

SUNDAY MASS Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm Sunday 9 am, 11 am	The Sacrament of Reconciliation Is available 30 minutes before each Mass, between 9:30-10:30am 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 Monday 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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ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

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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.



Recently deceased

Eddie Hennessy

Prayers for the Sick

Marie Claire Aziz, Derick D'Costa, Margaret Dunne, Jamie Fleming, Bev Garing, Leonie Gilchrist, Rick Hayes, Eddie Hennessy, Jessie Jackson, Andrea Hazel Pereira, Juliette Ronald, Josephine Russell, Josephine Sanjorja, Len Scott, Danielle Spencer, Toni (Marie) Wilton, Baby Area Maria (Cathy) Meehan's Great Granddaughter)

Anniversaries

Laura Coquet, Lohe Meleisea, Jackie Netto, Patrick O'Brien, Patrick Sami, Catherine Schoots, Margaret Chung Yen



24th May; Pentecost Sunday A

1st R: Gen 11:1-9 (Vigil) Acts 2:1-11 (Sunday)

2nd R: Rom 8:22-27 (Vigil) 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13 (Sunday)

Gospel: John 7:37-39 (Vigil) John 20:19-23 (Sunday)

31st May; Most Holy Trinity A

1st R: Ex 34:4-6, 8-9

2nd 2 Cor 13:11-13

Gospel: John 3:16-18

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

PENTECOST SUNDAY

24TH MAY 2026

A REFLECTION FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY

In the Catholic Church, Pentecost is one of the great solemnities of the liturgical year. The word *Pentecost* comes from the Greek word meaning "fiftieth." The feast is always celebrated fifty days after Easter Sunday, which is why it falls at the very end of the Easter season. But Pentecost is not simply the end of Easter. It is the day the Church celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the first disciples gathered in Jerusalem. It is the moment when the fearful followers of Jesus were strengthened to proclaim the gospel

WHY IS PENTECOST IMPORTANT IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

Pentecost is important because it reveals the Holy Spirit's mission in the life of the Church. Jesus did not leave his disciples to carry out the gospel by their own strength. He sent the Holy Spirit to guide, sanctify, strengthen, and unite them.

That is why Pentecost is often called the "birthday of the Church." Strictly speaking, the Church was already being formed during Christ's public ministry, especially through his calling of the apostles, his teaching, and the sacraments he instituted. But Pentecost is the moment when the Church is made manifest to the world and begins her public ministry with boldness.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* affirms that the Church was made manifest to the world on Pentecost through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and that this begins the age of the Church, in which Christ continues to act through the sacraments and the liturgy. In founding his one Catholic Church, Jesus restored and fulfilled the Kingdom of God, as his Church is indeed the New Covenant Israel.

PENTECOST AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit transforms the apostles. Before Pentecost, they were afraid. After Pentecost, Peter stands before the crowd and preaches Christ crucified and risen. About three thousand people are baptized that day.

This same Holy Spirit is still at work in the Church today. Catholics first receive the Holy Spirit in baptism and are strengthened by him in confirmation. Through the Holy Spirit, Christians receive the grace to confess Jesus as Lord, resist sin, live in charity, and bear witness to the Faith.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit, traditionally listed as wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord, are not sentimental ideas. They are real helps given by God so that Christians can live as disciples of Christ in a world that often resists him.

Full article found: <https://www.catholic.com/tract/what-is-pentecost-catholic-answers-guide-to-pentecost-2026>



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 23 MAY

International GM1 Gangliosidosis Awareness Day

4:30pm Junior Legion of Mary—PC
7:00pm St Joseph's Families dinner—Hall

SUNDAY 24 MAY

Registrations close for ANIMA Pilgrimage to St Francis' Church

MONDAY 25 MAY

Our Lady Help of Christians
9:00am Additional Mass—Church
7:00pm Men's Focus Group—PC

TUESDAY 26 MAY

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

WEDNESDAY 27 MAY

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

THURSDAY 28 MAY

10:00am ANIMA Pilgrimage to St Francis' Church—Meet at Chelsea Station
4:30pm St Joseph's Junior Choir—Church



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Pledge \$ 2,518

Weekly average \$ 2,352.83

PAF Mothers Day \$ 1,247.75



St Vincent de Paul Society

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

Week 1 Canned Foods only eg tinned spaghetti, soups, tuna, kidney beans etc



Yearly Mass Counts will be occurring over the first 4 weekends in May at the request of the Vicar General, with this weekend being the last. Thank you!!!

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

Our Divine Mercy Prayer Group meets every Monday (10.00 am-12.30 pm) at the Parish Centre and warmly welcomes new members to join us. Together, we spend time in prayer, reflect on God's mercy, and support one another through life's joys and challenges. Whether you're new to the devotion or have been praying for years, you'll find a friendly, warm and compassionate group ready to walk with you. Come along this Monday—we'd love to pray with you! To find out more: Christiane on 0413 701 381

Divine Mercy Prayer Group



The Knights of the Southern Cross are a national organisation of Catholic laymen who operate with the support of the Australian Bishops. The Order is guided by the Catholic faith and the cardinal and chivalrous virtues of prudence, faith, justice, fortitude and temperance in all its charitable works. It strives to serve the wider community and support those in need. Membership of the Order of the Knights of the Southern Cross is open to all practicing Catholic men. Knights are committed to strengthening their faith, supporting the Church, and making the community a better place.

Please consider if you can assist. Enquiries contact Keith Reiter on 0417 350 733



There will be an additional mass at 9am on Monday 25th May, the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians in St Joseph's Church.



This is the last week for return of Project Compassion of Envelopes and Boxes! Thank you for your generosity!



Franciscan Jubilee Year

Anima Pilgrimage to St Francis' Church

Lonsdale Street, Melbourne

Thursday, 28 May 2026

Travel by Train
(Bring Myki card)

Depart 10am Chelsea Station
Exit Melbourne Central

Short video presentation on the history of St Francis' Church, followed by Mass at 12.30pm BYO Lunch or buy in the City

Clipboard now available.
Please register if you are attending, as this is a requirement by St Francis Church

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE
Sunday 24 May

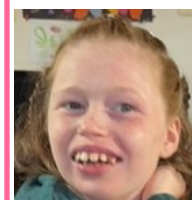
For all enquiries, please ring
Daphne Kelly 0439 006 494
Sue Hyde 0408 547 791
Mary Howard 0411 209 083

The **Men's Focus Group** meet every fortnight - next meeting will be **Monday 25th of May at 7:00pm** - at the parish centre.



All men are welcome to join us as we read the gospel for the day and share our reflections on this, and how we can bring a positive change in our own lives. Enquiries—Neville on 0469 341 463

GM1 gangliosidosis is a rare, lysosomal storage disorder caused by mutations in the *GLB1* gene, which leads to a deficiency of the beta-galactosidase enzyme. This deficiency causes toxic lipids to



accumulate in the brain and spinal cord. There is no cure and the disease is terminal; current management is strictly supportive. GM1 International Awareness Day is 23rd May each year.

St Joseph's Care and Concern Single Men's Movie and Lunch Wednesday 10th June 2026

10am in the Parish Centre

RSVP via Sign up sheet in the Narthex or to Sue on 0408 547 791



Calling all school children!



If you love music, singing or playing instruments, St Joseph's Junior Choir would love to welcome you. It's a place for fun, friendship, creativity, and discovering the joy of making music together.

We rehearse every **Thursday** from **4.30–5.00 pm** in **St Joseph's Church**. Come along and give it a try! For more information, call Sue Hyde on 0408 547 791.

QUARTERLY MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday 20th June 8am
St Joseph's Hall \$10



MEN'S HOUR

Saturday 20th June 7am
St Joseph's Parish Centre Chapel.
Register for Men's Events at Church Narthex or contact Keith on 0417 350 733

There have been 3 instances recently of Parishioners receiving text messages purportedly from Father Williams, asking for urgent contact/money. Father will NEVER ask for money for the Church this way!! If you have received or do receive any of these messages, please let Maree know in the office as we are reporting these to the Archdiocese! Unsure? Contact Maree

SCAM ALERT

Melbourne Corpus Christi Procession
Sunday 7th of June 2pm starting at St Patrick's Cathedral and finishing at Federation Square with Benediction.