

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st October

Holy Hour

During his time as parish priest, Fr Gregory Pritchard established four main Holy Hours celebrated in the course of the year at St Joseph's. This is something I have tried to keep going during my time as priest of this parish.

Currently the four Holy Hours are:

Laetare Sunday (the 4th Sunday of Lent) – probably chosen as an opportunity for the priest to look simply stunning, strolling down the centre aisle of the Church wearing rose-coloured vestments (they are not pink!)

Good Shepherd Sunday – held on the 4th Sunday of Easter – an opportunity for the parish to pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Corpus Christi – the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. In Australia this feast has been moved from its traditional date to the second Sunday after Pentecost. After many years of experience, I must say that it is safer to hold a Holy Hour in the Church on Corpus Christi rather than to brave the elements by trying to hold a Eucharistic Procession outside of the Church on the day.

The fourth and final Holy Hour held at St Joseph's occurs at the beginning of October. Although the reasoning behind the October Holy Hour was never written down, I have been able to formulate three explanations why this date was chosen by my illustrious predecessor.

- 1) It is a date close to the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The 7th October is the anniversary of the Battle of Lepanto – a victory attributed to Our Lady's intercessions won through the devout praying of the Rosary. In the life of the Church, the whole month of October is dedicated to the Rosary.
- 2) The month of October is also the month with a special focus on the life of marriage and the family. Marriage and the Family Sunday falls on the 22nd October this year, although it will probably be overshadowed by Catholic Mission's "Mission Sunday," which will be held on the same day.
- 3) I would also guess that the reason why October was chosen was to give the priest an opportunity to look stunning in a green cope and stole – one of the very few times that parishioners would see a priest so attired in the ordinary life of a parish.

Irrespective of the reason why the month of October was chosen for the fourth Holy Hour, there will be a 3pm Holy Hour held at St Joseph's Church on Sunday the 1st October. All are welcome!

Fr Kevin Williams



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

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Is available 30 minutes before each Mass, between 9:30-10:30 am Saturday morning, or by appointment.

Eucharist Adoration

Saturday 8:00-8:55am
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



PARISH PRIEST

Rev Kevin Williams

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday –Friday 9am–2pm
Deadline for Bulletin 12 noon Thursday
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



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

Leonardo C Girasol, Aldo Savoia

Prayers for the Sick

Mary Caderamanpulle, Margot Coghlan, Beverley Garing, Helen Guest, Sister Anita LeClercq, Danielle Spencer

Anniversaries

Lawrence Ellul, Francisa, Antonio, Pina, Pana, Vinvenzo, Filippo, Guisepina, Matia and Liliana Interlandi, Antonio Milana, Salvatore Ganci, Jude Myers, Mary Philpot, Patrick Scarlett, Joan Winch



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

8th October; 27th Sunday in

Ordinary Time A

1st R: Is 5:1-7

2nd R: Phil 4:6-9

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

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

SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER

Daylight Savings commences 2:00am
3:00pm Holy Hour—St Joseph's Church

MONDAY 2 OCTOBER

Term 4 commences
10:00am Divine Mercy PG –Chapel

TUESDAY 3 OCTOBER

10:00am Sacred Heart PG –Chapel

WEDNESDAY 4 OCTOBER

Feast day of St Francis of Assisi
6:30pm Legion of Mary Chelsea—PC
6:30pm Becoming Missionary Disciples
with Archbishop Julian Porteous—ACU
Fitzroy

THURSDAY 5 OCTOBER

Feast day of St Faustina
Morning tea after 9:00am Mass in the
Narthex followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet
and the Litany of St Faustina
7:30pm The Religious Sense—PC

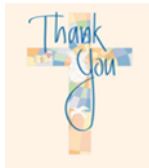
FRIDAY 6 OCTOBER

7:30pm BASP online Trivia Night



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Pledge \$ 2,737
Weekly average \$ 2,480.48
Thank you for your ongoing
support



Daylight Savings commences this weekend!!

Clocks go forward one hour at 2:00am on
Sunday 1st October 2023, so make sure you
adjust your time pieces before going to bed on
Saturday night. It's a good time to change your
smoke alarm batteries too!!!



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 per day includes
lunch**

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

Please RSVP by 16th October 2023.



SAVE THE DATE! Night of the Witnesses – 22 November 2023, 7pm at St Patrick's Cathedral. Aid to the

Church in Need invites you to an evening
of prayer, testimony, song, adoration and
reflection to honour the witness of twelve
recent Christian martyrs and to stand in
solidarity with Christians all over the
world who are suffering persecution for
their faith in Jesus Christ. Archbishop
Peter Comensoli will preside and His
Beatitude, Patriarch Joseph Absi of the
Melkite Greek Catholic Church will be
one of the international guest speakers
who will share personal testimony of
persecution for the faith. We hope you
will join us. For more information please
visit: www.aidtochurch.org/notw



The Cross used by the Special
Ministers during mass has gone
missing! If anyone knows where
the Cross is, please let Maree in the Office
know. Thank you.



From Pauline Fallon:
Heartfelt thanks to my
Parish friends for their
prayers for my son
Ken, All well!!! Thank
you and God Bless

Thank you



**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

Interesting facts about St Francis of Assisi—Feast Day 4th October



- His mother originally had St Francis baptised with the name John, but his Father renamed him Francis.
- Prior to his conversion, St Francis fought in 2 wars, and was even a POW during conflict.
- Francis was the first recorded person to receive the stigmata.
- He began the tradition of celebrating Christmas with a crib and a stable with animals – a Nativity Scene.
- Those who live according to the teaching and beliefs of St Francis are called Franciscans.
- St Francis is laid to rest in the Basilica of St Francis in Assisi.

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.**



Becoming Missionary Disciples with Archbishop Julian Porteous

Archbishop Julian Porteous is one of the most courageous bishops in Australia today. He is visiting Melbourne to inspire Catholics to be missionary disciples using their "head, heart and hands" to evangelise.

Topic: Becoming Missionary Disciples

Speaker: Archbishop Julian Porteous

Date: Wednesday 4th October

Time: 6.30pm light supper provided,
7.00pm Talk begins

Cost: Free, light supper provided

Venue: Greg Craven Conference Centre,
Australian Catholic University, Fitzroy

Registration essential:
CatholicEvents.com.au

An initiative of the Knights of the Southern
Cross Victoria



The Feast day of St
Faustina is celebrated on
the 5th of October.

Here at St Joseph's, we
will commemorate St
Faustina on the 5th of
October with:
9:00am Mass, followed
by Morning Tea, Divine

Mercy Chaplet and the Litany of St
Faustina. All are welcome!