



<p>SUNDAY MASS Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm Sunday 9 am, 11 am</p> <p>WEEKDAY MASS Monday 9 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 15 Decade-Rosary Mary Untier of Knots</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 the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

Recently Deceased
Lynette Aboud

Prayers for the Sick
Marie-Claire Azie, Lorraine Benjamin,
Judy Bartosy Snr, Mary Caderamanpulle Margot Coghlan, Dennis Gallagher, Beverley Garing, Helen Guest, Siu Kiang Lay, Sister Anita LeClercq, William John McAllister, Danielle Spencer, Maree Stonehouse

Anniversaries
Father Michael Flanagan, Gavan Liddicoat, Jean Mary Phillips, Albert Paul Weiss
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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

24th December; 4th Sunday of Advent B
1st R: 2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16
2nd R: Rom 16:25-27
Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

17TH DECEMBER 2023

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



Third Sunday of Advent ("Gaudete Sunday")

There is a whole lot happening this week!




This Sunday is the third Sunday of Advent, also known as "Gaudete Sunday" due to its rose coloured vestment and the themes of joy and rejoicing. The third Sunday of Advent is also the time booked in the parish calendar every year to have the blessing of Nativity Sets. This is where parishioners place their family Nativity Sets on the table in front of the statue of St Joseph, and the priest blesses them at the beginning of each Sunday Mass.

I would encourage families participating in the blessing of the Nativity Sets to have your name prominently displayed on each set, to help ensure that the Nativity Sets (and figures) each return to their proper owners.

Finally, this year the Third Sunday of Advent falls on the 17th of December, which is when the Advent preparations enter a new and deeper phase. The change in focus is especially expressed in the Church's use of the "O Antiphons" in the Gospel Acclamations at daily Mass in the days leading up to Christmas Day.

It is a beautiful time. It is a powerful time.
May God's blessings sustain you (and your families) in these remaining days of the Advent season.
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.

PARISH CALENDAR

SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER

4:30pm Our Lady Star of the Sea Junior Legion of Mary—enquiries 0403 095 627

SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER

Gaudete Sunday. Blessing of Nativity Sets at the beginning of every Mass.

MONDAY 18 DECEMBER

9:00am Additional Mass- St Joseph's Church
6:30pm Reconciliation and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament— Church

TUESDAY 19 DECEMBER

6:30pm Reconciliation and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament— Church
7:30pm Men's Ministry End of Year Gathering—Parish Centre

WEDNESDAY 20 DECEMBER

6:30pm Reconciliation and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament— Church
6:30pm Legion of Mary Chelsea—PC

THURSDAY 21 DECEMBER

6:30pm Reconciliation and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament— Church

FRIDAY 22 DECEMBER

6:30pm Reconciliation and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament— Church

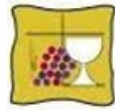


ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Pledge \$ 2,737
Weekly average \$ 2,618.33



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



Preparation of rosters for **Lectors and Special Ministers** for January - March 2024 has commenced.

Please contact Chris Bennetts on 0402 823 0404 or cjbennetts@optusnet.com.au by 15/12 if you are unavailable during this time.



CHURCH CHRISTMAS WORKING BEE

**Saturday 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!! There is also a sign up sheet in the Narthex. Refreshments will be supplied.



Blessing of Nativity Sets

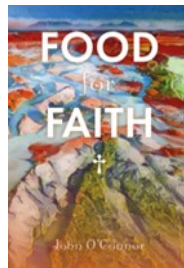


Please bring your Nativity Sets to weekend Masses on the 16th and 17th of December 2023. Place Nativity Sets in front of St Joseph's shrine and have them blessed at the beginning of each Mass.



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)



Thank you for all the people who have volunteered to keep vigil with our Lord while confessions are being held in the evening of this week. Confessions and Exposition will be held from Tuesday 19/12 to Friday 22/12 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

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



On behalf of Mary MacKillop Today, I thank you for your generous support in supplying and assisting with used stamps. We've had another wonderful year, raising approximately \$33,600! A great effort from many, many people. From 2001 till now the total raised is \$519,650. There was great excitement as we exceeded the half of a million dollars! Well done all! It is through your efforts that the legacy of Saint Mary MacKillop continues in Peru today.

Sr. Helen Saunders, For Sisters of St. Joseph

The Chelsea Community Christmas Lunch are looking for some parishioners who are able to make up fruit or sandwich platters for our wonderful volunteers please. (Some are onsite from 8-4pm!)

We are also still requiring some fruit platters and desserts (preferably bite sized) to be made up for our guests. So far we have 151 people booked in! All food would need to be dropped off to the Hall before 11am on either Christmas Eve or Christmas day. If you are able to assist, please confirm with Vanessa 0414 257 912.



There is an additional 9am Mass on Monday 18 December at St Joseph's Church

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!



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.

Don't forget to visit the **Piety Shop** after weekend Masses for thoughtful and beautiful Christmas presents!

