

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 OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA
30th Sunday of Ordinary Time
 29th October 2023

PARISH PRIEST
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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
 Kathleen Theresa (Terri) Beatie

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

Anniversaries
 Josepina Bajora, Maurice Brohier, George and Rita Gauci, Estelita Hortaleza, Severino Lacson, Kevin Frederick McAllister, Dmitri Tretiakou

29th October; 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time A
 1st R: Ex 22:20-26
 2nd R: 1 Thess 1:5-10
 Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

5th November; 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time A
 1st R: Mal 1:14–2:2, 8-10
 2nd R: 1 Thess 2:7-9
 Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12



The bulletin reflection for this weekend will be about candles. Candles are a beautiful, powerful symbol of the Catholic faith. This is because, in order for a candle to burn and produce light, it must sacrifice itself. As a candle is burning, it uses up its wax until there is nothing left.

In a similar manner, as baptised Christians, we are to make little sacrifices in our lives so that the light of Christ burns brightly in our lives for all the world to see. Some of the little sacrifices we are called to make are: coming to Mass on Sunday, spending time every day in prayer, and trying to find ways to read and understand the Bible and Catechism. The hope is, as we grow in our understanding and practice of the Catholic faith, the image of broken humanity within us diminishes, while the image of Christ grows ever brighter.

At St Joseph's, we are blessed with the vast array of candles we use throughout the year in the liturgy. The altar society collection (which we take up of the final Sunday of the month) is where we get the funds for the wine, bread, flowers, and candles we use in the Church's celebrations. St Joseph's is also blessed with a dedicated and hard-working team of sacristans, Church cleaners, and flower arrangers who set up the Church for the celebration of Mass and other celebrations. ("Arrangerer" is a Scottish word ... I think!)

Sadly, during this week I discovered that we will face a supply problem with some of our candles. The candles affected are the six large candles which stand beside the Tabernacle at the High Altar. It has been estimated that there will be a five month delay before the next batch can be sent to St Joseph's.

It is for this reason that I will have to start rationing the candles we have left. This is why the two candles which are usually in the St Mary of the Cross Chapel (in the Pastoral Centre) have been replaced with slightly different ones.


Hopefully our candle supply problem can be overcome, so that the candles we use at St Joseph's can continue to burn brightly, inspiring us to shine forth the light of Christ in our own Christian lives.

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. Please use the hand sanitiser provided.

Pope Francis Invites us to pray for peace. "Brothers and sisters, already many have died. Please, let no more innocent blood be shed, neither in the Holy Land nor in Ukraine, nor in any other place! Enough! Wars are always a defeat, always!"



PARISH CALENDAR

SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER

Feast of St Simon and St Jude—Apostles
4:30pm Our Lady Star of the Sea Junior
Legion of Mary—enquiries 0403 095 627

SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER

Altar Society Collection
3:00pm Baptism — St Joseph's Church

MONDAY 30 OCTOBER

10:00am Divine Mercy PG—Chapel

TUESDAY 31 OCTOBER

10:00am Sacred Heart PG—PC

WEDNESDAY 1 NOVEMBER

Feast of All Saints
6:30pm Legion of Mary Chelsea—PC

THURSDAY 2 NOVEMBER

Feast of All Souls



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Pledge \$ 2,737
Weekly average \$ 2,525.78



Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday the 7th of November (Melbourne Cup Public Holiday) and Wednesday the 8th of November (Niamh x 4 appointments at the Royal Children's Hospital!)

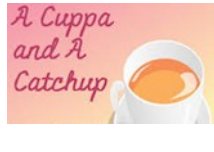
Reopening on Thursday the 9th of November at 9:00am.



Valerie Melder warmly thanks all parishioners and those who attended the funeral of Ferdie last week, with special thanks to the Bereavement Support Group for providing refreshments after the Requiem Mass. Please keep Valerie in your prayers during this time.



Father Andrew Kwiatkowski will be joining us for 11:00am Mass on Sunday the 29th of October! Stay for a cuppa and a chat with Father Andrew after Mass.



Congratulations to Keith Hartman and Jayda Rajakaruna and their families on their Baptism's this weekend. May God bless you always.



St's Simon and Jude travelled together to teach others about Jesus. Because of their eyewitness accounts of Jesus' miracles and his death and Resurrection, many people became believers and were baptized. Simon and Jude died for their faith on the same day in Beirut.



The wonderful members of our Altar Society prepare the sacristy, candles & altar & buy & arrange the stunning flowers we see each week. This week, a second collection will be taken up to ensure that the work of the society continues. Thank you to our brilliant Altar Society volunteers including Altar Servers and cleaners!



The Advent edition of the Word Among Us has arrived and is available to collect in the Narthex for those whom subscribe!

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 and Community!

To register, please call 03 9772 2211 or www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1135987



Thanks to Raffy M for organising last weekend's retreat with Father O'Connor! For those who missed the retreat, Father is publishing a book due early December. Please contact the parish office to register your interest.

The month of November is a time in which we remember and pray for those who have died.

The names of deceased family and friends may be added to the St Joseph's Memorial Book (located in the narthex).

Envelopes for November Mass Offerings are available in the narthex. These offerings will be sent to *Aid to the Church in need*, where priests serving in countries that persecute those of our faith will offer masses.

All Souls—1 November 9:00 Mass at St Joseph's

All Saints—2 November 9:00 Mass at St Joseph's

St Joseph's Bereavement Support group will host morning tea after 11:00am Mass on Sunday 5 November. All welcome!!



St Vincent de Paul 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.



Fundraising Concert for War Impacted Countries and the mission of Father



David Lemewu — At St Josephs Hall, Station St, Chelsea (enter Woodbine Grove) on **Saturday the 4th of November at 7.15pm**. Performances by Fr David Lemewu (tenor with 5 albums) and the cast of COG theatre group. A great night of entertainment, inspiration and joy with food & time to socialise. Book now for early bird prices—\$12. For more info & booking <https://www.trybooking.com/CMJVF>. or cogtheatregroup@gmail.com

Knights of the Southern Cross Melbourne Cup Sweep 2023

Tickets \$2 on sale after all weekend Masses, until Sunday 5th November. Drawn Cup Eve, those who are lucky enough to draw a horse will be notified by telephone after the draw Monday night 6th November before the race. Please provide telephone numbers where possible to assist. All details are then destroyed after winners declared. Funds are raised for the schools bursaries.

