

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

33RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

19TH NOVEMBER 2023

Thank you for all of your kind thoughts and prayers for Father Kevin as he recovers from COVID.

Thank You



Last week, I received some news about Niamh that upset me, made me dwell on a future without her and led me into feelings of anxiety and helplessness.

Both of Niamh's Physio's have noticed a "change" in her physical abilities, a downturn in what she can do. I have noticed this myself, but chose to pretend it wasn't happening and everything was going along well.

One of the Physio's recommended X-rays to see if there were some issues in her hips and legs. Knowing what I do about GM1 Gangliosidosis, I can recognise that the change in her abilities is the progression of the disease and that's what led to my feelings of dread and fear about the situation. That this is GM1, and that Niamh will continue to regress and lose all the abilities that she has.

The fear of bad news can be overwhelming, and lead to thoughts of worst case scenarios, despair and misery.

Minimising that pain and hiding it are 2 things I've become very good at. In order to keep my faith strong, I have needed to be honest in my doubts and express this to God. Prayers that express my vulnerability will lead me to a better relationship with Him.



Believing that God chose Niamh and I for each other allows me to draw on His strength and His belief in me. I need to continue to work on my relationship with God and understand His plan for both me and Niamh. I need to recognise that faith is stronger than fear – that faith is real, and that I need to trust and believe even when I am afraid.

God Bless you all, Maree

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the true King of peace.
In You alone is found freedom. Please free our world from conflict.
Bring unity to troubled nations. Let Your glorious peace reign in every heart.

<https://mycatholic.life/catholic-prayers/prayers-for-peace/>



SUNDAY MASS		The Sacrament of Reconciliation Is available 30 minutes before each Mass, between 9:30-10:30 am Saturday morning, or by appointment.	HOLY ROSARY Tuesday—Friday 8.35am St Joseph's Church Wednesday 1pm St Joseph's Parish Centre 15 Decade-Rosary Mary Untier of Knots
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		
Eucharist Adoration			
Saturday 8:00-8:55am			
St Joseph's Church			



PARISH PRIEST
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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
Desmond Edward Holland

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, Jacqui Williams, Father Kevin Williams

Anniversaries
Peg Burns, Simon Chellam, SM Nathan, Otis Lahausse, Merlyn and Donald Rozario, Catherine and Patrick Sammy

Birthday Anniversary
Simon Kelly



19th November; 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time A
1st R: Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
2nd R: 1 Thess 5:1-6
Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

26th November; Our Lord Jesus Christ the King A
1st R: Ezek: 34:11-12, 15-17
2nd R: 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28



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 18 NOVEMBER

Men's Events—CANCELLED
4:30pm Our Lady Star of the Sea Junior
Legion of Mary—enquiries 0403 095 627

SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER

11:00am Legion of Mary Bayside Curia—
Hall

MONDAY 20 NOVEMBER

10:00am Divine Mercy PG—Chapel

TUESDAY 21 NOVEMBER

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin
Mary
10:00am Sacred Heart PG—PC— Followed
by lunch at Chelsea RSL

WEDNESDAY 22 NOVEMBER

Feast day of St Cecilia
6:30pm Legion of Mary Chelsea—PC
7:00pm Night of the Witnesses—St
Patrick's Cathedral

THURSDAY 23 NOVEMBER

Feast Day of St Columban



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Pledge \$ 2,737
Weekly average \$ 2,501.43

2024 Scripture Diaries have now arrived and
are available for purchase in the Piety Shop.
Price \$12.00. Those who have ordered and
paid already, please collect when you can!

Knights of the Southern Cross



Mass for deceased members
of KSC and widows

Saturday 25th November 6pm



Saturday 25th - Sunday
26th November
St Anne's Parish
Seaford

A weekend featuring talks, personal testimonies,
opportunities for discussion & space to reflect.
Since menALIVE commenced in 2003, thousands
of Catholic men have been encouraged & inspired
at weekends across Australia & New Zealand.
Come along & be inspired, encouraged &
rediscover God's purpose for your life. Inquiries
Allan Sleddon on 0403 016 869/ Ashley Middleton
on 0432 653 589. Registration brochures are in
the Church narthex. **Registration completion is
required by Saturday 18th November 2023.**



QUARTERLY MEN'S HOUR and QUARTERLY MEN'S BBQ BREAKFAST scheduled for the 18th of November have been cancelled

CANCELLED

due to the recent COVID
issues within the Parish—
Postponing the events to the following
Saturday 25th November would mean
clashing with the menALIVE Weekend at
St Anne's Seaford which we, St
Joseph's, are supporting and have
already committed to attend. As such,
the next BBQ and Men's Hour will be at
the normal quarterly scheduled month of
February 2024.



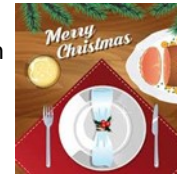
The month of November is a time in which
we remember and pray for those who have
died. The names of deceased family and
friends may be added to the St Joseph's
Memorial Book (located in the narthex).
Envelopes for November Mass Offerings are
also in the narthex. These offerings will be
sent to *Aid to the Church in need*, where
priests serving in countries that persecute
those of our faith will offer masses.

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](http://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1135987)



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! (\$37.00 each)



St Joseph's Care and
Concern Christmas Lunch
for Single Men and Women
Wednesday 29th November
11:30am St Joseph's Hall

Inquiries Sue Hyde 0408 547 791 or sign up
sheet in the Narthex.

St Joseph's Anima Christmas Lunch Wednesday 6th December 2023

12:00 noon to 3:00pm
Chelsea RSL Thames Prom
Festive 2 course meal, plus soft drinks &
tea/coffee station
\$40.00 per person

Bookings will be available after all
Masses in the Church narthex.

Book early – limit of 60
persons! Any
enquiries – Daphne on
03 9772 6312



St Vincent de Paul 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.**



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



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.

**Our St Vinnie's group will be hosting Morning
Tea after 11:00am Mass on the 26th of
November.**

**Sacred Heart Prayer Group—Christmas
Break up— Lunch on Tuesday 21/11 after
10:00 meeting at Chelsea RSL**