

**USUAL SUNDAY MASS
TIMES**

Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm
Sunday 9 am, 11 am
(please note: Sunday Mass times
are different for Christmas Day)

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday (Chelsea) 9 am
Tuesday 9 am
Wednesday 9 am
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

Throughout the season of
Christmas, Eucharistic
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

Christmas Time December 2022

*Best wishes to all in our parish
as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.*

*Peace, joy, happiness,
promise, hope, new life, love.*

*These are words
which all of us have wished others
in Christmas cards and greetings.*

We rejoice in the Lord's presence, God-with-us.



*We welcome all visitors to our parish,
and lift our voices together in familiar songs and carols,
and do what we do best – celebrate the Mass,
the great feast of Christians.*



We would like to express our thanks and gratitude to all the volunteers who made the Christmas celebrations possible; especially the cleaning teams, St Joseph's Music Ministry – singers and organists, altar servers, ushers, collectors, readers and ministers of Holy Communion (co-ordinated by Chris Bennetts), St Joseph's Altar Society and Flowers team, all Sacristans, St Joseph's Building and Maintenance Committee, and all helpers who assisted in setting up the Advent Wreath, Crib, and Christmas Tree. A special word of thanks to the volunteers who helped with the cleaning bee, and to all those who were prepared to help and did so when they saw the need.

We also thank God for the presence amongst us of the Sisters of St Paul de Chartres, and for the outstanding work of the parish office team – Raffaella Mazzeo (outgoing), Vanessa Heredia, and the "new girl" – Maree Dalton.

"Well done, good and faithful servants!"



From the earliest days of the Covenant, God called his People to assemble with him. "Keep Holy the Sabbath" is God's command to us. The Lord's Day for Christians, Sunday, is precious to us, borne out of our love for Him, who first loved us. The Solemn Obligation of Catholics to attend regular Sunday Mass, as well as on Holy Days of Obligation, was restored to the Diocese on the 27th of November 2022, after the lifting of exemptions around COVID. We extend our arms and welcome you back – the door of Grace is always opened.

PARISH PRIEST

Rev Kevin Williams

**PRESBYTERY
& PARISH OFFICE**

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Wednesday 9-2pm
Thursday 9-2pm
Friday 9-2pm

Deadline for Bulletin 12 noon Thursday
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

*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*

Recently Deceased

Bertha Hill,
Father Joe Hynan (PE),
Dimitri Tretiakov

Anniversaries of death

Prayers for the Sick
Ron Curry, Simon Kelly,
Tom Palmer,
Elisa Vassallo

Christmas Year A

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

**1st January; Mary the Mother
of God**

1st R: Numbers 6: 22-27
2nd R: Galatians 4: 4-7
Gospel: Luke 2: 16-21
CCC 531–534: the Holy Family

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 26 DECEMBER

9am Additional Mass St Stephen's Day

TUESDAY 27 DECEMBER

9am Mass; feast day of St John the Evangelist

WEDNESDAY 28 DECEMBER

9am Mass; feast day of the Holy Innocents

THURSDAY 29 DECEMBER

9am Mass; 5th day in the Octave of Christmas

FRIDAY 30 DECEMBER

9am Mass; feast of the Holy Family

SATURDAY 31 DECEMBER

9am Mass; 7th day in the Octave of Christmas

SUNDAY 1 JANUARY

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Normal Sunday Mass program (6pm Vigil on Saturday night, 9am and 11 am Sunday morning)

Additional Adoration

Throughout the season Christmas, Eucharistic Exposition will be held half an hour before weekday Mass on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday mornings, 8:30 – 9am.



Christmas Working Bee

A big "thank you" to all the generous parishioners who helped out at the working bee, Saturday 24th December. May your reward be great in heaven, because God knows the parish priest cannot pay you on earth!



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Pledge \$ 2,737

Weekly average : 2,365

Made for More: Visions of the Promised Land creatively blends **live music, media and sacred art** for an **evening of beauty and reflection on the meaning of life, love and human destiny**. Join Christopher West and team as they offer a vision of the Gospel through the lens of St John Paul II's *Theology of the Body*.

Tuesday 24 January 2023, St Francis of Assisi Parish Hall, 290 Childs Rd, Mill Park

Or Wednesday 25 January 2023, St Mary's Community Centre, 26 New Street, Dandenong

Schedule:
6pm - food for purchase, 7pm start, 9.30pm finish

Open to all. *All children under 18 years must be supervised by an adult.*

Tickets: \$25 general, \$10 concession/student, free for children 10 and under.

Register: www.trybooking.com/CETXQ

Youth Group have grown and flourished over the last year and is looking with great enthusiasm to start meeting again in the New Year! We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Parish and Fr Kevin for their love and support through the last couple of years and look forward to continued support! There will be a holiday gathering on Sunday the 22nd of January after the 11am mass to adjourn 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

There is a Young Adults group that is starting to meet in the New Year starting in February if there are people above 16 years old who are interested in meeting- please call Bella for more information!

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.

Thankyou to all the parishioners who donated to the Chelsea Community Christmas Lunch this year. Your generosity is much appreciated, *CCCL Team*



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.

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

St Mary of the Cross (Mackillop) Stamps Appeal



Christmas is a great season for giving ... most especially of Christmas cards! In consequence, please consider donating 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). May God bless you for your generosity in this appeal!

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

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

