

## 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  
*Morning Prayer* 8am  
Thursday 9 am  
Friday 9 am  
Saturday 9 am



## SATURDAY

8.30 am Divine Mercy  
8.30 am Reconciliation  
9.00 am Mass  
9:30–10:30 am  
Reconciliation

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday 6pm–7pm  
Parish Centre Chapel

During the seasons of Advent and Christmas, Adoration will be held Tuesday to Saturday 8.30am–9am  
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*

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is available 30 minutes before each Mass, and between 9:30-10:30 am Saturday morning, or by appointment.

# PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

## Advent 3rd Sunday A 11th December 2022

### Where are we?

This was meant to be the third and final week of a three week reflection, taking an opportunity during Advent to pause and see what changes have arisen in the parish after years of COVID lockdowns and restrictions. Sadly, because there is a lot going on, I will have to extend this reflection until next week.

Because the final alteration to the parish program to be discussed is in regards to Eucharistic Exposition in the parish.

I will begin by clarifying some terminology.

**ADORATION** – is when people spend some time in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. The Blessed Sacrament can be either exposed in a Monstrance (or other suitable receptacle) or the Blessed Sacrament can be reposed in the Tabernacle at the time.

In consequence, any time spent praying in St Joseph's Church is ipso facto a time of Eucharistic Adoration (because the Blessed Sacrament is always present in the Church – except between Holy Thursday evening and the beginning of the Easter Vigil!).

**EXPOSITION** – is when the time of adoration occurs while the Blessed Sacrament is exposed (visible) to the congregation. Eucharistic Exposition can occur with the Blessed Sacrament held in either a stylised Monstrance, or the Exposition can take place with the Blessed Sacrament stored in a Ciborium (the chalice-shaped receptacles that are used to distribute Holy Communion during the celebration of Mass).

I have never conducted Eucharistic Exposition using a Ciborium. However, I believe the Church permits the option to help poorer parishes that cannot afford a proper Monstrance.

Finally, **BENEDICTION**. Benediction is a liturgical rite in the Catholic Church where the Blessed Sacrament is Exposed (in the Monstrance or a Ciborium) for a time of Adoration in which prayers are recited and hymns sung. The liturgical rite reaches its high point when the priest blessed the congregation with the Blessed Sacrament (the priest makes the Sign of the Cross over the assembled congregation using the Monstrance or Ciborium).

The reason for this clarification ... I have noticed many Catholics confusing these three terms many times over the years. The terms are related, but they are distinct.

This discussion will conclude next week, but for now ...

### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Since at least Friday last week (2<sup>nd</sup> December), the Internet server used by the Archdiocese has been experiencing technical difficulties. In consequence, many emails that have been sent by the St Joseph's parish office have "bounced" – being returned to their sender. This is the reason why the bulletin was not successfully sent out last week, and why I have serious doubts whether the bulletin will be delivered this week.

Important parish information can be accessed on: <http://pol.org.au/chelsea/Home.aspx>. This will contain electronic copies of all the recent bulletins, as well as important information concerning Christmas Confession and Mass times. Please direct anyone who is struggling to access this information to this link.

Thank you, and God bless.

Fr Kevin Williams

### PARISH PRIEST

Rev Kevin Williams

### PRESBYTERY & PARISH OFFICE

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday 9–2pm

Thursday 10–3pm

Deadline for Bulletin 12 noon Wednesday

Baptism, Weddings, Parish Centre enquiries:

Parish Office 9772 2211

Parish Website <http://pol.org.au/chelsea>

### SISTERS OF ST PAUL DE CHARTRES

78 Argyle Avenue, Chelsea

Tel 9773 9295



### ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

Tel. 8773 1111

Principal: Gavan O'Donnell

[www.sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au](http://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 emailing list please email [chelsea@cam.org.au](mailto:chelsea@cam.org.au)*

*As of 27 November 2022, the solemn obligation for baptised Catholics to attend regular Sunday Mass has been restored.*

### Recently Deceased

Lourdes Doyle, Rosina Wood

### Anniversaries of death

Elmo Holdenbottle,  
Alice Larkins, Marino Lacson,  
Noel Larkins,  
Arthur Mortimer, Mary O'Brien

### Prayers for the Sick

Tyrone & Benita Holdenbottle

### 3rd Sunday of Advent A

1st R: Isaiah 35: 1-6. 10

2nd R: James 5: 7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11: 2-11

CCC 227, 2613, 2665, 2772



### 4th Sunday of Advent A

1st R: Isaiah 7: 10-14

2nd R: Romans 1: 1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1: 18-24

CCC 439, 496, 559, 2616

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

**MONDAY 12 DECEMBER**

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FEAST DAY**

10am *Way of the Cross Divine Mercy PG*  
St Joseph's Church (Final session for 2022)  
7pm *St Vincent de Paul*  
St Joseph's Parish Centre

**TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER**

10am *Sacred Heart Prayer Group,*  
*St. Josephs Parish Centre*

**WEDNESDAY 14 DECEMBER**

8am *Healing Ministry*  
630pm *Our Lady Of Fatima Prayer Group*

## Blessing of Nativity Sets

Please bring your Nativity Sets to weekend Mass 10/11 December. Place Nativity Sets in front of St Joseph's shrine and have them blessed at the beginning of each Mass.

## Additional Adoration

During the seasons of Advent and Christmas, Eucharistic Exposition will be held half an hour before weekday Mass Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings, 8:30 – 9am.



On Wednesday mornings during Advent, Eucharistic Exposition will start at 8am with the Morning Prayer of the Church (Divine Office).  
8am Wednesdays - 14, and 21 December  
*All are welcome!*

## Proposed Christmas Working Bee

*Volunteers are needed to help clean and set up the Church for the Christmas celebrations. Working bee will commence from 9am, 24 December. Please meet up at back doors of the Church.*

## 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  
Thank you for your donations!



## ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Pledge \$ 2,737  
Weekly average : 2,365

## St Vincent de Paul's Flood Appeal

for those who have been effected by devastating floods particularly in the north of the State. Contributions can be made by:

- Calling 13 18 12 - Visit <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022>.

- at a Vinnies Shop  
- via your local IGA where the purchase of a token for the recovery of Victorians devastated by the floods.



## SC Longbeach Bursary

Applications for the 2022 Longbeach Bursary are now open. Yr10 Parish students who intend completing Years 11 and 12 are eligible. This bursary aims to encourage a Christian way of life and assist families with educational expenses. Applications close on Monday 5 December

For further information contact Branch Chairman Keith Reiter on 0417350733 or Branch Secretary Les Garrad on 0417347592

The Care & Concern Christmas Lunch was a great day enjoyed by all. The team would like to thank everyone for accepting the invitation to attend and wish everyone a Happy & Holy Christmas!



A hearing aid was found after the Anima lunch this week, If this belongs to you, please contact the Chelsea RSL. Thankyou

*SVDP are currently welcoming new members. Please contact Carole 0404 335 419 for more information. Thankyou!*

*T*hank you

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## Chelsea Community Christmas Lunch is back!

On the 25th December we welcome those who reside in our local Community who are either on their own, or needing and would appreciate a home cooked meal.

You can support by baking a dessert to bring to the Hall on Christmas morning before 11am (no nuts please). Please contact the parish office to arrange this.



Please feel free to invite anyone in need or alone on Christmas Day. Please call 9772 2211 to book a seat, or email [chelseacommunityxmaslunch@gmail.com](mailto:chelseacommunityxmaslunch@gmail.com)

Your generosity is much appreciated, *CCCL Team*

## Advent 2022 Preparing for Christmas With Bruce Downes The Catholic Guy

"You don't become who you hope to become, you only become what you do!"  
You are invited to **Prepare for Christmas** this Advent (starting November 27<sup>th</sup>) with a new Daily Devotional series. Each day, you will receive a short I inspirational video from Bruce Downes, known as The Catholic Guy, full of Inspiration, real-life stories and practical ways to become all that God has created you to be!

Register now or for more information:  
<https://BruceDownes.org/Advent>  
Email: [info@brucedownes.org](mailto:info@brucedownes.org)

## Christmas Masses

**Saturday 24 December**  
*Christmas Carols 5.30pm*  
Vigil Mass 6pm

*Christmas Carols 8.30pm*  
Christmas Night Mass 9pm

**Sunday 25 December**  
Morning Mass 10am

## Reconciliation

Holy Hour and Confessions  
21-23 December 6—7 pm

Saturday 24 December  
8.30am – 10.30am  
or by appointment

Please note: there will be no confessions available before any of the Mass times on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day



**St Joseph's Parish Shop** Open after weekend Masses Offers a range of Christmas items:

Columban Calendar 2023  
Scripture Diaries Advent wreaths  
Nativity sets Christmas Cards

