

SUNDAY MASS Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm Sunday 9 am, 11 am	The Sacrament of Reconciliation Is available 30 minutes before each Mass, between 9:30-10:30am Saturday morning, or by appointment.	HOLY ROSARY Tuesday to Friday 8:30am St Joseph's Church
WEEKDAY MASS Tuesday 9 am Wednesday 9 am Thursday 9 am Friday 9 am Saturday 9 am	Eucharist Adoration Half an hour before each weekday Mass St Joseph's Church	Wednesday 1pm St Joseph's Parish Centre <i>15 Decade-Rosary</i> <i>Mary Untier of Knots</i> 

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Deadline for Bulletin 12 noon Thursday

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SISTERS OF ST PAUL DE CHARTRES

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ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

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Principal: Martine Verhagen

www.sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au



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

Queenie Thomson

Prayers for the Sick

Marie Claire Aziz, Derick D'Costa, Margaret Dunne, Jamie Fleming, Bev Garing, Leonie Gilchrist, Rick Hayes, Jessie Jackson, Andrea Hazel Pereira, Juliette Ronald, Josephine Russell, Josephine Sanjorja, Len Scott, Danielle Spencer, Toni (Marie) Wilton, Baby Area Maria (Cathy Meehan's Great Granddaughter)

Anniversaries

Violet Brooks, Shirley Carns, Ivanka Kraiskn, Magdalena Tumale

Special Intentions

Ann and Michael (RIP) Morris wedding anniversary, Intentions of the Shah family, Thanksgiving Luke Podesta, Thanksgiving for a special gift received

26th April; 4th Sunday of Easter A Good Shepherd Sunday

1st R: Acts 2:14, 36-41

2nd R: 1 Pet 2:20-25

Gospel: John 10:1-10

3rd May; 5th Sunday of Easter A

1st R: Acts 6:1-7

2nd R: 1 Pet 2:4-9

Gospel: John 14:1-12

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY 26TH APRIL 2026

Lord, Send Us Holy Shepherds

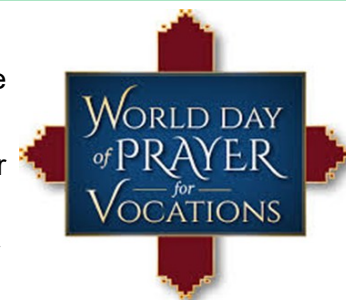
Join the Universal Church today in observing the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, as we ask the Lord to send labourers into His harvest! This day is a reminder to pray for and support those discerning the priesthood, religious life, and other vocations in the Church.

Here are three simple ways you can participate:

Pray: Offer a Rosary or a personal Holy Hour for an increase in vocations.

Encourage: Take a moment to affirm someone who may have a vocation to priesthood or religious life.

Special Intention at Mass: Offer your Mass intentions for priests, seminarians, and all those discerning their vocations.



The World Day of Prayer for Vocations, or Good Shepherd Sunday, is a time to reflect on God's loving gaze that calls every person to a unique path of holiness. It emphasizes that vocations—whether priesthood, religious life, or marriage—are gifts of service aimed at building the Church and following Christ's example of laying down one's life. It is particularly touching that this year, when in our Sunday reading focuses on Jesus' teaching that he is the Good Shepherd, we in Australia and New Zealand

remember our Anzac's. We honour, give thanks, and pay our heartfelt respects to those many men and women who have served in wars in our nation's name, and especially those among them who, in service to our country, laid down and lost their lives. We are the beneficiaries of their great sacrifice. Let us never forget!



**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.

As part of **World Day of Prayer for Vocations—Good Shepherd Sunday**—the Serra group will be hosting refreshments after 11am Mass on Sunday 26th April 2026. Additionally, all 9am Masses on Saturday mornings in May will be offered for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life at St Joseph's Chelsea.

PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY 26 APRIL

World Day of Prayer for Vocations—
Refreshments hosted by the Serra group
after 11am Mass
Altar Society
3:00pm Holy Hour—Church

MONDAY 27 APRIL

10:00am Divine Mercy PG—PC
7:00pm Men's Focus Group—PC

TUESDAY 28 APRIL

10:00am Sacred Heart Prayer Group—PC

WEDNESDAY 29 APRIL

St Catherine of Siena
1:00pm 15 Decade Rosary—PC
6:30pm Legion of Mary—PC

THURSDAY 30 APRIL

2:00pm Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible—Parish Centre



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Pledge \$ 2,528
Weekly average \$ 2,315.73



Parish Amalgamation

Following Bishop Tony Ireland's visit in 2024, one of the things he directed your parish priest to do was to run a series of talks, informing the parishioners of St Joseph's about the amalgamation of parishes occurring within the Archdiocese of Melbourne. This is important information that all active parishioners of St Joseph's need to know about. With the invaluable help of the Parish Pastoral Council, there will be two sessions, run from **12pm Sunday 17th of May**, and **7pm Thursday 21st May**. Each session should only take around one hour. There will be sign-up sheets available up the back of the Church for parishioners to indicate which session they will be attending. I would encourage everyone to attend: this is part of the consultation process deciding the future of St Joseph's parish. Fr Kevin Williams

SERVICE WELL DONE

The 9am Choir would like to pay a tribute of love, admiration and thanks to **HELGA HOROBA** who has retired from the Choir after almost 50 years of loyal service as a Singer and Librarian. Hers has been a life of unstinting devotion to her Church and Family. Helga has gone into full-time care and we wish her good health and happiness in the years to come.



2026 Easter Candle

Thank you to all who so kindly donated to our Paschal Candle!!
God Bless



The Junior Legion of Mary group is currently on a break for the school holidays and will resume on Saturday 2nd May 2026 at 4:30pm in the Parish Centre

St Joseph's Junior Choir will recommence on Thursday 7th May 2026. Meet Thursday's 4:30pm in St Josephs Church. All school children from Prep to Year 12 are more than welcome!!!



St Vincent de Paul Society

Donations to Vinnies are gratefully accepted in the Blue Vinnie's Bin in the narthex.

Week 1 Canned Food Only Tinned soups, baked beans, fruit etc

Thank you for your continued support for the St Vincent De Paul Society!



First Saturday of the Month 2nd May 2026

Rosary of the Divine Mercy at 8:00am
Chaplet of the Divine Mercy at 8:30am
Mass at 9:00am
Legion of Mary first Saturday devotion after Mass



Franciscan Jubilee Year

Anima Pilgrimage to St Francis' Church
Lonsdale Street, Melbourne
Thursday, 28 May 2026

Short video presentation on the history of St Francis' Church, followed by Mass at 12.30pm

Travel by Train (Bring Myki card)

Depart 10am Chelsea Station
Exit Melbourne Central
BYO Lunch or buy in the City

Clipboard available shortly to register names of those attending

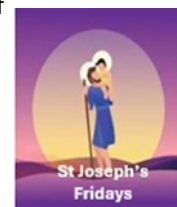
For all enquiries, please ring **Daphne Kelly 0439 006 494**

Are you looking for a place to go on Friday night, find parish friends and some faith formation?

ST JOSEPH'S FRIDAYS - 8/05/2026 is the next gathering!

Every second and fourth Friday 7.30-9.30pm St Joseph's Parish Centre Enter from Argyle Avenue
Open to parents looking for some time out, parishioners and friends of any age, come along for some quality time away from the daily rush!

Info and registrations
Raffy 0424 325 005
raffymazzeo@gmail.com



Holy Hour

Sunday 26th April
3:00pm
St Joseph's Church



The Men's Focus Group

meet every fortnight - next meeting will be **Monday 27th of April at 7:00pm** - at the parish centre. All men are welcome to join us as we read the gospel for the day and share our reflections on this, and how we can bring a positive change in our own lives. Enquiries—Neville on 0469 341 463



Serra Club Melbourne is

dedicating each Saturday morning Mass for Vocations for the month of May. We warmly welcome new members. Our monthly meeting is at St Catherine's Church, Moorabbin, every 4th Wednesday of the month from 6:10pm.

For more info visit: www.scanzspac.org



The wonderful members of our Altar Society prepare the sacristy, candles & altar, clean our Church & buy & arrange the stunning flowers we see each week. This week, a second collection will be taken up to ensure that the work of the society continues. Thank you to our fabulous Altar Society volunteers!

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal will be on the weekend of the 2nd and 3rd of May 2026

(previously held during the month of August). CatholicCare Victoria is the Church's mission in action - empowering communities and building strength and resilience, to enable everyone to reach their full potential and live life to the full. Your kindness and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families in our community. Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. You can donate using the appeal envelope available in our parish, donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9967 2515. "For I was a stranger and you welcomed me." Matthew 25:35