


PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10TH DECEMBER 2023

<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 <i>15 Decade-Rosary Mary Untier of Knots</i></p> 
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PARISH PRIEST
Rev Kevin Williams

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ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL
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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
Lilliana Kicherer

Prayers for the Sick
Lorraine Benjamin,
Judy Bartosy Snr, Mary Caderamanpulle Margot Coghlan, Dennis Gallagher, Beverley Garing, Helen Guest, Siu Kiang Lay, Sister Anita LeClercq, Danielle Spencer,

Anniversaries
Alan Curry, Domenico Corlino, Rina Corlino, Francesco Galluci, Domenico Gargano, Luigi Lopce, Father Daniel Pietrzak, Arthur Waite (3 mths)

10th December; 2nd Sunday of Advent B
1st R: Is 40:1-5, 9-11
2nd R: 2 Pet 3:8-14
Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

17th December; 3rd Sunday of Advent B
1st R: Is 61:1-2, 10-11
2nd R: 1 Thess 5:16-24
Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES
Christmas Eve 24th December

5:30pm Carols
6:00pm Vigil Mass




8:30pm Carols
9:00pm Night Mass

Christmas Day 25th December

9:30am Carols
10:00am Christmas Mass

RECONCILIATION
Tues 19/12 6:30-7:30pm
Wed 20/12 6:30-7:30pm
Thur 21/12 6:30-7:30pm
Fri 22/12 6:30-7:30pm
And 30 minutes prior to 9:00am Mass each morning

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Tues 19/12 to Fri 22/12 6:30-7:30pm




A short reflection for a short Advent.

Shortest Advent Possible

This year is the shortest Advent possible. As a refresher, Advent is the liturgical season in preparation for Christmas. Advent always starts four Sundays before Christmas. Notice it isn't necessarily 28 days before Christmas (which would put the first day of Advent on a different day each year), but four Sundays. When Christmas falls on a Sunday, then you get a full four weeks. When it falls on a Monday, like this year, you get 22 days of Advent (but still four Sundays). This leads to some interesting side effects. First, that final purple candle on the Advent wreath is basically unused, so you're really set for next year. Second, your set up crew needs to move very quickly to get the nativity scene set up after the last mass on the 4th Sunday of Advent (not a problem at St Joseph's, where we set up the Nativity Set for the 17th December). Third, the O Antiphons start on Gaudete Sunday (the 3rd Sunday of Advent), so if you aren't paying attention, you might miss your first opportunity to sing "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" at the correct time in the liturgical season. Fourth, Catholics have two obligations next weekend: one for the Sunday, and another for Christmas—you can't do a two-for-one, but you can attend twice on the 24th (once in the morning/prior to about 4:00pm, and once in the evening/after about 4:00pm) and fulfill your obligation. Or, you can make your Christmas obligation on the day itself squeeze out every possible second of Advent this year so you are fully prepared to welcome Jesus' coming. Happy (short) Advent!



Accessed 6 December 2023— <https://quasirenaissanceman.wordpress.com/2017/12/17/shortest-advent-possible/>

 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 9 DECEMBER

4:30pm Our Lady Star of the Sea Junior Legion of Mary—enquiries 0403 095 627
6:00pm Men's Choir at Mass—Church

SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER

Melbourne Overseas Mission Appeal
11:00am Youth Choir at Mass - Church
3:00pm Baptism Preparation Meeting—PC
6:30pm Inter-Church Council Christmas Carols—Chelsea Town Hall

MONDAY 11 DECEMBER

10:00am Divine Mercy PG—Chapel (Last PG until late January)

TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER

Our Lady of Guadalupe

WEDNESDAY 13 DECEMBER

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
6:30pm Legion of Mary Chelsea—PC

THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER

St John of the Cross
7:00pm Legion of Mary Bayside Curia—PC

FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER

6:00pm PAF Christmas Break Up—14 Young St Frankston



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Pledge \$ 2,737
Weekly average \$ 2,491.44

Thank You



Please note—Padre Pio Prayer Group will be held on Friday the 22nd of December at 11:30am in the Parish Centre (was scheduled to be the 15th).

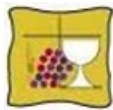
Pregnancy Assistance Frankston's 2023 break up is on Friday 15 December at PAF, 14 Young Street, Frankston (parishioners are welcome to attend). That night we will be drawing the winners of our Christmas Raffle who will be notified by phone. Raffle tickets will be for sale (see Sue Hyde) after each of the weekend Masses on -
2/3 December
9/10 December



\$2 each or \$5 for 3 tickets

- 1st prize - Christmas Hamper
- 2nd prize - \$100 Bunnings voucher
- 3rd prize - Bottle of port and Christmas cake

Thankyou for your support!



Preparation of rosters for **Lectors and Special Ministers** for January - March 2024 has commenced. Please contact Chris Bennetts on 0402 823 0404 or cjbenetts@optusnet.com.au by 15/12 if you are unavailable during this time.



CHURCH CHRISTMAS WORKING BEE 23RD DECEMBER 10:00AM TO 12:00NOON



Dusting, wiping, polishing and vacuuming! Please contact Maree on 9772 2211 or Chelsea@cam.org.au if you can assist—and with your coffee/tea order!! Refreshments will be supplied



The Parish Office will be closed from 30th December, reopening on 9th January 2024.



CHELSEA COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2023

Are you alone on Christmas Day?

Join us at St Joseph's Hall Chelsea 11:45am to 2:00pm on Christmas Day for lunch, Carols, give-aways & Community!

To register, please call 03 9772 2211 or

www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1135987



During the Advent season many of us will have an Advent wreath at home. Let each candle not only mark the countdown to Christmas but also serve as a daily reminder to spread kindness.



In the hustle and bustle, take a moment each day to brighten someone's world – a smile, a small gesture, a thoughtful word.

Father John O'Connor has published his first book!



Are you seeking to live more abundantly? If yes, the reflections in this book are for you! Please contact the Parish office to reserve your copy! (\$40.00 each)

A FREE EVENT! Gold coin donation appreciated

Refreshments afterwards - tea, coffee, Christmas cake

CHELSEA & DISTRICT INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL
CHRISTMAS CAROLS
ECUMENICAL SERVICE

SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER 2023 | 6.30PM - 8.30PM
LF PAYNE HALL STATION ST. CHELSEA

ALL WELCOME
...and a visit from Santa!

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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.

St Mary of the Cross Mackillop Stamps Appeal

Please donate your used postage stamps to the St Mary of the Cross MacKillop used stamp appeal. The Sisters of St Joseph (the religious congregation founded by Australia's first "home-grown" Saint) use the stamps to raise funds for their work with children and the poor. Used stamps can be left in the yellow box up the back of St Joseph's Church (on the table near where the bulletins are kept). Thank you!



With more and more vulnerable people

experiencing poverty and on the brink of homelessness this Christmas, St Vincent De Paul urgently needs your help. Your donation can help provide the emergency assistance families desperately need to survive and the long term support they need to build better futures. Envelopes are available in the Narthex.

The Piety Shop is your go to for faith based presents this Christmas time! Open after all weekend Masses.

