

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

PARISH PRIEST

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday—Friday 9am to 2pm

Deadline for Bulletin 12 noon Thursday

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SISTERS OF ST PAUL DE CHARTRES

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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.

Please pray for:

Prayers for the Sick

Fr Brendan Lane, Bishop Terry Curtin, Derick D'Costa, Margaret Dunne, Jamie Fleming, Bev Garing, Leonie Gilchrist, Rick Hayes, Jessie Jackson, Andrea Hazel Pereira, Juliette Ronald, Josephine Russell, Len Scott, Danielle Spencer, Toni (Marie) Wilton, Baby Area Maria (Cathy Meehan's Great Granddaughter), Rudi Sampieri

Anniversaries

Rev Ronald D'Souza, Joseph Rochford, Henry Styzinski, Arthur Waite

Special Intentions

Bday Remembrance Marie Aziz



6th September; Ordinary 23 A

1st R: Ezek 33:7-9

2nd Rom 13:8-10

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

12th September; Ordinary 24 A

1st R: Sirach 27:30-28:7

2nd R: Rom 14:7-9

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Father's Day honours earthly fathers as living reflections of God's unconditional love, strength and mercy.

Fatherhood is a holy mission, not just a title, requiring self-sacrifice and engagement with members of the family. It requires being firm without humiliation, protecting those who need it and having strong values and beliefs.

St Joseph is the epitome of what a father should be – courageous, humble, devoted and faithful. Fathers are called to shelter and nurture their families through uncertainty, just as St Joseph did. Despite the many challenges that he faced, St Joseph welcomed his role with a resolute trust in God. He protected and provided for his family and guided Jesus with good sense and love.

St Joseph's example teaches us that being a true father is about being present and guiding with a heart of love and faith.

Pope Francis often spoke about the importance of fathers being close to their children, saying, "Fathers are necessary as examples and guides for our children in wisdom and virtue" (*Amoris Laetitia* 177). By being present and engaged, fathers help their children to grow in faith and character.

As we celebrate Father's Day, let us take time to honour the fathers and father figures who have profoundly impacted our lives. let us thank them for their sacrifices, their love, and their unwavering commitment to their families. In the spirit of Saint Joseph, may all fathers be blessed with the grace to fulfil their vocation with faith and courage.

May this Father's Day be a reminder of the invaluable role that father's play in our lives and in the life of the Church. Let us celebrate them with joy, gratitude and a renewed commitment to supporting and uplifting the vocation of fatherhood.

I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

3 JOHN 14



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

SATURDAY 5 SEPTEMBER
4:30pm Junior Legion of Mary—PC

SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER
Father's Day

MONDAY 7 SEPTEMBER
Parish Office Open 9am-2pm
10:00am Divine Mercy Prayer Group—PC

TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER
The Nativity of Our Lady
Parish Office Closed
10:00am Sacred Heart Prayer Group
Seminar Week 6—PC
7:30pm KSC Branch Meeting—PC

WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER
1:00pm 15 Decade Rosary—PC
6:30pm Legion of Mary—PC

FRIDAY 11 SEPTEMBER
7:30pm St Joseph's Fridays—PC



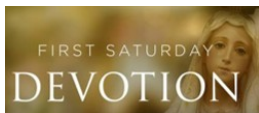
ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP
Weekly Pledge \$ 2,451
Weekly average \$ 2,335.97

St Vincent de Paul Society

Donations to Vinnies are gratefully accepted in the Blue Vinnie's Bin in the narthex.
Week 4 Washing powder, dishwashing liquid, household cleaning items etc
Thank you for your continued support for the St Vincent De Paul Society!

First Saturday of the Month 5th September 2026

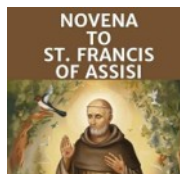
Rosary of the Divine Mercy at 8:00am
Chaplet of the Divine Mercy at 8:30am
Mass at 9:00am
Legion of Mary first Saturday devotion after Mass



Preparation of rosters for **Lectors and Special Ministers** for Oct-Dec 2026 has commenced. Please contact Chris Bennetts on 0402 823 0404 or cjbennetts@optusnet.com.au by 19/09 if you are unavailable during this time.



Though he chose not to be ordained a priest, St. Francis is one of the most revered saints of the church. The great respect accorded to St. Francis is primarily due to his life of service, insistence on the practice of absolute poverty, and great humility. He founded the Order of the Friars Minor, co-founded the Poor Clares, and the Order of St. Francis. Join us for a **Novena to St Francis of Assisi** from **Friday 25 September for 9 days**, leading up to his feast day, at St Joseph's Chelsea.



A PRAYER FOR NEPAL

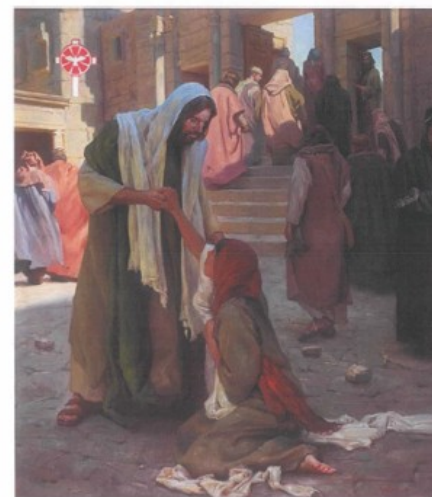
Heavenly Father,
We lift up to You the people of Nepal affected by disaster.
Protect those in danger, comfort those who have lost loved ones and homes, and bring healing to the injured.

Give strength and wisdom to rescuers, volunteers, and leaders as they respond to those in need. May help reach every affected community quickly.

May Your presence bring courage, peace, and hope in this difficult time.

Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, keep the people of Nepal under Your loving care.

Amen.



CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL, IN CONJUNCTION WITH CHARIS, INVITES YOU TO A HEALING MASS BY SACRED HEART OF JESUS PRAYER GROUP, CHELSEA

COME LET JESUS HEAL YOU SPIRITUALLY, EMOTIONALLY, PHYSICALLY THROUGH THE EUCHARIST

Celebrated by
Father Aurelio Fragapane
At St. Joseph's Church 362 Station Street, Chelsea
Monday 21 September 2026
Prayer & Praise : 10 am
Mass : 10:30 am
Individual Prayer Ministry after Mass
Followed by Fellowship & Light Refreshments
All are welcome
Please contact Paula Lay : 0411 765 685
Mary Cameron: 0408 772 584

just to let you know

Next week, the **Parish Office** will be open on **Monday 07/09 9am-2pm**, instead of Tuesday, as I have an appointment for Niamh and a funeral that I wish to attend. Wednesday to Friday will remain as usual. Thank you and God Bless Maree



Catholic Theological College

Invites you to our
Engaging Your Faith online presentations in October 2026
From \$25 per session.
For more information:
ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith

I have set the Parish a goal of \$500.00 in donations to Caritas to "kickstart" our Project Compassion 2027 appeal. Link here or visit our website: <https://www.projectcompassion.org.au/fundraiser/chelseacatholicparish>
Join me in supporting those in need!
\$172.00 has been donated so far—
Thank you and God Bless Maree

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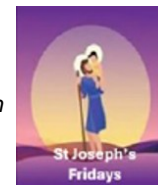
We're uniting against poverty this Project Compassion

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

ST JOSEPH'S

FRIDAYS -

11/09/2026 is the next gathering!
Every second and fourth Friday 7.30-9.30pm St Joseph's Parish Centre
Enter from Argyle Avenue
Info and registrations
Raffy 0424 325 005
raffymazzeo@gmail.com



Transitus of Our Holy Father Francis 03 Oct 2026, 7pm - 10pm

St Anthony's Capuchin Friary and Church, 182 Power St, Hawthorn VIC 3122. Join His Grace, the Archbishop of Melbourne, Peter A. Comensoli, and the Capuchin Friars in Melbourne as we commemorate the 800th anniversary

