


<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 8.35am St Joseph's Church</p> <p>Wednesday 1pm St Joseph's Parish Centre 15 Decade-Rosary Mary Untier of Knots</p> 
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PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

CHRIST THE KING

26TH NOVEMBER 2023

About Christ the King

On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King.

Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas* ("In the first") to respond to growing secularism and atheism. He recognized that attempting to "thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law" out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever. Christ's kingship is rooted in the Church's teaching on the Incarnation. Jesus is fully God and fully man. He is both the divine Lord and the man who suffered and died on the Cross. One person of the Trinity unites himself to human nature and reigns over all creation as the Incarnate Son of God.

The Church calls us to acknowledge Christ's kingship with our whole lives:

He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls, or to use the words of the Apostle Paul, 'as instruments of justice unto God.' -*Quas primas*, 33

Today, religious freedom for many people means that we can believe whatever we want in private, but when we enter the public square or the marketplace, we may not speak of anything that relates to our faith. However, the Church acknowledges the reign of Christ, not only privately, but publicly. This solemnity encourages us to celebrate and live out our faith in public. "Thus by sermons preached at meetings and in churches, by public adoration of the Blessed Sacrament exposed and by solemn processions, men unite in paying homage to Christ, whom God has given them for their King" (*Quas primas*, 26).

For Christians, when our faith is repeatedly marginalized in public life, we can fall into the habit of compartmentalizing our lives. We love Jesus in our private lives, but we shrink from acknowledging the kingship of Christ in social life. When we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, we declare to the world and remind ourselves that Jesus is the Lord of the Church and of the entire universe.

Full article found: <https://www.usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty/solemnity-christ-king-background>

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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
Desmond Holland, Raymond Johnston


Prayers for the Sick
Lorraine Benjamin, Judy Bartosy Snr, Mary Caderamanpulle Margot Coghlan, Dennis Gallagher, Beverley Garing, Helen Guest, Siu Kiang Lay, Sister Anita LeClercq, Danielle Spencer, Jacqui Williams

Anniversaries
Douglas and Helen Alphonso

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26th November; Our Lord Jesus Christ the King A
1st R: Ezek: 34:11-12, 15-17
2nd R: 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28
Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

3rd December; 1st Sunday of Advent B
1st R: Is 63:16-17; 64:1,3-8
2nd R: 1 Cor 1:3-9
Gospel: Mark 13:33-37



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.

"Every Human being, of any people or religion, every human being is sacred, is precious in the eyes of God and has the right to live in peace. Let us not lose hope: let us pray and work tirelessly so that a sense of humanity may prevail over hardness of heart".
Pope France @Pontifex 13/11/2023



PARISH CALENDAR

SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER

MenALIVE—Day 1—St Anne's Seaford
4:30pm Our Lady Star of the Sea Junior
Legion of Mary—enquiries 0403 095 627
6:00pm Mass for deceased members and
widows of KSC—St Joseph's Church

SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER

MenALIVE—Day 2—St Anne's Seaford
Altar Society
11:00am Launch of St Vincent De Paul
Christmas Appeal—Morning Tea after
Mass—St Joseph's Church

MONDAY 27 NOVEMBER

10:00am Divine Mercy PG—Chapel
7:30pm Inter-Church Council Carols
practice—Chelsea Town Hall

TUESDAY 28 NOVEMBER

7:30pm KSC Executive meeting—PC

WEDNESDAY 29 NOVEMBER

11:30am St Joseph's Care and Concern
Lunch for single men and women—Hall
6:30pm Legion of Mary Chelsea—PC

THURSDAY 30 NOVEMBER

Feast Day of St Andrew, Apostle



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Pledge \$ 2,737
Weekly average \$ 2,501.43



Knights of the Southern Cross

Mass for deceased members
of KSC and widows—
Saturday 25th November 6pm



Saturday 25th - Sunday
26th November

St Anne's Parish Seaford

A weekend featuring talks,

personal testimonies, opportunities for discussion & space to reflect. Since menALIVE commenced in 2003, thousands of Catholic men have been encouraged & inspired at weekends across Australia & New Zealand. Come along & be inspired, encouraged & rediscover God's purpose for your life. Inquiries Allan Sleddon on 0403 016 869/ Ashley Middleton on 0432 653 589.



Do you like singing? Join the choir at the Inter-Church Carols This year at the Inter-church Council Carols on 10 December (starting at 6.30 pm) we would love to have a choir of people from all of our local churches. Practices for this event will be on Mondays 27 November & 4 Dec at the Chelsea Town Hall in Station Street. Practice starts at 7.30 pm and concludes at 8.30 pm. If you would like to be part of this choir, please contact Rev Sue Bluett on 0433 024 626 or suzannebluett@gmail.com so that the music and the singing parts you need can be forwarded to you.



Pregnancy Assistance Frankston's 2023 break up is on Friday 15 December at PAF, 14 Young Street, Frankston (parishioners are welcome to attend). That night we will be drawing the winners of our Christmas Raffle who will be notified by phone. Raffle tickets will be for sale (see Sue Hyde) after each of the weekend Masses on -
2/3 December
9/10 December

\$2 each or \$5 for 3 tickets

1st prize - Christmas Hamper
2nd prize - \$100 Bunnings voucher
3rd prize - Bottle of port and Christmas cake

Thankyou for your support!



St Joseph's Care and Concern Christmas
Lunch for Single Men and Women
Wednesday 29th November 11:30am St
Joseph's Hall

Inquiries Sue Hyde 0408 547
791 or sign up sheet in the
Narthex.



St Joseph's Anima Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 6th December 2023
12:00 noon to 3:00pm

Chelsea RSL Thames Prom

Festive 2 course meal, plus soft drinks &
tea/coffee station

\$40.00 per person

BOOKINGS ARE NOW CLOSING!

Please make your payment
after weekend Masses
today! If you are unable to
attend, please ring Daphne
Kelly on 9772 6312



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! (\$37.00 each)

**CHELSEA COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS
LUNCH 2023**

Are you alone on Christmas Day?

Join us at St Joseph's Hall Chelsea 11:45am
to 2:00pm on Christmas Day
for lunch, Carols, give-aways
& Community! To register,
please call
03 9772 2211 or
[www.trybooking.com/events/
landing/1135987](http://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1135987)

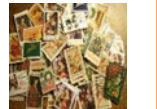


St Vincent de Paul Society Week 1
– **Canned Food** Soups, fruit, steak &
kidney, baked beans, tin spaghetti,
ham, etc. Please place your donations
in the Vinnie's Bin in the Narthex. **St
Vincent De Paul urgently
need more volunteers. If
you can help, please
phone Carole on 0404 335
419.**



**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.

**Our St Vinnie's group will be hosting Morning
Tea after 11:00am Mass on the 26th of
November.**

The Piety Shop is your go to for faith
based presents this Christmas time!
Open after all weekend Masses.