

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 <i>15 Decade-Rosary</i> <i>Mary Untier of Knots</i> 
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	

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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
Michael Albert, Robyn Finch

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
Lawrence Ellul, Tess Ireland, Ruby Kandasamy, Catherine Samy, Francesa, Antonio, Pina, Vincenzo, Matia, Flippo, Giuseppina, Liliana and Antonio Interlandi, Milina Salvatora Gangi

Special Intentions
Serdal Erdal Koc and Melissa Azime
Koc—Birthday Thanksgivings

20th September; Ordinary 25 A
1st R: Is 55:6-9
2nd Phil 1:20-24, 27
Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

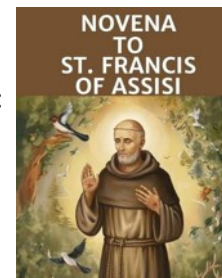
27th September; Ordinary 26 A
1st R: Ezek 18:25-28
2nd R: Phil 2:1-11
Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

20TH SEPTEMBER 2026

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



The great spiritual experience of the Jubilee Year 2025 is now behind us. We are now facing another special moment: the Year of Saint Francis. How can we avoid spiritual "fatigue" caused by exceptional events? What can we do to prevent this time from becoming banal? This is a very pertinent question. After the intense and beautiful spiritual experiences of the Great Jubilee, we can indeed be threatened by what might be called an "inflation of holiness," which occurs when exceptional events lose their ability to move the heart. But in the life of faith, it is not a matter of a continual "more," but of a "deeper." The Jubilee Year of Hope was a time of grace; the Church opened wide her doors. Now it is essential to ask ourselves: what has happened to me since then? Without pausing and assimilating experiences, even the holiest moments remain at the level of emotions.

It may be helpful to return to notes, homilies, and retreats from the Jubilee. Identifying and isolating a single concrete fruit that has remained with me (for example, greater trust, reconciliation, a new practice of prayer), and making it a starting point rather than an end in itself. The figure of Saint Francis is particularly valuable in the context of spiritual fatigue. He does not propose "more practices," but simplicity and authenticity: a return to personal reading of the Gospel, joy in small things, a faith lived in relationships, not only in events.

The year dedicated to Saint Francis can be an invitation to simplify prayer by deepening it, rather than multiplying it; to live the Gospel concretely rather than merely talking about it. We must not fear that the sacred times of Jubilees become "banal." They are not meant to astonish us continuously, but to give proper orientation to the heart. The Year of Saint Francis must not become another chapter full of special spiritual effects, but a silent passage from enthusiasm to deep maturity, from spectacular celebration to imitation in daily life.

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

MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

10:00am SHPG Healing Mass—Church
10:00am Divine Mercy Prayer Group—PC

TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

10:00am Sacred Heart Prayer Group —PC
7:30pm KSC Exec Meeting—PC

WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

St Pio of Pietrelcina
1:00pm 15 Decade Rosary—PC
6:30pm Legion of Mary—PC

FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

Novena to St Francis commences
AFL Public Holiday
Parish Office Closed



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Pledge \$ 2,391
Weekly average \$ 2,326.72



St Vincent de Paul Society

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

Week 2 Breakfast cereal, longlife milk, vegemite, jams and spreads etc

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



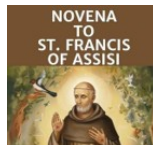
The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) of St Joseph's Church Chelsea meet monthly to

discuss issues relating to Faith development, Church operations and any directive coming from the Archdiocese. If you have any issues relevant to above at St Joseph's Chelsea and would like it considered by the PPC, kindly speak with one of our PPC members.



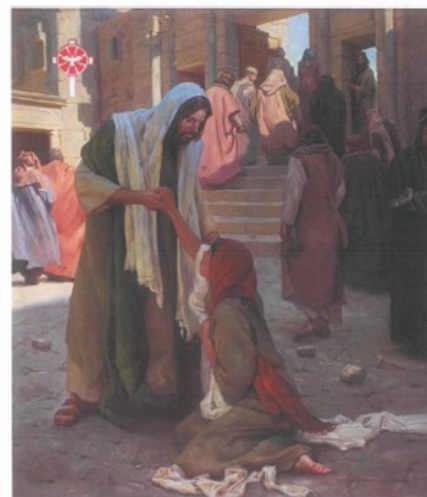
Extraordinary Jubilee Year 2026: Year of St Francis of Assisi

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 on the 4th of October. 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!



St Faustina Retreat Day Monday 5th October 2026

From 10am Monday 5th October in the Parish Centre. Exposition, prayers, chaplets and hymns. Please BYO lunch. Enquiries: Christiane on 0413 701 381



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 Fraganape
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

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!
\$446.00 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).



St Joseph's Primary School Major Fundraising Event

As we look ahead to Term 4, we are particularly excited about our **Major Fundraising Event – St Joseph's Comedy for a Cause**, being held on **Saturday 17 October**. We are looking forward to a fabulous evening filled with laughter, fun and great company, with a wonderful line-up of comedians joining us for an evening of entertainment. We will confirm and share the comedian line-up with you very soon, so stay tuned!

This promises to be a fantastic opportunity to enjoy a night out with friends while also supporting our school. Why not **gather a group of friends and book a table of eight?** Alternatively, purchase individual tickets and we will happily add you to another table group so you can still be part of the fun.

Tickets available here: <https://comedyforacause.net/event/sj26/>

