



<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
27th Sunday of Ordinary Time
8th October

PARISH PRIEST
Rev Kevin Williams


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ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL
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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
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Prayers for the Sick
Mary Caderamanpulle, Margot Coghlan, Beverley Garing, Helen Guest, Sister Anita LeClercq, Danielle Spencer

Anniversaries
Ruby Kandasalmy, Mervin Garing, Marilyn Goden, Father Gregory Handley

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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

15th October; 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time A
1st R: Is 25:6-10
2nd R: Phil 4:12-14, 19-20
Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14



"I am the Good Shepherd; I know my sheep and my own know me." (Jn 10: 14)

Jesus Christ is the ideal role model that every Catholic priest looks up to and tries to imitate in his ministry. Since the 10th January 2018, when I first moved in to St Joseph's parish, I have desperately been trying to learn people's names.

At a recent parish pastoral council (PPC) meeting, the members of the PPC requested a list of "inactive" parish members (those who no longer come to regular Mass at St Joseph's). This is part of the PPC's efforts to try and increase the numbers of parishioners coming regularly to Mass.


In the search, I discovered that we do indeed have an "inactive" parishioner's file in the office. Sadly, all the people on it have died! (Apparently the only way you can leave St Joseph's parish is in a pine box!)

I then had to "reverse engineer" a new list. I asked our most excellent parish secretary, Maree Dalton, to print up the list of all the parishioners we currently have on file. This document spans 157 pages, each page with around 45 names. Now, unless arithmetic has changed since I was last at school, that is a grand total of 7,065 names on file. According to Governmental statistics, there should be over 10,000 baptised Catholics living within the Chelsea area. Our current Sunday Mass count is only 385 (from the count taken up during May 2023).

I know only a small fraction of people who appear in our parish records. So in the weeks ahead, please be aware that members of the PPC will be calling or door-knocking the parishioners whose names we have on file. The members of the PPC are: Paul Russell, Mary Alwyn, Rachel Alwyn, Margaret-Rose Durston, Vivian Chater, and Jeremy Dart. This is part of a pastoral outreach of the parish, catching up with parishioners, seeing how they are doing coming out of COVID lockdowns and restrictions (RUOK?), and checking if there is anything the parish can do for them at this time.

Hopefully through this initiative of the PPC, the Mass count at St Joseph's will increase significantly, and thus keep St Joseph's as a "viable parish" for many years to come, rather than being amalgamated with other parishes through the Way of the Gospel initiative.

Please stay tuned for more updates.
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,
but their use has been strongly encouraged by the Archbishop.
Please use the hand sanitiser provided.

PARISH CALENDAR

SATURDAY 7 OCTOBER

Our Lady of the Rosary
Rosary after 9:00am Mass
4:30pm Our Lady Star of the Sea Junior
Legion of Mary—any enquiries please call
0403 095 627

MONDAY 9 OCTOBER

10:00am Divine Mercy PG—Chapel
6:30pm God and Beer—The NottingHill
Hotel

TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER

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

THURSDAY 12 OCTOBER

6:30pm Legion of Mary Chelsea—PC
7:00pm—Legion of Mary Bayside Curia—
PC



**Couples and families are invited to the
annual Anniversary Mass.
Sunday 22nd October 2023 11:00-12:00
St Patricks Cathedral**

Couples who register and are celebrating the
following anniversaries—5th, 10th, 15th, 20th,
25th, 30th, 35th or 40 years and above—will
receive a commemorative certificate.
Register by Sunday October 15 at
trybooking.com/CLKRB. For all enquiries,
please contact Proclaim on (03) 9926 5721 or
email proclaim@cam.org.au



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

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



Thank you to Jo Morrissey and
Pat Armstrong for their generous
donations—the beautiful plants
out the front of the Church look
stunning—it is much appreciated!
Thanks also to Peter, Neal and
Terry for tending to the garden!

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 or sign up sheet
in the Narthex

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



**SAVE THIS DATE!!!!
Wednesday 6th December**

**St Joseph's Anima
Christmas Lunch at
Chelsea RSL, Thames
Promenade, Chelsea**

**(12 noon to 3pm). Menu
and price to follow.**

*Save
the
Date*

PUBLIC ROSARY

On **Saturday 14th October**,
the Our Lady of Fatima
Praesidium (Legion of Mary)
will be conducting the annual
public Rosary.



Hopefully the weather will be
pleasant, because **the
Rosary will be held at the
bronze front doors of St
Joseph's following the 9am
Mass.**

All are welcome! However, please don't
forget to vote in the Referendum on the day
(it may even be advisable to take advantage
of the early polling opportunities available).

**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**



**Sacred Heart Prayer Group invites
you all to a Healing Mass on Friday
27th October 2023**

St Joseph's Church Chelsea—Prayer
and Praise at 7:30pm, Mass at 8:00pm.

Celebrated by Father Aurelio Fragipane
Refreshments and Fellowship after
Mass. Please contact Mary Cameron on
0408 772 584 if you have any enquiries.

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.**



God and Beer - "How to fix Catholic Education" 9th October 6.30-8.30pm

Prof John Haldane is a 'rock-star
philosopher' and one of the leading
thinkers in the world. A former papal
advisor and current chair of the Royal
Institute of Philosophy, Prof Haldane
splits his time between Baylor University
in the USA, Notre Dame University in
Sydney, and the University of St
Andrews in Scotland.
God and Beer is an initiative of the
Knights of the Southern Cross and
brings together people of all ages from
across the south-east suburbs several
times a year. It aims to inspire and
strengthen Christians through ideas for
renewing the Church by drawing on the
truth, beauty and goodness of the
Catholic tradition.

NottingHill Hotel—Dinner is available
for purchase from 6.30pm. Talk begins
at 7.30pm.

