



PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

14TH JANUARY 2024

<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 Half an hour before each weekday Mass St Joseph's Church</p>	<p>HOLY ROSARY Tuesday—Friday 8.30am St Joseph's Church</p>  
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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*



Recently Deceased
Rev Monsignor Gerard Diamond
(PE), William John McAllister

Prayers for the Sick
Marie-Claire Azie, Lorraine Benjamin,
Judy Bartosy Snr, Mary
Caderamanpulle Margot
Coghlan, Dennis Gallagher, Helen
Guest, Siu Kiang Lay, Sister Anita
LeClercq, Cath Meehan, Kath
Noonan, Danielle Spencer

Anniversaries
Catherine and Joshua Tuazon, Sarah
Dayaw, Rowena and Oscar Dayaw,
Ruperto Goden, Arthur Waite (4
months) Isabel Freese, Jim Healy (40
days)

Prayerful Birthday Gift
Sabina Sannen

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**14th January; 2nd Sunday in
Ordinary Time B**
1st R: 1 Sam 3:3-12, 19
2nd R: 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20
Gospel: John 1:35-42

**21st January; 3rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time B**
1st R: Jonah 3:1-5, 10
2nd R: 1 Cor 7:29-31

I was trying to find a perfect article which explains why the Church selects the Scripture readings we encounter at Mass during the Sundays of Ordinary Time. All the articles I read touched upon an explanation, but they were either too long or too convoluted for a parish bulletin. So I just had to synthesise two articles together.

The articles I will borrow heavily upon are: <https://media.ascensionpress.com/2020/08/20/how-to-understand-the-cycle-of-readings-at-mass/>, written by Dr Annamaria Cardinalli (August 2020) and; <https://catholicproductions.com/blogs/mass-readings-explained-year-a-understanding-the-sunday-mass-lectionary-readings>, written by Brant Pitre (November 2019).

What struck me most was Dr Annamaria's description of stain-glass windows:

Looking over my latest Pinterest picks, it occurred to me that I have a genuine fascination with stained glass windows. I love them! In medieval churches, for a populace that couldn't read, they often beautifully communicated biblical truths essential to the Catholic Faith. While illiteracy is no longer common, we sometimes remain like the medieval faithful. If we are a bit lackadaisical towards growing in our understanding of the faith, then the principal place where we are exposed to the essential narrative of our religion will be at church. That means the readings we hear from Scripture must be selected like stained glass windows. The narrative of biblical history can't fit into individual window frames, so scenes are chosen, capable of imprinting themselves on the mind and stirring the imagination to meditation. If the only place we hear the Word of God is at Mass, the Church in her wisdom does something similar for us. She selects complementary scenes. On Sundays, these consist of a reading from the Hebrew Scriptures (the Old Testament), a Psalm, a New Testament reading, and a reading from the Gospels. These are chosen to fit beautifully into the frame of the Mass. We're obligated to be present on Sundays, so the Church knows this is her chance to reach us with an exposure to God's Word that will leave a lasting impression on our hearts, usually with a theme that can be apprehended.

Brant Pitre gives a more detailed, technical depiction as to how these readings are selected. Every Sunday in Ordinary Time a reading is chosen from the particular Gospel for that year, either Matthew, Mark or Luke (this year, Year B of the three year cycle, we will be reading from St Mark). And the Gospel reading for each week of Ordinary Time is chosen according to a principal called "lectio continua," or continual reading; by which each Sunday, if you go to Mass, you're going to hear the Gospel of St Mark (for example) read through in order, working all the way through the public ministry of the life of Christ. Therefore, the readings for the Gospel are the anchor around which the whole lectionary operates for the Sundays in Ordinary Time. With that in mind then, the first reading, the Old Testament reading is chosen according to a different principal. It's chosen according to what's called the "principle of harmony." In other words, the Old Testament reading is selected because of the harmony or the relationship it shows with the New Testament reading from the Gospel. Usually that connection is one called "typology." In other words, where some event or teaching the Old Testament is a prefiguration, or a type of prototype, that points forward to the fulfilment of Jesus Christ. So on Sundays in Ordinary Time the Old Testament reading is going to be linked with the Gospel reading, and the same thing is going to be true, in a slightly different way, of the Responsorial Psalm.

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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.

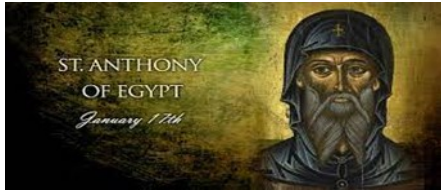
PARISH CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY 17 JANUARY
Feast of St Anthony of Egypt

THURSDAY 18 JANUARY
10:00 Film and Light Lunch—Parish Centre—All welcome!!!



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP
Weekly Pledge \$ 2,737
Weekly average \$ 2,670.36



St Anthony of Egypt, also known as St Anthony the Great, was a Christian Monk born circa 251 in Egypt. He is considered to be the founder of Christian Monasticism – a religious way of life in which worldly possessions are renounced in exchange for prayer and spiritual work. St Anthony followed the teachings of St Matthew (19:21) "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasures in Heaven". He is deemed to be a patron of animals and gravediggers, and is also the Saint we appeal to when afflicted with infectious diseases or skin disorders. We celebrate the Feast Day of St Anthony of Egypt on the 17th of January.



The Lent Edition of the Word Among Us has arrived for those whom subscribe. Please collect from 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. Thank you.



2024 Scripture Diaries and 2024 God's Word

Last remaining copies available in the Piety Shop. Get yours now before they run out!!!!



Father John O'Connor's first book has arrived!!

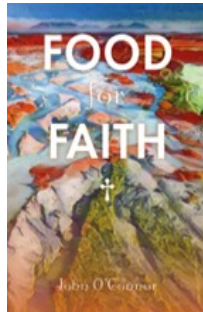
Please contact the Parish Office to collect a copy— price is \$40.00

The reflections in this book will help you to live a life more abundantly!



"We entrust the new year to the Mother of God, May we consecrate our lives to Her. In Her tenderness She knows how to reveal its fullness, because She will lead us to Jesus. May this year be filled with the Lord's consolation"

Pope Francis @Pontifex 01/01/2024



ORDER OF MALTA LOURDES DAY MASS SATURDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2024



For some years now, the Order of Malta has organised an annual Lourdes Day Mass to provide an opportunity to pray for the sick and infirm particularly for those who would not otherwise have

the possibility of visiting Lourdes.

The Mass will take place again on **Saturday, 10th February at 10.30am at St Patrick's Cathedral**, with Archbishop Peter A Comensoli as the principal celebrant.

FILM AND LIGHT LUNCH

Thursday 18th January
10:00 in the Parish Centre.

Belated Christmas gathering!! All are Welcome. Come along and enjoy a movie, conversation and friendship with fellow parishioners!!



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The Responsorial psalm is usually going to be a prayer from the book of Psalms, that has themes or words that are tied to the Old Testament, and (therefore) tied to the Gospel reading. So it's chosen, once again, according to a kind of principle of harmony, or what we might call "thematic harmony." It's meant to, in a sense, be a prayerful response to the harmony, and to the themes that we're hearing in the Old Testament reading, and the Gospel reading. So every week in the Sundays of Ordinary Time, the Old Testament, the Responsorial Psalm, and the Gospel all go together. They are meant to be a kind of triangulation of scriptural passages that reveal how God was preparing for Christ in the Old Testament; how the book of Psalms was praying about themes, and hopes, and dreams, in anticipation of God's salvation in the Old Testament; and then how Christ, in the Gospel, is bringing those things to fulfilment. So those three go together: Old Testament, Psalm, and Gospel. Hopefully I will get an opportunity to speak about the Second Reading at Mass in the Bulletin for next week. God bless.

Fr Kevin Williams



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.



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!

