

### 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 4th Sunday A 18th December 2022

### Where are we?

We are now working "over time!" This is part four of what was originally intended as a three part reflection, pausing during Advent, and reviewing what changes have happened in the parish during the upheaval of COVID restrictions and lockdowns. And the final change that will be explored is in regards to Eucharistic Exposition.

The liturgical program I inherited from Fr Pritchard was that a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Exposition (without Benediction) would take place every Saturday morning after the 9am Mass while confessions were being held. In addition, a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Exposition which concluded with Benediction would take place at 3pm on four Sundays throughout the course of the year, namely: Laetare Sunday – the fourth Sunday of Lent; Good Shepherd Sunday – the fourth Sunday of Easter; the Feast of Corpus Christi – which in Australia has been moved to the Second Sunday after Pentecost; and finally, on the Sunday closest to the 7<sup>th</sup> October – to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

During the more draconian COVID restrictions, the Church had to be cleaned after every service, and names of the ten, twenty, thirty, or fifty participants had to be recorded. In consequence, for about two and a half years it was not viable to hold individual times of Eucharistic Exposition in the parish – as Exposition required as much work to conduct as a Sunday Mass, and people were yearning to physically receive the Eucharist rather than just spend time gazing at it. So since the dreaded year of 2020, most Eucharistic Exposition has occurred prior to the celebration of Mass, or has been held while confessions have taken place. As I explained a couple of weeks ago – the priest should never be in a position where he records the names of the people receiving the sacrament of confession. However, the priest can record the names of people attending Eucharistic Adoration (whether they attended confession or not is known by God – and the penitent – alone!).

For the time being, the program of Eucharistic Exposition in the parish looks like this:

Eucharistic Exposition is available ½ hour before weekday Mass during the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter (which is slightly under half a year).

The four Sunday Holy Hours will be restored at their usual times and dates (3pm on Laetare Sunday, Good Shepherd Sunday, Corpus Christi, and in October). The only thing I am currently uncertain about is when Confirmations will take place at St Joseph's. In consequence, the October Holy Hour will most likely take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> October (during school holidays).

The Holy Hour which was formerly held following the Saturday morning Mass has been cancelled for two reasons. Firstly, because there is already a time of Exposition held on Saturday (half an hour before 9am Mass), and secondly, because the 9am Sunday choir has moved its rehearsal time to 10:30am Saturday morning. Not having Exposition during this time enables the choir to set up and to rehearse freely.

Confessions will still be held during this time, and the background sounds the choir makes will ensure that the confessions are not overheard by the penitents waiting in line!

I have been asked a few times if we can have a section of the Church reserved for penitents waiting in line, with a series of arrows facilitating the progression of the queue (like they have at St Francis in the city). However, as the front pews of the Church are frequently being reserved for other purposes (such as mobility-challenged parishioners or for the candidates preparing to be formally received into the Catholic faith), then this is not a viable option at this time.

Finally, the Legion of Mary hosts a time of Eucharistic Exposition in the St Mary of the Cross MacKillop chapel in the parish centre most Wednesday evenings between 6 to 7pm. Entrance via the school office gate on Argyle Avenue.

In the immortal words of Porky Pig ...Th th th that's all folks (for now)!

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

Alan Curry, Harold Keith Liddicoat,  
Albert Weiss

### Prayers for the Sick

Patricia Armstrong, Ron Curry,  
Nikki Neofitou

### 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



### Christmas Year A

*Please refer to Sunday Missal*  
24 December 6pm "At the Vigil"  
24 December 9pm "Night Mass"  
25 December 10am "Dawn Mass"

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 19 DECEMBER

7pm *St Vincent de Paul*  
St Joseph's Parish Centre  
730pm *Men's Focus Group*

## WEDNESDAY 21 DECEMBER

6-7pm *Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions at St. Josephs Church*  
630pm *Our Lady Of Fatima Legion of Mary*

## THURSDAY 22 DECEMBER

6-7pm *Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions at St. Josephs Church*

## FRIDAY 23 DECEMBER

6-7pm *Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions at St. Josephs Church*

## SATURDAY 24 DECEMBER

8:30-10:30am *Confessions at St. Josephs Church*

### 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 Wednesday - 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 JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

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

### Please note:

*There will be a 2nd collection for the SVDP Christmas Appeal this weekend. Apologies for the short notice!*

### Important announcement regarding nativity sets and figures:

This is an embarrassing announcement to have to make ...

Last week, we had the blessing of Nativity sets take place during Mass, as we do every year on Gaudete Sunday. Sadly, some of the parishioners in attendance mistook what was taking place, and believed the Church was providing free Nativity sets to anyone who wanted them. I have met up with one of the people involved and it was definitely a misunderstanding caused by a language barrier. However, I am painfully aware that some of the Nativity set figures are still missing. In consequence, I must make the following announcements:

- 1) Any Nativity sets or figures within St Joseph's Church either belong to the parish or to private individuals.
- 2) Please do not remove from the Church any Nativity sets or figures that do not belong personally to you.
- 3) If you are aware of anyone else who has made this mistake, could you please explain the situation to them. The legal owners of the Nativity sets would dearly like their property to be restored to them.
- 4) Please contact the parish on 9772 2211, or the parish email ([chelsea@cam.org.au](mailto:chelsea@cam.org.au)) to organise the discreet return of any Nativity sets or figures taken by mistake.

Again, I am sorry for any embarrassment this announcement creates.  
Fr Kevin Williams

**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 will support the recovery of Victorians devastated by the floods.

### 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*

### 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.  
Thank you for your donations.

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



## 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

