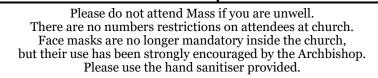


The solemn obligation for baptised Catholics to attend regular Sunday Mass has been restored throughout the Archdiocese of Melbourne.





PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

Transfiguration of the Lord A 6 August 2023

This Sunday, we celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration. As a feast of Our Lord, the Transfiguration is one of the very few celebrations that can take precedence over a Sunday of Ordinary Time (which is why we are not celebrating the 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time this

The feast of the Transfiguration is ultimately about vision. The Lord brought Peter, James, & John up a high mountain in order that they might come to see. Even the word that describes this day resonates with the theme of vision. It is from the Latin Transfiguratione. Trans means "across" and – by extension – "change," while figura



means "shape" or "form." The suffix "ation" takes a verbal action & makes it a noun. Putting it all together, Transfiguration means a process by which Christ changed form or appearance. Christ gave his disciples a glimpse of his true glory, he allowed them to see across (trans) to the other shore ... to the true glory of Christ.

Throughout the year, there are two occasions where the Transfiguration is celebrated in a special way in the liturgy of the Church. Firstly, on the second Sunday of Lent, to affirm the divinity of Christ before we commemorate his Passion. And secondly, today (6th August), as we recall the exaltation of Christ in anticipation of his eternal glory. It is for this reason that the feast of the Transfiguration is celebrated symbolically forty days before the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy

All these spiritual themes of the Transfiguration are summed up wonderfully in the opening praver of the Mass:

O God, who in the glorious Transfiguration of your Only Begotten Son confirmed the mysteries of faith by the witness of the Fathers and wonderfully prefigured our full adoption to sonship,

grant, we pray, to your servants, that, listening to the voice of your beloved Son, we may merit to become coheirs with him.

God bless. Fr Kevin Williams

DARISH CALENDAR

SATURDAY 5 AUGUST

8:30am Divine Mercy Chaplet– Church 4:30pm Our Lady Star of the Sea Junior Legion of Mary-any enquiries please contact June Pereira on 0403 095 627

SUNDAY 6 AUGUST

National Vocations Awareness Week 11:00am Youth Choir at Mass 3:00pm Baptism Preparation Meeting— Parish Centre

MONDAY 7 AUGUST

10:00am Divine Mercy PG-Chapel

TUESDAY 8 AUGUST

Feast day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop 10:00am Sacred Heart PG –Chapel 7:30pm Knights of the Southern Cross Branch Meeting—Parish Centre

WEDNESDAY 9 AUGUST

10:00am Care and Concern Meeting-Parish Centre 6:30pm Legion of Mary Chelsea-Parish Centre

THURSDAY 10 AUGUST

11:30am St Pio PG–Parish Centre 7:00pm Book Club—Parish Centre 7:30pm Legion of Mary Bayside Curia -Parish Centre



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH **STEWARDSHIP** Weekly Pledge \$ 2,737 Weekly average \$ 2,521.44 Thank you for your ongoing support

Longbeach Parishes July Luncheon

The next luncheon will be held at Seaford RSL on Wednesday 16 August. Arrive at 12:30 for a 1pm lunch. For bookings ring Keith on 0417-350-733 or Patricia on 0448-866-020. Alternatively leave a message on Keith's landline 9772-7292.

One of Britain's most widely admired musicians and concert organists, Thomas Trotter, will visit our beautiful and inspiring St Patrick's Cathedral in August

please!

with a recital program sure to Friday 25th August 6pm \$30 full. \$25 concession, free



for those aged 15 years and under. Tickets can be purchased in advance, or simply pay by cash or card at the door. For all enquiries, email music@cam.org.au.



Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Feast Day 8th of August Novena of Masses from the 31st of July to the 8th of August. (Tues-Sat) Envelopes for the Novena are available in the Narthex and can be placed in the Weekend collection.

NVAW Week - 6-13 August 2023

National Vocations Awareness Week -

Vocations come from families, communities Vocation and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations

are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, & for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming & encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood & consecrated life.

The latest edition of The Word Among Us has arrived. Subscribers, please collect your copy from the Narthex!

All, I am taking orders for the below publications:

Name of Publication	Price	Quantity	Total	
Word Among us (Yearly Subscription)	\$40.00			
Columban Calendar 2024	\$10.00			
Scripture Diary 2024	\$14.00			
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Payment can be made at the Parish Office, via EFT to BSB 083347 Acct No 641923016 or via emailing Credit Card details through to chelsea@cam.org.au. Closing date for orders is Sunday 20th August 2023. Thank you, Maree



QUARTERLY MEN'S HOUR

Saturday 19th August 7am St Joseph's Parish Centre Chapel

QUARTERLY MEN'S BBQ BREAKFAST

Saturday 19th August 8am St Joseph's Hall \$10 For both Mens Events, please Register: Church Narthex or Mike 0418 122 966

11am First Sunday Youth Choir

Kids 8+ are warmly invited to join Jason & Bella singing at 11am Mass the first Sunday of each month. Please email raffymazzeo@gmail.com if your child would St. Joseph's Catholic Book Club Parish Centre Thursday 10th August 2023. from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.



CATHOLIC "Catholic Thought and Catholic Ac-**BOOK CLUB** tion: Scenes from Australian Catholic Life" by James Franklin. Whether

you're an avid reader or new to our book club, we encourage you to join us for this enlightening experience. If you require any further information or

have any questions regarding the book club meeting or the chosen book, please do not hesitate to contact Withold at 0404 872 216.

St Vincent de Paul Society

Week 1 - Canned Food only-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.

