

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
Thursday 9 am
Friday 9 am
Saturday 9 am



SATURDAY

8.30 am Divine Mercy
8.30 am Reconciliation
9.00 am Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday 6pm–7pm
Parish Centre Chapel

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 by appointment.

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

Solemnity of Christ the King 20 November 2022

5 November 2022

Welcome Home!

My dear friends in Christ Jesus, Over recent years, our freedom to be physically present in the Lord and with each other has been severely curtailed. We, God's pilgrim people, have had to withhold from assembling as Christ's tangible Body, and have been reduced to relying on virtual and mediated ways of gathering. Thanks be to God for the technological means that have sustained us!

We found a way to hear God's Word and to pray together, but we have not been free to physically gather together in the Lord. We are rightfully grateful for the many ways in which we reached out in Christian faith and service over the past few years -- online rosary, care checkups, prayer circles, support drop-offs, zoom and phone ministry, to name a few. Yet, it has been difficult to experience in person the words of Jesus, "When two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them." (Mt 18.20) Gathering virtually is not the fullness of the presence we bring of ourselves to God and to each other.

At the heart of our Catholic faith, we believe in the Word who became flesh, Jesus Christ. We believe that Jesus offered his body on the Cross, so that we might have life in him. And we believe that Christ's Body and Blood is now given to us sacramentally in the Holy Eucharist. Jesus, who bound himself to us on the Cross, left for us his sacramental presence, to bind us together in Him. Perhaps we lost contact with this bodily reality over the time of the pandemic. In desperate times, what was needed to be done was done. We learnt many things, particularly about loss, but also gratitude for what we so easily take for granted. Now that we are able to come back together as the Body of Christ, we should do so with joy, thankfulness and renewed energy.

From the earliest days of the Covenant, God called his People to assemble with Him. "Keep holy the Sabbath" is God's command to take up this happy invitation. (Exodus 20.8) The Lord's Day for Christians, Sunday - is precious to us, borne out of our love for Christ, who first loved us.

Dispensation from our Sunday obligation to physically gather for the Eucharist during the pandemic was always meant to be a temporary exemption for the sake of the common good, without dispensing us from the ongoing sanctifying of our day in some form of prayer and charity in our homes and families. The need for this dispensation has now passed.

Therefore, as from the 1st Sunday of Advent, 27 November 2022, the general dispensation from our Sunday and Holy Day obligations will be lifted. As always, the ordinary individual exemptions will remain in place (e.g., for reasons of ill health, family care of the vulnerable, etc.).

Similarly, there is no longer a general need for televising or streaming local Masses, now that we can fully gather without restrictions. I note that some online and telecast options will continue to be offered where needed -e.g., the 11 am Sunday Mass from the Cathedral on Community TV C31 (Channel 44) and the Archdiocesan YouTube channel, as well as daily Mass via YouTube at any time.

Our communities of grace look forward to welcoming you this Advent. As the anticipation of Jesus' nativity grows, might we also extend our arms in invitation and welcome to others. Many family, friends and neighbours still experience uncertainty at this time. Being a people who can warmly provide a place of refreshment, hope and light is a gift. In all the messiness of parish life, here we can know that the door of grace is opened for us, the medicine of healing is there for us, and the hand of help is outstretched towards us.

We will continue to update the Liturgical Guidelines on the Archdiocesan website (<https://melbournecatholic.org/covid-19-guidelines>), which answers many of the practicalities that might aid with our safe return and acceptable sacramental practices.

May I offer one final word of encouragement: be open to seeking the Lord's mercy and healing in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. When we return to the assembly of God's people, let our return be a reconciled one. (Mt 5.23-24) I am sure our priests will willingly open the doors of mercy at convenient times, so that we might find ourselves back at the Table of the Lord knowing that a banquet of mercy and forgiveness awaits us. (Cf. Lk 15.24)

May the Lord who gathers us into his Eucharistic Body continue to deepen our desire to be with him and each other in joy and hope. As the lyrics go for a popular song with our young people, "We are one Body, one body in Christ, and we do not stand alone."

Welcome back and welcome home this Advent and Christmas!

With every grace and blessing, I remain, yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

*Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne*

PARISH PRIEST

Rev Kevin Williams



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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

For the time being, all Catholics in Melbourne continue to be dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass until further directed by the Archbishop.

Recently Deceased

Gavan Knight,
Teresa Irene Moore, June Ryan,
Brett Raymond Vincent

Anniversaries of death

Joseph. Mary, Joe & Christopher
Batholomeusz, Peg Burns,
Members of the Chiavone
and Delorenzo families,
Sylvester De Silva

Prayers for the Sick

Tyrone & Benita Holdenbottle



Christ the King C

1st R: 2 Samuel 5: 1-3
2nd R: Colossians 1: 12-20
Gospel: Luke 23: 35-43
CCC 2816-2821 Thy Kingdom Come

1st Sunday of Advent A

1st R: Isaiah 2: 1-5
2nd R: Romans 13: 11-14
Gospel: Matthew 24: 37-44
CCC 451, 671, 1130, 1403, 2817
Come, Lord Jesus

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 21 NOVEMBER

10am *Divine Mercy PG*
7pm *St Vincent de Paul*
7.30pm *Men's Focus Group*
St Joseph's Parish Centre

TUESDAY 22 NOVEMBER

10am *Sacred Heart PG*
St Joseph's Parish Centre

WEDNESDAY 23 NOVEMBER

4.30pm *Interchurch Council Christmas Dinner*
6.30pm *Legion of Mary Meeting*
St Joseph's Parish Centre

SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER

6pm *Mass for the Deceased Members of the Knights of the Southern Cross*

Junior Legion of Mary

Sr June thanks the children for attending the Legion meetings. Meetings are now finished for the year. Sr June wishes the children and their family a Happy Christmas. ☺

KSC Longbeach Bursary

Applications for the 2022 Longbeach Bursary are now open. Yr10 Parish students who intend completing Years 11 and 12 are eligible. This bursary aims to encourage a Christian way of life and assist families with educational expenses. Applications close on Monday 5 December
For further information contact Branch Chairman Keith Reiter on 0417350733 or Branch Secretary Les Garrad on 0417347592

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.

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



St Joseph's Anima Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 6th December

(12 noon to 3pm) at Chelsea RSL
Thames Promenade, Chelsea.
\$30 per person, includes 2-course meal.
Lots of Raffle Prizes.
Bookings are now open.
Register your name on the clipboard narthex of the Church.
Payments to be made no later than Sunday 27th November, and can be made after the 9am Sunday Mass.

For all enquiries, ring Daphne 9772 6312.



St Joseph's Care & Concern Christmas Lunch for Single Men and Women

Wednesday 30 November

11.30am St Joseph's Hall

Inquiries: Sue 0408 547 791
or register after Mass



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

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

Thank you

The month of November a special time to remember and pray for our dead

Envelopes for the *November Mass Offerings* are available in the narthex. These can be placed in the weekend collection.

When collected, the Mass offerings will be sent via *Aid to the Church in Need*. The Mass intentions will be offered by priests living in the Middle Eastern countries where Christianity is persecuted.

The Bishops of Victoria have written to the Catholic community in Victoria to provide an election guide designed to help Catholics consider and navigate key issues of significance, particularly those related to the common good. You are invited to read the guide and to prayerfully discern how your vote can contribute to the common good. The guide can be found at: www.melbournecatholic.org/stateelection2022.



SHOW TIMES

24th—25th—26th November @ 7pm
Sunday 27th November @ 1pm
@ Chelsea Town Hall
Thames Promenade

★ SUNDAY SHOW IS SOLD OUT ★

Booking link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/camrlcogtheatre.org>

The Call of Guadalupe cast is honoured to present the musical to all parishioners of St Joseph's!

Celebrating life, love and hope, The Call of Guadalupe Musical is an entertaining, uplifting Catholic Musical. It includes the participation of many talented parish children and artists.

Adults \$20

Children under 18 & concession: \$15

Groups of 10 : \$150 Family of Five (5): \$85

Healing Mass

Monday 21 November 8pm
St Peter's
844 Centre Road, Bentleigh
Celebrant: Fr Wahid

Mass in Reparation for Abortion
Saturday 3 December 9am
St Patrick's Cathedral
Followed by Rosary Procession

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 for the recovery of Victorians devastated by the floods.

RED WEDNESDAY PRAYER VIGIL

7.30pm, Wednesday 23 November
St. Patrick's Cathedral,
East Melbourne

Every day, across the world, many of our brothers and sisters are unjustly persecuted for their faith in Jesus Christ.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne and *Aid to the Church in Need* are working in partnership to mark *Red Wednesday* throughout all parishes, schools and communities in our Archdiocese.

You are invited to join the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne and participate in *Red Wednesday*, a day dedicated to praying for, and standing in solidarity with, Christians who face increasing violence, torture and often death for their peacefully held faith in Jesus Christ.

Joining many other cathedrals and churches around the world, St Patrick's Cathedral will be floodlit in red on this night.

Chelsea Community Christmas Lunch

On the 25th December for guests 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.
- Contributing to the raffle prize hampers. These are filled with a variety of specialty goods such as boxes of chocolates, crackers, sparkling apple juice, box of tea bags, coffee, chocolate, biscuits, jams, etc. No canned items thankyou.
- The items can be delivered to the church narthex or parish office **before 25th November.**

Please feel free to inform anyone in need or alone on Christmas Day. Please call the parish office (9772-2211) to book a seat, or email chelseacommunityxmaslunch@gmail.com
Your generosity is much appreciated.
CCCL Team.

