Land—St Thomas More Mt Eliza

## WEDNESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

6:30pm Legion of Mary Chelsea—PC  
7:30pm Mission Night 3—Gangland to Promised Land—St Thomas More Mt Eliza

## THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

Feast day of St Matthew  
10:00am Film and Light Lunch—Parish Centre—Please bring a plate to share  
7:30pm The Religious Sense—PC



### ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Pledge \$ 2,737

Weekly average \$ 2,535.02

Thank you for your ongoing support



The Serra Club works with the Archdiocese to encourage and support vocations through daily Mass, Prayer, the Rosary, facilitating guest speakers at Parishes and raising funds to inspire others to a vocational life. The Serra Club will be hosting an event to support vocations on **Sunday 17th September from 12:15 to 3:00pm at St Joseph's Parish Centre**, with a BBQ lunch, craft stalls and a silent auction. Please see flyers in the narthex.



St Joseph's 9:00 choir invites you to join our choir. We are always looking for new members to join our ranks and support the liturgy with sacred music. Everyone is welcome. Please speak to one of the choir members for more information, or call Marie on 0412 601 402. We practice on Saturday morning from 10.30-11.30 and sing at the 9.00 am Mass every Sunday.



## The Religious Sense:

It is not only a fact, an event, but the most ineradicable fact in human history. "What is the ultimate meaning of existence? Why is life worth living? The religious sense lies within the reality of our self at the level of these questions" Fr Luigi Giussani *You are warmly invited to join "The Religious Sense" meetings - School of Community . A comparison between the Christian proposal and life, in order to verify how faith responds to human needs in every aspect of reality .* Every first and third Thursday of the month starting on Thursday 7 September 7:30pm at St Joseph's Parish Centre.  
Info / registrations: [raffymazzeo@gmail.com](mailto:raffymazzeo@gmail.com)  
0424 325 005 or sign up sheet in the narthex



## A REMINDER THAT NO PETS ARE ALLOWED IN ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH.



Service animals that are specifically trained to aid a person with disabilities are welcome!



**Please note:** Carpet Steam Cleaning will be occurring on **Thursday the 28th of September** in the **Parish Centre**. May I request that groups using the centre in the week commencing Monday 25th September ensure any resources and belongings are removed/stored away? Furniture will be moved on Wednesday 27th—volunteers most welcome to assist! Please contact Maree in the Office.



**BASP Online Trivia Night** is back on Fri 6 Oct supporting the **Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project** ([basp.org.au](http://basp.org.au)). Invite a team to your place or co-operate with a distributed team. Details and booking at [cohdig.au/trivia](http://cohdig.au/trivia), Enquiries [basptrivia@gmail.com](mailto:basptrivia@gmail.com)

**Did you know** that St Matthew was working as a tax collector before he was called to follow Jesus? He is also called St Matthew the Apostle and St Matthew the Evangelist, and we celebrate his feast day this week—21st of September.



## GANGLAND TO PROMISED LAND

He was a serious "face" in London's East End. His drug deals netted him thousands; he lived the 'high' life ... when he found himself nearly killing a man. What happened next can only be called extraordinary. John Pridmore has spoken to millions around the world about his past and remarkable conversion. He has inspired countless individuals through his powerful talks, conferences and parish missions.

## MISSION NIGHTS 18-20 SEPTEMBER ST THOMAS MORE PARISH MOUNT ELIZA 7:30-8:30PM

**Night 1: God's Love** - Getting to know the depth of God's love.  
**Night 2: God's Mercy** - A chance to personally experience the mercy of Jesus.  
**Night 3: God's Healing** - Healing service - allowing Jesus to heal us.  
**Each night will include John's talk, music and scripture readings, and a time of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.**

## 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.**



Sunday 17 September 2023 marks Social Services Sunday within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. On this day we give thanks to the dedicated work of the thousands of staff and volunteers who serve the poor, disadvantaged and marginalised. We acknowledge with gratitude Catholic Social Service Victoria's 40 member organisations, their 8,000 staff and 17,000 volunteers, who work together to serve and support over 211,000 people.



## 2024 Study Tour

*Journey with Paul: Türkiye - Greece:*

20 September - 6 October 2024

Tour Leader: Dr Rosemary Canavan

### Online Information Sessions:

Saturday 16, 23 September, or 7 October 2023 at 2pm

Participants have the opportunity to undertake a study unit with CTC in conjunction with the tour for credit towards an award

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