



<p>SUNDAY MASS Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm Sunday 9 am, 11 am</p> <p>WEEKDAY MASS Monday 1/1 and 8/1 9 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 8.30am St Joseph's Church</p>  
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PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
31ST DECEMBER 2023
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
7TH JANUARY 2024

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St Joseph's Parish is committed to the Safeguarding of Children and Young People in all aspects of Parish life.

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



Recently Deceased
Agnes Fernandez, Alan Glen Stewart

Prayers for the Sick
Marie-Claire Azie, Lorraine Benjamin, Judy Bartosy Snr, Mary Caderamanpulle Margot Coghlan, Dennis Gallagher, Helen Guest, Siu Kiang Lay, Sister Anita LeClercq, William John McAllister, Cath Meehan, Kath Noonan, Danielle Spencer

Anniversaries
Lucien & Joyce D'Olivera, Brett Johnston, Simon Kelly, Roy Stonehouse, Francesca, Antonio, Pina, Vincenzo, Filippo, Guiseppina, Matia, Antonio and Liliana Interlandi, Milana Salvatore Ganci

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31st December; The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph B
1st R: Gen 15:1-6, 21:1-3
2nd R: Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

7th January; The Epiphany of the Lord B
1st R: Is60:1-6
2nd R: Eph 3:2-3, 5-6
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

As you will find mentioned in this copy of the bulletin, the parish office will be closed from 30th December, and will re-open on 9th January 2024. In consequence, the information on this bulletin is pertinent for the next two weeks (so there will be no new bulletin printed or mailed out for the 7th January). You will also find in this copy of the bulletin a wee thank you and farewell written by Sr Theresia. Sr Theresia will be leaving St Joseph's on the 6th January. At her humble request, I am not permitted to run any formal parish farewells for Sr Theresia. I am confident that many parishioners will be giving her informal farewells before she departs!


The third item in this bulletin I will call your attention to is the blessing of the new Mass vestments for St Joseph's. Fr Pritchard left St Joseph's in a strong position in regards to the vessels and vestments we use at Mass. However, after a decade of constant use in the liturgy, the Sunday Mass vestments were getting a little travel-stained and battle weary. So I used some of the money we have had "squirreled away" to purchase new sets of each of the main liturgical colours (one set each of violet, green, and red, and two sets of white ... which is the colour that damages the most due to constant usage).

According to the Book of Blessings:
Article 1341: Certain objects that are used in divine worship (such as Mass vestments) are deserving of special respect and therefore should be blessed before being used.
Article 1344: Anything that is to be blessed for liturgical use must meet the standards set by lawful authority; it must be beautiful and finely made, but mere lavishness and ostentation is to be avoided.
Article 1345: It is preferable that several such items be blessed in the one rite, either within Mass or in a separate celebration, in which the faithful should take part.
Article 1349: After the general intercessions, representatives of the parish community that has provided the vestments to be blessed bring these to the celebrant (along with the gifts of bread and wine that will be used in the Mass).

In order to fulfil the Church's vision of a large number of parishioners being present, and the Mass vestments not being used before they are blessed, I will bless the new sets of vestments as part of the 9am Mass on 1st January – the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. It seemed appropriate to welcome in the new (calendar) year with a new set of vestments!

All are welcome!
God bless.
Fr Kevin Williams



 **FEELING SICK? PLEASE STAY HOME**

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.

PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY 31 DECEMBER

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
3:00pm Holy Hour—St Joseph's Church

MONDAY 1 JANUARY

New Year's Day
Solemnity—Mary the Mother of God
9:00am Additional Mass with blessing of the new vestments—St Joseph's Church

TUESDAY 2 JANUARY

Feast of St Basil the Great and St Gregory Nazianzen

SUNDAY 7 JANUARY

The Epiphany of the Lord

MONDAY 8 JANUARY

The Baptism of the Lord
9:00 Additional Mass—St Joseph's Church



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP
Weekly Pledge \$ 2,737
Weekly average \$ 2,542.71



Thank you to Sister Theresia for all the amazing things you have done for us at St Joseph's. Your spirituality, presence, smiling face and wonderful nature will be sorely missed. We wish you all the very best in your new journey. God Bless you Sister!



Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Advent Appeal

Parishioners of St Joseph's Parish Chelsea,
On behalf of Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, I wanted to express how grateful we are for your donation of \$1015 to the Ukraine Advent Appeal. Your kind generosity is very much appreciated and we look forward to ensuring your financial investment serves the people most in need as a result of the conflict in the Ukraine. Thérèse Mount
Philanthropy and Development
Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne



Dear Parishioners and Father Kevin Williams, As I prepare to embark on a new journey to a different place, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for the incredible warmth and support you have showered upon me during my time here.

Your welcoming spirit and sense of community have made my time here truly special. The bonds of friendship and the shared moments of worship and fellowship have been a source of great joy and inspiration. I feel blessed to have been a part of such a caring and vibrant parish. To Father Kevin Williams, your leadership, guidance, and spiritual wisdom have been a beacon of light on my path. Your dedication to our faith community has left an indelible mark on my heart, and I am deeply grateful for the impact you have had on my spiritual journey. Though I may be physically moving to a new location, the memories and connections forged here will remain with me always. I carry the love and lessons learned in this parish, and I am thankful for the opportunity to have been a part of this community.

Thank you, Parishioners and Father Kevin, for making my time here truly memorable. I look forward to carrying the spirit of this parish with me as I embark on this new chapter.

With heartfelt thanks,
Sr. Theresia



Saints Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzen were among the most devoted defenders of the faith in the fourth century. Both were bishops and both are now saints and doctors of the Church. These two men did not become saints simply because they were smart. They were also holy. And their holiness came from a life of deep prayer. After they both received an excellent education at the finest universities, they mutually sought to live as hermits, with Basil leading the way by forming what would become the model for monasticism in the East. They both spent years in solitude and prayer at different stages of their lives. Their interior communion with God through prayer, more than anything else, prepared them for their common mission.

<https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/2-january-saints-basil-the-great-and-gregory-nazianzen-bishops-and-doctors-memorial/>

On Christmas Day, the Chelsea Community



Christmas Lunch served meals to 145 guests in the St. Josephs Hall. (135 adults and 10 children) Many of these guests may otherwise have been alone on this day. There are many people to thank - A big thankyou to all our wonderful volunteers who helped make this event possible, to our parishioners who helped set up/pack up, provide food and donations. And to Fr. Williams and Gavan O'Donnell for all your support, allowing us the use of the Hall, admin help (thanks also to Maree!) and the use of your photocopiers!! As one of the organisers of this event, we felt truly blessed to be surrounded by so much generosity, love and support, knowing that even in the final moments, we could reach out and know someone would happily step forward to help as needed. Many blessings to everyone for 2024! Thank you! Vanessa & Vance Heredia

St Vincent de Paul Society Week 2

– Breakfast cereals, long-life milk, Vegemite, jams, tomato sauce etc. Please leave your donations in the Vinnies bin in the Church 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!



Father John O'Connor's first book has arrived!! Please contact the Parish Office to collect a copy—price is \$40.00
The reflections in this book will help you to live a life more abundantly!

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