

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 Monday Additional Mass 9 am 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	

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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Parish Website: <https://www.melbocatholic.org/s/chelsea>

SISTERS OF ST PAUL DE CHARTRES

78 Argyle Avenue, Chelsea Tel 9794 8350

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.

Please pray for:

Recently Deceased

Bartolo "Bob" Fonti, Laura Wilson

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

Fiona Harkness, Claude and Maisie Cullen, Joseph Rochford, Henry Styzinski, John Styzinski, Mildred Zachariah



13th September; Ordinary 24 A

1st R: Sirach 27:30-28:7
2nd R: Rom 14:7-9
Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

20th September; Ordinary 25 A

1st R: Is 55:6-9
2nd Phil 1:20-24, 27
Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

13TH SEPTEMBER 2026

This is week one of a four-part series, leading up to the Novena to St Francis of Assisi.

The special Jubilee Year of Saint Francis proclaimed by Pope Leo XIV will take place from 10 January 2026 to 10 January 2027, on the occasion of the eighth centenary of the death of Saint Francis of Assisi.

In an interview with Vatican Media, Bishop Krzysztof Nykiel, Regent of the Apostolic Penitentiary, said we must not fear that the sacred time of the Jubilee will become "banal. On this day in which the Decree of the Penitentiary announcing the plenary indulgences during this special Year was published, Bishop Nykiel speaks of mercy that surpasses the limits of human justice and stresses that indulgence is not a "dispenser of graces."

The Apostolic Penitentiary has issued a Decree granting the plenary indulgence during the Year of Saint Francis on the occasion of the 800th anniversary of his death. What exactly are the conditions, and to whom is it addressed?

The Apostolic Penitentiary, in accordance with the will of Pope Leo XIV, has issued a Decree granting the faithful the plenary indulgence during the Year of Saint Francis, celebrated on the occasion of the 800th anniversary of the death of the Saint of Assisi. The life of the Poor Man of Assisi shows that God's mercy works in history also through people who have opened their hearts to His action.

Looking at his example, we see that God's grace can transform even the greatest weaknesses. Precisely indulgence makes it possible to free the heart from the burden of sin, since it is the remission by God of the temporal punishment for sins that have already been forgiven in the sacrament of penance and reconciliation, so that one may carry out the due reparation in full freedom.

Therefore, the Jubilee is an opportunity for the faithful to rekindle their faith, strengthen their relationship with God and with the community of the Church.

To obtain the plenary indulgence during the Year of Saint Francis, certain specific conditions indicated by the Church must be fulfilled: sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, certain prayers according to the intentions of the Pope, interior detachment from sin, and the performance of certain works, such as a pious pilgrimage to Franciscan churches, participation in Jubilee celebrations, prayer and meditation in the Franciscan spirit, as well as daily acts of charity and humility that express the spirituality of Saint Francis.

I would like to emphasize that a significant element of the document is the care shown for the sick and the elderly who cannot leave their homes; they may unite themselves spiritually to the celebration of the Year of Saint Francis by offering to God their prayers, sufferings, and daily difficulties of life, and by committing themselves to fulfilling the usual conditions as soon as this becomes possible.

Year of Saint Francis: 'Indulgence is an encounter with God, not a spiritual shortcut,' by Fr. Marek Weresa.

Full article found : <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2026-01/year-saint-francis-indulgence-assisi.html>



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 12 SEPTEMBER
4:30pm Junior Legion of Mary—PC

MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
9:00am Additional Mass—Church
10:00am Divine Mercy Prayer Group—PC

TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER
Our Lady of Sorrows
10:00am Sacred Heart Prayer Group—PC
4:00pm Prayer Service of Lament—St Patrick's Cathedral

WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER
1:00pm 15 Decade Rosary—PC
6:30pm Legion of Mary—PC

THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER
Parish Office Closed
10:00am Film and Light Lunch—PC
10:30 Rosary followed by Requiem Mass at 11am for Bartolo "Bob" Fonti—Church

FRIDAY 18 SEPTEMBER
School Term 3 concludes

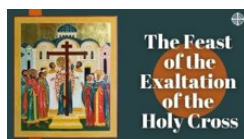


ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP
Weekly Pledge \$ 2,391
Weekly average \$ 2,329.71

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 eg Soups, tuna, baked beans, canned veggies etc
Thank you for your continued support for the St Vincent De Paul Society!

There will be an additional mass at 9am on Monday 14th September at St Joseph's Church for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.



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.



Extraordinary Jubilee Year 2026: Year of St Francis of Assisi

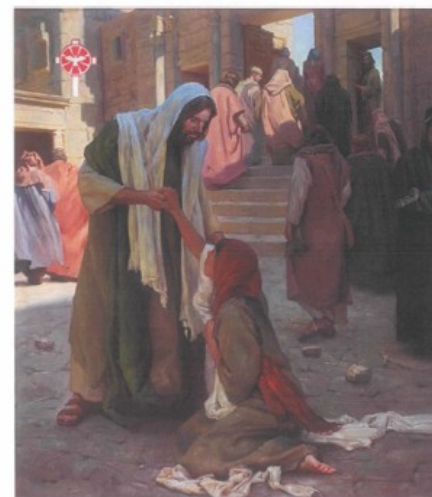
The Legion of Mary recently asked me if we could "do something" as a parish to celebrate the extraordinary Jubilee Year. Following the Our Lady of Fatima's suggestion, we will run a **Novena to St Francis over the nine days between 25 September and 3rd October**. As the feast of St Francis of Assisi falls on a Sunday this year, we cannot celebrate the Mass of his feast day in the parish. We can, however still have a special blessing of pets and animals at the Sunday Masses. Due to occupational health and safety concerns, we cannot have a menagerie of animals either inside or outside the Church at the Masses(!) Instead, I would encourage parishioners to bring **photographs** of their beloved pets, which the priest can bless after the Homily at all three Sunday Masses (6pm Saturday night Vigil, and 9 and 11 am Sunday morning). St Francis of Assisi, PRAY FOR US!



Tuesday 15th of September 4pm – 5pm St Patrick's Cathedral (grounds)

On the Memorial of **Our Lady of Sorrows** we will gather as the Church in Melbourne for our annual **Prayer Service of Lament** for survivors of abuse. Archbishop Peter A Comensoli is inviting parish leaders and parish representatives to join him in coming before the Lord in prayer and lament.

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday 17th September as I have an Admin Forum at "Head Office"! Thanks Maree



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

FILM AND LIGHT LUNCH

Thursday 17th September 10:00 in the Parish Centre.
All are Welcome. Come along and enjoy a movie, conversation and friendship with fellow parishioners!! Please bring a plate to share!



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!
\$196.00 has been donated so far—
Thank you and God Bless Maree

Chelsea Catholic Parish

We're uniting against poverty this Project Compassion

Commencing 28th October, the Legion of Mary is leading a 46 day **Mary's Mantle Consecration**, concluding on 12/12, the feast of Our Lady of Guadeloupe. Please register your intention to join by Sunday 18/10 on the sign up sheet in the narthex. The accompanying book for the Consecration can be purchased in the Parish Shop or Parish Office for \$15.00 (RRP \$20).



3rd Wednesday Parishioner Luncheon

Wednesday September 16th
2026 at the Chelsea Longbeach RSL at 12:30pm. For bookings please advise Keith Reiter 0417-350-733 to reserve your place at the table or alternatively leave a message on Keith's Landline 9772-7292.



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