


<p>SUNDAY MASS Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm Sunday 9 am, 11 am</p> <p>WEEKDAY MASS Monday (Springvale) 9.30 am Tuesday 9 am Wednesday 9 am Thursday 9 am Friday 9 am Saturday 9 am</p>	<p>The Sacrament of Reconciliation Is available 30 minutes before each Mass, between 9:30-10:30 am Saturday morning, or by appointment.</p> <p>Eucharist Adoration Saturday 8:00-8:55am St Joseph's Church</p>	<p>HOLY ROSARY Tuesday—Friday 8.35am 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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PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

24th September 2023

PARISH PRIEST
Rev Kevin Williams

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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

The solemn obligation for baptised Catholics to attend regular Sunday Mass has been restored throughout the Archdiocese of Melbourne.



Recently Deceased
Robin Mohan Anthony Abeynaike,
Seth Williams

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

Anniversaries
Margherita Dimegho, Alexander Joksimovic, John Stonehouse, Henry Weinman


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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

1st October; 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time A
1st R: Ezek 18:25-28
2nd R: Phil 2:1-11
Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32



St. Padre Pio



(Continued from last week) Brother Pio became a priest in 1910, but was permitted to remain at home because of his poor health. In 1915, with World War I afflicting the world, Padre Pio was summoned for military service. He was compelled to leave a tiny community of monks, with whom he was then housed, and drafted into medical service. However, he was so sickly that he was often sent home, only to then be recalled for service. In March 1916, he was finally dismissed because of his poor health. On 20th September, Padre Pio was hearing confessions when he felt pain in his hands & feet. He noticed the stigmata, the wounds of Christ, appearing on his hands and feet. The experience was painful. Bleeding occurred. The wounds smelled of roses, & although they continued to weep, they never became infected. Doctors who later examined the stigmata were amazed at their perfectly round shape. By 1919, word began to spread about Padre Pio's stigmata and people came from far away to examine him. Padre Pio became popular with the people he encountered and soon began to attribute supernatural occurrences to him. For example, he was said to levitate, and able to perform miracles. His popularity became a source of concern for the Church and the Vatican began to restrict his activities to minimize public interaction. Padre Pio himself was uncomfortable with his newfound popularity and the attention he received because of his stigmata. A Church investigation into his stigmata concluded that his condition was not faked. By 1934, the Vatican began to change its attitude towards Padre Pio and he was again allowed to perform public duties. He could preach, despite never being officially licensed by the Church to do so. Pope Pius XI encouraged people to visit him. In 1947, Fr. Karol Wojtyla visited Padre Pio who prophetically told Fr. Wojtyla he would rise to the highest post in the Church." Of course, Fr. Karol Wojtyla later became the beloved Pope, John Paul II, in 1978. Padre Pio used his newfound popularity to open a hospital in San Giovanni Rotondo. The facility opened in 1956. Pope Paul VI reviewed the controversies surrounding Padre Pio and dismissed any concerns over his conduct and the authenticity of his stigmata. Padre Pio became internationally famous. He was known for his piety, charity and the quality of his preaching. He famously advised, "Pray, hope and don't worry." He had other illnesses, as well, including cancer which was miraculously healed after just two treatments. Other problems, such as arthritis, which plagued him in his later years, never went away. Padre Pio died on 23rd September, 1968. His funeral was attended by over 100,000 people. Pope John Paul II recognized Padre Pio as a saint on June 16, 2002. His feast day is 23rd September. He is the patron of civil defence volunteers, adolescents and the village of Pietrelcina.

Full article found: https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=311

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 23 SEPTEMBER

Feast Day of St Padre Pio

SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

Altar Society Collection
World Day for Migrants and Refugees
3:00pm - Baptisms—St Joseph's Church

TUESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

10:00am Sacred Heart PG –Chapel
7:30pm KSC Executive Meeting—Parish Centre

WEDNESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

Feast day of St Vincent De Paul
6:30pm Legion of Mary Chelsea—PC

THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

Parish Centre Carpet Steam Cleaning

FRIDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

Feast Day of Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael—Archangels
AFL Grand Final Public Holiday—Parish Office Closed.



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Pledge \$ 2,737

Weekly average \$ 2,554.85

Thank you for your ongoing support



Congratulations to Emily Wiggins and Leah Watkins and their families on their Baptisms on Sunday the 24th of September 2023.



The Parish Office will be closed on Friday 29th September due to the AFL Public Holiday. The Bulletin will be issued on Thursday 28/09. May your team win!!!!

THE RELIGIOUS SENSE

RETREAT WEEKEND



With Father John O'Connor

Saturday October 21st & Sunday October 22nd 2023 St Joseph's Parish Hall

\$20.00 per person for 2 days includes lunch

Info/Reg: Raffy 0424 325 005 or raffymazzeo@gmail.com



Caritas Australia's Emergency Appeals – Morocco / Libya

Caritas Australia needs your support to respond to the devastating earthquake in Morocco and floods in Libya. Thousands of people have died and others have been injured. Communities need shelter, food, water and medical assistance. Please support **Caritas Australia's emergency appeals**. Donate at www.caritas.org.au



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.



A big thank you to Fr Kevin and the St Joseph's community for their support of the Serra function and luncheon on Sunday 17 September; the weather was kind and we raised \$1,300. The raffle was drawn, and the winners were 1st prize M. Hewitt, 2nd prize D. Scarlett and 3rd prize S. Griffiths. Thank you to all who bought tickets and patronised our stalls. Finally we would like to thank Peter Kelly for his great efforts on the BBQ and Neil Kelly for helping us with access on the day



BASP Online Trivia Night is back on Fri 6 Oct supporting the **Brigidine Asylum Seekers**

Project (basp.org.au). Invite a team to your place or co-operate with a distributed team. Details and booking at cohdig.au/trivia, Enquiries basptrivia@gmail.com

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold their Annual Mission Fair on Saturday 14 October 9.00 am – 2.30 pm at 154 Cotham Road, Kew. This year the proceeds will be for the renovation and extension of a school in Zambia run by Franciscan Sisters of the Presentation for marginalised children. Enquiries Phone: 9817 3715.

MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER

109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2023



Pope Francis has released his message for the 109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, which will be celebrated on Sunday, 24 September 2023.

The theme chosen by the Holy Father for WDMR 2023 is "Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay."

Pope Francis emphasised that "we are called to show maximum respect for the dignity of each migrant; this entails accompanying and managing waves of migration as best we can, constructing bridges and not walls, expanding channels for a safe and regular migration. In whatever place we decide to build our future, in the country of our birth or elsewhere, the important thing is that there always be a community ready to welcome, protect, promote and integrate everyone, without distinctions and without excluding anyone." Full article here: <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/migration/documents/20230511-world-migrants-day-2023.html>

St Vincent de Paul Society Week 4

– Washing powder, dishwashing liquid, household cleaning items. 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.



Angels are messengers from God. Three angels mentioned in the Bible are the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. Michael protects us as God does. Gabriel communicates God's message to us. Raphael heals us. On the feast day of the Archangels, 29th September, we remember that God's messengers lead us to everlasting life with our Father.

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

RSVP & further information: rosemary.canavan@ctc.edu.au

