



PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

24TH DECEMBER 2023

<p>SUNDAY MASS Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm Sunday 9 am, 11 am</p> <p>WEEKDAY MASS Monday (Springvale) 9:30 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 8.30am St Joseph's Church</p>  
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PARISH PRIEST
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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
Graeme Donnellan, Nicolina D'Angelo, Maree Stonehouse, Randolph Myers

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

Anniversaries
Chris and Raine Jansz, Ainez Vincent, Noella Vincent, Deceased members of the McGorley family, Leslie Shelton


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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

31st December; The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph B
1st R: Gen 15:1-6, 21:1-3
2nd R: Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Clarification.

A question I have been asked throughout the week is: "Father, because Christmas Day falls on a Monday this year, do I fulfil my Sunday Mass obligation as well as my Christmas obligation by attending ONE on the Masses on Christmas Eve?"



And the short answer that has come through the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference (ACBC) is: "NO!"

According to the ACBC:

What are Holy Days of Obligation and when are they?

"Holy Days of Obligation" are special occasions on which Catholics are obliged to attend Mass. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are to refrain from engaging in work or activities that hinder the worship owed to God, the joy proper to the Lord's Day, the performance of the works of mercy, and the appropriate relaxation of mind and body" (#2185).


Aside from every Sunday of the year, there are two "Holy Days of Obligation" in Australia. These are Christmas Day (25 December) and the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (15 August). These two holy days are to be observed each year, regardless of the day of the week on which they fall. (article accessed: <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/What-are-Holy-Days-of-Obligation-and-when-are-they>)

So, if Christmas Day falls on a Monday (as it does this year) we must still make every effort to attend one of the Sunday Masses (4th Sunday of Advent) as well as one of the Masses on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

This is why St Joseph's will be running the "usual" Sunday Mass times of: 6pm Saturday night Vigil on the 23rd December, and the two Sunday morning Masses at 9 and 11am.

Christmas Mass times are:
24th December: 6pm Vigil Mass and 9pm Mass during the Night
25th December: Dawn Mass at 10am

Happy Christmas!



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 23 DECEMBER

10:00am—Church Working Bee—St Joseph's Church

SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER

4th Sunday of Advent

MONDAY 25 DECEMBER

Christmas Day

TUESDAY 26 DECEMBER

Feast of St Stephen
Parish Office Closed

WEDNESDAY 27 DECEMBER

Feast of St John the Apostle

THURSDAY 28 DECEMBER

Feast of the Holy Innocents

FRIDAY 29 DECEMBER

9:30am Men's Breakfast—Cucina Dolce
Pizza Restaurant

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Pledge \$ 2,737
Weekly average \$ 2,542.71

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

PAF Frankston thanks you for your continual
support, with the Christmas Raffle being a
great success!!

1st prize - Linda Miaris—Christmas Hamper

2nd prize - David Ransom—\$100 Bunnings
voucher

3rd prize - Jacinta Ransom—Bottle of port and
Christmas cake

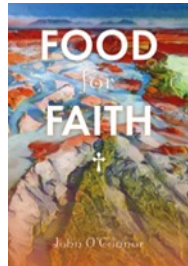
PAF wishes you all a Happy and Holy
Christmas!



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.



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)

ADVENT APPEAL FOR UKRAINE

Since the start of the war,
millions of Ukrainians have
fled their home country, with
thousands of refugees coming
to Australia.

In response to the continued
conflict in Ukraine, Archbishop
Peter A Comensoli is launching a special
Advent appeal, the proceeds of which will
go towards providing aid and practical
assistance to those who have been
displaced and are without basic supplies,
especially as winter approaches.
'There are no winners in war, only families
torn apart. Sadly, this is the painful reality
facing so many at this time,' Archbishop
Comensoli reflected.

'I'm inviting the faithful of Melbourne to
offer whatever they can at this time. And I
pray that, together, we can be a sign of
God's nearness to those who need it
most.'

Cards and Envelopes are available in the
Narthex for this appeal.



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

Catholic Mission thanks the parish of St
Joseph's for your support of this year's
World Mission Day Appeal. Your
generosity has empowered Church
workers across 1047 mission dioceses,
allowing them to spread the message of
hope and love within their local
communities. Your contribution of
\$1,195.15 has been most gratefully
received. Through your partnership with
Catholic Mission, Sr. Carolina in Timor-
Leste can continue providing life-saving
treatment and essential resources for
health, education and well-being. Your
gift not only transforms individual lives
but also fuels mission programs globally,
reaching out to those in dire need. Many
thanks!

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.

St Vincent de Paul Society Week 1

– Canned Food Soups, fruit, steak &
kidney, baked beans, tin spaghetti,
ham, etc. Please place your donations
in the Vinnie's Bin in
the Narthex. **St
Vincent De Paul
urgently need more
volunteers. If you
can help, please phone Carole on
0404 335 419.**

**WE NEED
YOUR HELP**

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.

Men's Breakfast at
Cucina Dolce Pizza
Restaurant in Chelsea
Parade.
9:30am on Friday, 29th
December.

