

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
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 15 Decade-Rosary Mary Untier of Knots 

PARISH PRIEST

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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Deadline for Bulletin 12 noon Thursday

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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

Michael Albert, Boryn 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

Franciska Judith Bartosy, Dina Caderamanpulle, Queenie Francis, Owen Freese, Betty Reilly, Rod and Dorothy Rodriquez, John Stonehouse

Special Intentions

Bday Remembrance—Bertram Godlieb, Gregory Raymond and Mary Cadermanpulle

Bday—Angelo Gualino Tamamino

27th September; Ordinary 26 A

1st R: Ezek 18:25-28

2nd R: Phil 2:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

4th October; Ordinary 27 A

1st R: Is 5:1-7

2nd Phil 4:6-9

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27TH SEPTEMBER 2026

This is week three of a four-part series, celebrating the Novena to St Francis of Assisi.

In the document of the Apostolic Penitentiary, we read these words: "This Year of Saint Francis should encourage all of us, each according to his or her own possibilities, to imitate the Poor Man of Assisi." What message does the life of Saint Francis offer to modern man?

The biography of Saint Francis shows that true imitation of Christ is not based on declarations or ideas, but on a concrete and real lifestyle rooted in the Gospel. He reminds us of the timeless value of poverty and simplicity. By renouncing wealth and social prestige, Francis showed that freedom of heart is born of detachment from material goods. For today's person, living in a world of consumerism, this is an extremely timely invitation to moderation, responsible use of goods, and placing God and neighbour above material possessions: it is a matter of "being" more than "having."

In our time, when faith is often superficial or reduced to emotions and experiences, his attitude also encourages consistency between faith and daily life, and witness given through actions rather than only words or feelings. Saint Francis teaches active and fraternal love, especially toward the weakest, the poor, and the marginalized. His life was a response to indifference and sometimes to selfishness—problems just as evident today, when interpersonal relationships tend to flatten and "the virtual prevails over reality."

Not least, St. Francis also shows that peace is born from a converted heart, not from self-interested declarations or compromises without truth. In a world marked by conflicts, social violence, and insecurity, his life is a call to build peace based on the Gospel of Christ, the only Redeemer of humanity!

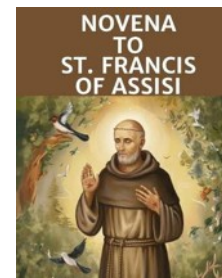
The decree speaks of the need to "detach from sin" in order to obtain the indulgence. How should this requirement be interpreted concretely?

The requirement of "detachment from all sin" mentioned in the decree may seem one of the most difficult elements of the theology of indulgences. From a pastoral perspective, it is worth considering it not as an ideal available only to a few, but as an attitude of the heart to which every Christian is truly called. From a theological point of view, it is not only about committing a sin, but about the interior acceptance of sin, the pleasure it brings, or the willingness to commit it again.

A person may confess and at the same time keep in their heart the thought: "I know it is wrong, that it is not good, but I do not want to stop doing it." Such an attitude is an attachment to sin that neutralizes grace. By contrast, the detachment from sin that is required is not an emotional sense of purity, but an act of the will that says: "Lord, I want no sin at all, not even the smallest."

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 28 SEPTEMBER

10:00am Divine Mercy Prayer Group—
Church with Stations of the Cross at
11:00am

TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

The Feast of the Archangels
10:00am Sacred Heart Prayer Group —PC

WEDNESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER

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

FRIDAY 2 OCTOBER

The Holy Guardian Angels



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 3 Personal toiletries, toilet rolls,
deodorant, hand lotion etc

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



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://](https://www.projectcompassion.org.au/fundraiser/chelseacatholicparish)
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Join me in supporting those in need!
\$446.00 has been donated so far—

Chelsea Catholic Parish

We're uniting against poverty this
Project Compassion

Thank you and God Bless Maree

Extraordinary Jubilee Year 2026: Year of St Francis of Assisi

**Novena to St Francis - 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



JOIN US FOR A NATION-WIDE ROSARY CHAIN!

WHERE: St Joseph's Chelsea

WHEN: Saturday 10th October 9:45am

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

NAME: Sue Hyde

CONTACT DETAILS: 0408 547 791



ST JOSEPH'S FRIDAYS

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH CENTRE
ARGYLE AVENUE
7.30PM - 9PM

**09 OCT ST JOHN NEWMAN
FILM DOCUMENTARY**

**23 OCT ST VINCENT DE PAUL
PRESENTATION**

**13 NOV WREATH MAKING
HOSTED BY JANE**

**27 NOV OUR LADY OF THE
MIRACULOUS MEDAL
PRESENTATION**

9 DECEMBER : CHRISTMAS DINNER

INFO RAFFY 0424 325005

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will
hold their Annual Mission Fair on Saturday 17
October 9.00 am – 2.30 pm at 154 Cotham
Road, Kew. This year the proceeds will
be forwarded to the Franciscan Sisters of St
Joseph, Kisumu for water tanks. Enquiries
Phone: 9817 3715.



The Transitus of St Francis



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. **Next Meeting Tuesday 15th
October.**



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.

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/>

