

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	

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Principal: Martine Verhagen

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St Joseph's Parish is committed to the Safeguarding of Children and Young People in all aspects of Parish life. If you have any concerns, please contact the Parish Office or a member of the Parish Pastoral Committee

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

Belinda McCallum

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

Fr Greg Handley, Mons Daniel O'Callaghan, Dr Emil Bartosy, Mary and Lino Caruana, Leigh Eustace, John Stonehouse, Patrick Scarlett, Fred Melba

Special Intentions

Bday Remembrance—Jude Myers

4th October; Ordinary 27 A

1st R: Is 5:1-7

2nd Phil 4:6-9

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

11th October; Ordinary 28 A

1st R: Is 25:6-10

2nd R: Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4TH OCTOBER 2026

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

First of all, detachment from sin is not a state of sinlessness. A person may have weaknesses, recurring venial sins, and may even experience painful falls. What matters is the intention and the orientation of the heart: the sincere decision to break with sin here and now. If someone says to God: "I do not want sin, I hate it, even though I know I am weak," then there is no attachment to sin in that person.

With the solemn rite celebrated this morning in the Basilica of Saint Mary of the Angels, at the Porziuncola, the commemorative year of the passing of the Poor Man officially began ...

How can the faithful be helped in a more mature spiritual preparation so that they do not treat indulgence as a "dispenser of graces"?

It is essential to understand that indulgence is first and foremost an encounter with God, and that its power lies not in our human efforts, but in the grace of God that transforms the heart. From this flow several conclusions. All penitential practices—such as confession, Communion, pilgrimage, prayer—are instruments of preparation that facilitate the encounter with God, but they do not replace the experience of grace itself.

The authentic fruits of indulgence appear when a person consciously opens themselves to God's transforming power, allows Him to act in their heart, heals relationships, forgives, and is converted. Therefore, indulgence is not "religious magic" or, as stated in the question, "a dispenser of graces," but an invitation to a living relationship with God, in which the human person accepts the gift of mercy rather than trying to conquer it. God acts; the human person responds with generosity and faith. If pastors help the faithful to perceive indulgence as a stage on the path of conversion, and not a spiritual shortcut, it will indeed become an instrument of maturation and deepening of faith—and this is, ultimately, the principal goal of the Jubilee Year of Saint Francis.

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

SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER

Bring photos of your pets to Mass for blessings
2:00am Daylight Savings commences—
Clocks go forward one hour to 3:00am
3:00pm Holy Hour—Church

MONDAY 5 OCTOBER

9:00am Additional Mass Feast of St Faustina—Church
10:00am Divine Mercy Retreat Day—PC—
Please bring your own lunch

TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER

10:00am Sacred Heart Prayer Group —PC

WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER

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

FRIDAY 9 OCTOBER

7:30pm St Joseph's Fridays—St John Newman—PC



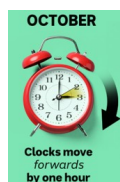
**ST JOSEPH'S PARISH
STEWARDSHIP**
Weekly Pledge \$ 2,391
Weekly average \$ 2,323.41

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

**Daylight Savings
commences on Sunday 4th
October 2026 at 2am.**

Clocks go forward one hour at 2am to 3am!! Don't forget to change your smoke detector batteries as well!!



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

PUBLIC ROSARY
2026

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

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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

HOLY HOUR

Sunday 4th October 2026
3pm
St Joseph's Church



Quarterly Men's Hour and BBQ Breakfast

17th October 2026

Men's Hour 7am in the Parish Centre Chapel
BBQ Breakfast 8am in the Hall
Sign up Sheets in the Narthex.
Enquiries Keith on 0417 350 733



There will be an **additional mass at 9am Monday 5th October for the Feast of St Faustina**

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

Comedy for a Cause Saturday 17 October.

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/>

