

<p><b>SUNDAY MASS</b> Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm Sunday 9 am, 11 am</p> <p><b>WEEKDAY MASS</b> Monday (Springvale) 9.30am Tuesday 9 am Wednesday 9 am Thursday 9 am Friday 9 am Saturday 9 am</p>	<p><b>SATURDAY</b> 8.30 am Divine Mercy 8.30 am Reconciliation 9.00 am Mass</p> <p><b>1st Saturday of every month</b> 8.00 am Rosary 8.30 am Divine Mercy 9.00 am Mass</p>	<p><b>HOLY ROSARY</b> Tuesday—Friday 8.35am St Joseph's Church</p> <p>Wednesday 1pm St Joseph's Parish Centre <i>15 Decade-Rosary</i> <i>Mary Untier of Knots</i></p> <p>The <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> is available 30 minutes before each Mass or by appointment.</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 emailing list please email [chelsea@cam.org.au](mailto: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**  
Reverend Father Tao Pham, Roy Joseph, Kevin Albert Grace

**Prayers for the Sick**  
Danielle Spencer

**Anniversaries**  
Ron Brooks, Kathleen Mary Reiter,  
Maria Johanna Reiter, Manuel Moniz,  
Henry Price

**22nd January; 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time A**  
1st R: Is 8:23—9:3  
2nd R: 1 Cor 1:10-13,17  
Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

**29th January; 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time A**  
1st R: Zeph 2:3; 3:12-13  
2nd R: 1 Cor 1:26-31  
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12



# PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

## 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time 22 January 2023



The power of Jesus' call was profound in His first followers—they needed no persuading to leave their lives and walk with Him. Following Jesus today means proclaiming His word through our daily lives, in our actions and words, in how we treat others—and in how we bring and accept God into our souls.



For the reflection today, I would like to post the Homily for Simon Kelly's funeral. Sadly, due to the eulogies being exceptionally long and the weather being hot, this Homily was not preached on the day. I believe it is an edifying reflection of Simon life and his family.



It is never easy to preach a Homily for a funeral ... especially not for someone who has died young and under these circumstances. Fortunately, Daphne provided me with Homily notes which I will rely upon heavily. Thank you, Daphne.

Firstly, I would like to begin by thanking Vanessa, Simon's wife. It is an incredible sacrifice for you to come back to Melbourne for this funeral, but I know that having Simon's celebration here ... in this Church where he grew up ... it means the world to Daphne and Peter ... and to Simon's parish family as well. Simon's "finger-prints" – both physically and spiritually – would be all over this building! So thank you Vanessa for your amazing generosity.

Simon was named after his father, Peter (Simon Peter). His second name was Matthew after his great grandfather, Patrick Matthew Ireland. His Confirmation name was Gerard after St Gerard Majella to whom Peter and Daphne prayed fervently for the birth of a child. Their joy was overwhelming when Simon arrived after 7 years. And when we take the name of a Saint, there is a special bond formed with them in heaven. Simon has a great many Saints, watching over him and praying for him.

Simon had an immense love for his only surviving grandparent, his grandmother, Tess Ireland, whom he called "Nanny." Such was the love that Simon bore his Nanny that he gave her eulogy at her funeral. In his eulogy Simon emphasised that "Nan" had a special place in his life. Simon acknowledged her great strength, as she had been widowed for 35 years, just 3 years after she had moved to a new country, and the difficulties that went with that. Simon saw his grandmother's strongest quality as her faith;

- faithful as a wife,
- a parent
- and of course her non-negotiable faithfulness to the Church.

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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,  
but their use has been strongly encouraged by the Archbishop.  
Please use the hand sanitiser provided.

# PARISH CALENDAR

## MONDAY 23 JANUARY

Feast Day of St's Timothy and Titus

## TUESDAY 24 JANUARY

Feast Day of St Francis de Sales

## WEDNESDAY 25 JANUARY

Conversion of St Paul

## THURSDAY 26 JANUARY

Australia Day Public Holiday (Parish Office Closed)

## SATURDAY 28 JANUARY

Feast Day of St Thomas Aquinas

## MONDAY 30 JANUARY

Term 1 Commences

7.30pm Men's Ministry Focus Group  
Parish Centre



## ST JOSEPHS YOUTH GROUP

There will be a holiday gathering on Sunday the 22nd of January after the 11am mass—heading to General Public in Mordialloc, for lunch and bowling. Please bring \$10 to contribute towards activities.

We resume our fortnightly meetings on the 11th of February with a start of the year Mass at the Saturday Vigil Mass and a plate to share! We gather at the Parish Centre each fortnight between 7 and 8.30! All children between 11 and 16 are welcome!

Please feel free to call Linda on 0422990127 or Bella on 0422377833 if you have any queries

## St Vincent de Paul Society

### Week 1 – Canned Food only

Soups, fruit, steak & kidney, baked beans, tin spaghetti, ham, etc.

*Thank you for your donations.*



*New volunteers for St Vincent de Paul Chelsea Conference are warmly welcome. Please contact Carole if you are available to help. 0404 335 419*



## ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

*Weekly Pledge \$ 2,737*

*Weekly average : 2,279*



## The Word Among Us

*Subscribers to the magazine can collect their current issue from the Church narthex after Mass today.*



## Month's Mind Mass, St Patrick's Cathedral

A memorial Mass for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI will be celebrated by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 29 January at 6.30pm—approximately one month after his death. All are welcome.



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Simon recalled as grandchildren visiting her home and seeing the holy pictures with red lipstick on them, and although they found this funny as kids, this showed them that she was someone who was clearly devoted to her faith.

Simon went on to say that the first thing that he bought for his Nanny when he was in Vatican City in 2005 was a rosary, as she loved collecting rosaries. Simon's grandmother's Rosary is part of the Christian symbols placed on Simon's coffin today, as she asked for the Rosary to be left for Simon. Simon donated his bequest from his grandmother towards an Altar Server stool which is in the sanctuary, in memory of his grandmother. That altar server stool is actually standing at the foot of the sanctuary, upon which the symbols of Simon's earthly life – his football scarf, family picture, and "hole-in-one" golfing trophy – are placed.

Simon was also an altar server in this parish, and always got the job of holding the Book for the Archbishop and the local bishops who came for Confirmation. There were lots of examples of Simon's love for the poor and those less fortunate in the world, and he made a point of visiting Mother Teresa's Orphanage in Calcutta on his trip to India. Simon knew it was one of his grandmother's favourite charities.

On one birthday, Daphne was not surprised to receive a card indicating that he had made a donation of the gift of a water well in South Sudan on her behalf. It was the best birthday present she would ever receive. His other thoughtful present was a Rose named "Mother's Love" for Peter and Daphne's Golden Wedding Anniversary, when the family were unable to be present because of border closures in 2020.

Simon's daughters, Tess and Anna, are well known in this Parish, as they have attended daily and Sunday Masses with their grandparents. A favourite part of their visit was to light candles at Our Lady's Altar, and they loved their visit to the Christmas Crib. They also loved playing in what they called "Daddy's playground" as they knew he had attended school here at St Joseph's. They usually had the whole playground to themselves during School holidays.

It is absolutely heartbreaking to lose a child ... and an only son ... so prematurely. Simon was clearly Peter and Daphne's whole world, but their faith assures them that Simon will walk beside Vanessa, Tess, Anna and both of them every day. They will treasure his precious memories which will heal their pain, and bring comfort in the days ahead. As they bow before God's Holy Will, their anguish is almost unbearable, but they walk in the firm knowledge that God's love will sustain them until the day when their work on this earth is done and when they will be reunited with Simon again.

So in the celebration of this Requiem Mass here today, let us pray that Simon will enjoy the fullness of the Resurrection.

Father Kevin Williams