

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

7th Sunday of Ordinary Time 19 February 2023

FOR THE INFORMATION OF PARISHIONERS
LENT 2023



109. The Lenten season has a twofold character:

- 1) it recalls baptism or prepares for it;
- 2) it stresses a penitential spirit.

By these means especially, Lent readies the faithful for celebrating the paschal mystery after a period of closer attention to the Word of God, and more ardent prayer. In the liturgy itself and in the liturgy-centred instructions, these baptismal and penitential themes should be more pronounced. Hence:

- a) Wider use is to be made of baptismal features proper to the Lenten liturgy ...
- b) The same approach holds for the penitential elements ...

110. During Lent, penance should not be only internal and individual but also external and social ... In any event, let the paschal fast be kept sacred. It should be observed everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the resurrection may be visited on uplifted and responsive spirits.

Constitution on the Sacred liturgy, Vatican II

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are OBLIGATORY days of fasting and abstinence from meat.

On all other Fridays, except solemnities, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

(a) **Self-Denial** – Fasting OR Abstinence - for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving-up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country or elsewhere; or in other ways. Project Compassion is a major means of expressing our self-denial in Australia.

(b) **Prayer** - for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary; or in other ways.

(c) **Helping Others** - for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened; or in other ways.

- All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (Canon 1252).

- The Season of Lent is a time of penance. During this season the faithful are exhorted to devote themselves in a special manner to prayer, to engage in works of piety and charity, and to deny themselves.

- Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled between Ash Wednesday, 22 February 2023 and Trinity Sunday, 4 June 2023 unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year.

-The wonderful gift of the Lord's merciful love is offered in a special way in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Lent is a most appropriate time to receive this Sacrament. All the faithful who have reached the age of discretion are bound faithfully to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

FUNERALS - On Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday all Masses for the Dead, including Funeral Masses, are forbidden. Funerals on these days are celebrated with the Liturgy of the Word and without the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

WEDDINGS- Weddings should be discouraged during the Easter Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday. Should a couple be particularly insistent on a wedding for one of these days, no decorations (including flowers), no music nor Nuptial Mass will be permitted

SUNDAY MASS Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm Sunday 9 am, 11 am	SATURDAY 8.30 am Divine Mercy 8.30 am Reconciliation 9.00 am Mass	HOLY ROSARY Tuesday—Friday 8.35am St Joseph's Church Wednesday 1pm St Joseph's Parish Centre <i>15 Decade-Rosary Mary Untier of Knots</i> The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available 30 minutes before each Mass or by appointment.
WEEKDAY MASS Monday (Springvale) 9.30am Tuesday 9 am Ash Wednesday 9:15am 11:00 am & 7:00pm Thursday 9 am Friday 9 am Saturday 9 am	1st Saturday of every month 8.00 am Rosary 8.30 am Divine Mercy 9.00 am Mass	

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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

The solemn obligation for baptised Catholics to attend regular Sunday Mass has been restored throughout the Archdiocese of Melbourne.



Recently Deceased

Frank Hayles, Rosa Riella, Eleanor Smith

Prayers for the Sick

Rosie Cronin, Malcolm Russell, Mike Shaw

Anniversaries

Maria Casey, Les Cameron, Luke Cameron, Ruby Edema, Lionel Heaton

19th February; 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

1st R: Lev 19:1-2, 17-18

2nd R: 1 Cor 3:16-23

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

26th February; 1st Sunday of Lent A

1st R: Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7

2nd R: Rom 5:12-19

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11



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

SUNDAY 19 FEBRUARY

3:00pm Baptism Preparation Meeting—Parish Centre

MONDAY 20 FEBRUARY

10:00am Divine Mercy Prayer Group—Chapel

TUESDAY 21 FEBRUARY

Shrove Tuesday
10:00am Sacred Heart Prayer Group—Room1
7:30pm KSC Executive Meeting—Nazareth Room

WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY

Ash Wednesday—Day of Fast and Abstinence—Masses at 09:15am, 11:00am and 7:00pm
1:00pm Divine Mercy 15 Decade of the Rosary—Chaplet of Divine Mercy
6:30pm Legion of Mary Chelsea Praesidium—Parish Centre
Commencement of Project Compassion Appeal

THURSDAY 23 FEBRUARY

6:00pm Longbeach Parishes—Dinner—Longbeach RSL Chelsea—Contact Pat on 0488 866 020 or Keith on 0417 350 733 to book

FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY

Potential Power Interruptions to Church and Parish Office 8:30am to 3:30pm—works by United Energy

SATURDAY 25 FEBRUARY

10:00am—Mission in Flight Ministry Workshop—Hall—Day 1

SUNDAY 26 FEBRUARY

10:00am—Mission in Flight Ministry Workshop—Hall—Day 2
3:00pm Baptisms



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 always welcome. Please contact Carole if you are available to help. 0404 335 419



Rare Disease Day February 28

Raising awareness and driving change for those living with a rare disease, their families and their carers.

Parish Secretary Maree Dalton will be sharing the journey of her daughter and rare warrior Niamh in the Bulletin over the next 6 weeks.



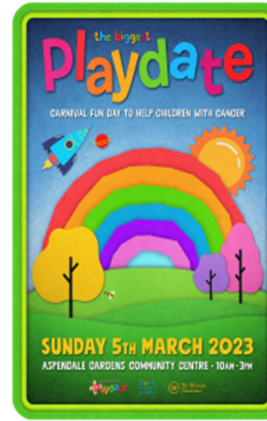
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FRIDAY 3 MARCH 2023 International Ecumenical Prayer Service

1:30pm
Church of Christ
3-5 Blantyre Avenue Chelsea



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Pledge \$ 2,737
Weekly average \$ 2,425.13



The Biggest Playdate is a fundraiser for Monash Children's Cancer Centre. If you would like to assist in supporting this event, please consider baking for their Cake Stall (Please list all ingredients). Donations will be collected from St Joseph's on the morning of the 5th of March. **If you wish to donate please call the Parish Office.**

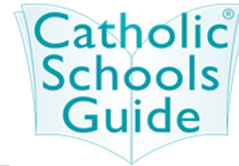
Today in History 16th February 600



Pope Gregory I decrees "God Bless You" is the appropriate response to someone sneezing. The blessing has no connection with the Plague despite popular opinion! St Gregory is best known for introducing Christianity to Britain and is the namesake of Gregorian chanting.

MISSION IN FLIGHT—The Call of Guadalupe Ministry has organised a 2-day workshop on 25-26 February to help youth groups, young adults and any Church groups leaders or helpers who run a ministry or would like to start a group in our Parish. The event starts at 10am on Saturday and concludes at 4pm on Sunday here at St Joseph's. For more information— www.trybooking.com/CFPZX

The 2023 edition of the **Catholic Schools Guide** is currently available in the Narthex. This is a handy reference for those interested in Catholic Secondary Education for their children.



World Youth Day 2023

World Youth Day is a lifechanging opportunity for youth to experience their Catholic faith with over a million young people from around the world. Archbishop Comensoli is inviting youth, ages 16–35, across the Archdiocese to journey with him and over 500 others from Melbourne to Lisbon, Portugal, for World Youth Day in 2023. Find out more at udisciple.melbournecatholic.org/wyd

PASTORAL CARE APPEAL 2023

Thank you! Last weekend (12/02), we conducted the annual Pastoral Care Appeal in our Parish. The presence of Catholic Chaplains is a crucial witness to our faith, a crucial dimension to our service of love and a vital testimony to the value of life in all its stages. Thank you to those who have supported this Appeal.

If you still wish to donate or if you would like more information about Chaplaincy service, please visit www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.