

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

The Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Is available 30 minutes before each Mass, between 9:30-10:30 am Saturday morning, or by appointment.

Eucharist Adoration
 Saturday 8 -8:55am St Joseph's Church

HOLY ROSARY
 Tuesday—Friday 8.30am
 St Joseph's Church

Wednesday 1pm
 St Joseph's Parish Centre
*15 Decade-Rosary
 Mary Untier of Knots*



PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

Fifth Sunday of Easter A 7 May 2023

5th Sunday of Easter (Year A) Reflection

One of the great graces of being a Catholic priest is the opportunity to participate in the Prayer of the Church (also known as the Divine Office or the Breviary). There are many beautiful readings presented by the Church throughout the year, especially during the seven weeks of Eastertide. The following is one example:

A reading from a Paschal homily of an ancient author.

The Pasch which we have celebrated brings salvation to all men, beginning from the first, for he is given salvation and life when they are given to all.

The imperfect events which took place in time are the images and symbols of what is perfect and eternal; they were devised to foreshadow the reality which is now dawning. In the presence of the reality, the symbol has no point, just as when the king comes on a visit, no one dares to ignore the king in person and pay homage to his statue.

We can see the extent to which the symbol is inferior to the reality from this: the symbol recalls the short life of the Jewish first-born, the reality recalls the eternal life of all men. It is no great thing that one should escape death for a short time, if he will die soon afterwards; but it is certainly a great thing to escape death altogether. That is what happens to us, because Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed for us.

The very name of the feast points to the way in which it is surpassed, if it is correctly explained. The word 'Pasch' means 'passage,' because when the angel of death was striking down the first-born, he passed over the houses of the Hebrews. But with us the passage of the angel of death is a reality, for it passes over us once for all, when Christ raises us up to eternal life.

To turn at once to the examination of the reality, what is the significance of the fact that the season of the Pasch and the saving of the first-born is taken to be the beginning of the year? The answer to that is the sacrifice of the true Pasch is the beginning of eternal life for us. The year is the symbol of eternity, for it continually turns round on itself and never comes to rest. Christ, the father of the age to come, was offered as a sacrifice for us; he treats our former life as a thing of the past, and gives us the beginning of a new life by the bath of regeneration, according to the pattern of his own death and resurrection.


Everyone who has learned of the Pasch that was sacrificed on his behalf, should reckon the moment when Christ was sacrificed for him as the moment when his own life began. Now Christ is sacrificed for him when he recognises the grace and understands the life this sacrifice has won for him.

If he understands this, he should be eager to welcome the beginning of the new life, and never run back to the old, for it has reached its end. How can we who died to sin still live in it?

May God's blessings be upon you this Paschal season.
 Fr Kevin Williams

PARISH PRIEST
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St Joseph's Parish is committed to the Safe-guarding 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
 Eileen Boucher

Prayers for the Sick
 Margot Coghlan, Rosemary Fisher, Helen Guest, Christopher Larkins, Danielle Spencer, Malcolm Russell

Anniversaries
 Don & Margy Kyberd, Molly & Charles Robinson, Mary & Frank Robinson, Rocchina Delorenzo, Pat Vines

90th Birthday
 Philamena Alwyn

7th May; 5th Sunday of Easter A
 1st R: Acts 6:1-7
 2nd R: 1 Pet 2:4-9
 Gospel: John 14:1-12

14th May; 6th Sunday of Easter A
 1st R: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
 2nd R: 1 Pet 3:15-18
 Gospel: John 14:15-21



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

SATURDAY 6 MAY

4:30pm Our Lady Star of the Sea Junior Legion of Mary—any enquiries or information please contact June Pereira on 0403 095 627
Youth Group Mothers Day Candle Stall after 6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 7 MAY

Youth Group Mothers Day Candle Stall after 9:00am and 11:00am Mass
11:00am—Youth Choir at 11:00am Mass
12:00pm—Lunch for COG Cast in the Hall

MONDAY 8 MAY

10:00am Divine Mercy Prayer Grp—Chapel
6:30pm God and Beer—Nottingham Hotel—Divine Renovation

TUESDAY 9 MAY

10:00am New Life In God's Spirit—2nd of 7 weekly Seminars—The Unconditional Love of God—Parish Centre
7:30pm KSC Branch Meeting—Parish Centre

WEDNESDAY 10 MAY

10:00am St Joseph's Care & Concern meeting—Nazareth Room
6:30pm Legion of Mary Chelsea Parish Centre

THURSDAY 11 MAY

11:30am St Pio Prayer Group—Chapel
7:30pm Legion of Mary Bayside Curia Parish Centre

The June issue of *The Word Among Us* has arrived. Subscribers can collect their copies from the church narthex.

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Pledge \$ 2,737
Weekly average \$ 2,204.85

Thank you for your ongoing support

Thank You

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.

Our Lady Star of the Sea, Junior Legion of Mary has resumed, Saturdays 430-530pm at St. Josephs Parish Centre. For details, contact June 0403 095 627. The children from Junior Legion will distribute gifts to all ladies after 11am Mass on Mothers Day, 14th May.

WHY ARE WE STILL HERE?

The search for what is true, beautiful, and good, and for happiness never-ending. Join us for a 2 Day Retreat with Fr. John O'Connor (Christchurch, New Zealand)
Saturday 20th May 930am-5pm
Sunday 21st May 930am-3pm
St. Joseph's Parish Hall (enter from Woodbine Grove) RSVP/Info Raffy-raffymazzeo@gmail.com
Ph - 0424 325 005

QUARTERLY MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday 27th May 8am
St Joseph's Hall \$10

MEN'S HOUR

Saturday 27th May 7am
St Joseph's Parish Centre Chapel.
Register for Mens Events at Church Narthex or - Mike 0418 122 966
mikeshawau@gmail.com



Youth Choir -first Sunday - 7th May Kids 8+ are warmly invited to join Jason & Bella singing at 11am Mass every first Sunday of the month. Please email raffymazzeo@gmail.com if your child would like to join or for more info!

Friends of St. Paul meeting on Saturday 13 May 130pm-330pm at St. Pauls Convent, 78 Argyle Ave, Chelsea

New Life in God's Spirit

7 week seminar
Sacred Heart Prayer Group
St Joseph's Parish Centre
Tuesdays 10:00am
2 May to 13 June 2023



Last Call – Project Compassion

Theoretically, the terminal date for receiving Project Compassion donations should be on Easter Sunday. However, Catholics seem to be infamous for leaving things until the last minute (and then some!). In previous years, this has meant that St Joseph's can still be receiving donations for Project Compassion in November or December, which then creates some problems with bookkeeping and transferring donations. In consequence, the absolute last day St Joseph's will accept donations for Project Compassion will be **Pentecost Sunday** (by the end of the 11am Mass on Sunday 28th May). If donations are made after this date, then they will be allocated to the next worthy cause (which would be the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal). Please be assured, no donations for any charitable cause approved by the Catholic Church are ever used for the "Fr Kevin Williams Overseas Holiday Fund!!!" May God bless you for your generosity.

*****THIS WEEKEND*****

St Joseph's Youth Group Mothers Day Candle Stall

Weekend of the 6th and 7th of May 2023 after 6:00pm.
9:00am and 11:00am Masses
Ideal Mothers Day presents for all special Mums on the 14th of May!!! Raising money for World Youth Day



God and Beer May 8th

Divine Renovation:Renewing Your Parish
Many Catholic parishes are dying: ageing demographics, sacramental programs that don't engage, a lack of evangelisation...we need parish renewal if we are to win people back to Christ. One parish in Canada has done it & is sharing their success with the world. The program aims to transform parishes into vibrant and evangelizing communities, by emphasizing the importance of leadership, Christian discipleship, & a clear mission.

Topic: Divine Renovation: Renewing the Parish

Speaker: Kevin Bailey OAM

Date: Monday 8th May

Time: 6.30pm dinner available for purchase, 7.30pm for the talk

Venue: Nottingham Hill Hotel ([Steakhouse Room](#)), 260-262 Ferntree Gully Rd, Nottingham Hill, VIC

Cost: Free to attend

Register: Godandbeer.com.au

Contact: John - jtsmyth@gmail.com

Cardinal Pell Luncheon &

Lecture: *Aid to the Church in Need* is launching an annual *George Cardinal Pell Luncheon & Lecture* with the inaugural event to take place in Melbourne CBD on Sunday 21 May. The keynote speaker will be Mr David Pell, brother of the late Cardinal. For information and to register, please visit www.trybooking.com/CGUDA.

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Become a Benefactor or

Volunteer at the centre.

Call the centre on 9770 6226 or drop in to 14 Young St Frankston. Everyone welcome.

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