

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—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 (Springvale) 9:30 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 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.*

Prayers for the Sick
Sandie Armstrong, Marie-Claire Azie,
Lorraine Benjamin, Judy Bartosy Snr,
Nicole Bigotto, Gregory Blain, Margot
Coghlan, Dennis Gallagher, Helen
Guest, Rick Hayes, Allison Joel, Siu
Kiang Lay, Sister Anita LeClercq,
Carolyn Marshall, Sandra Marshall,
Kath Noonan, Danielle Spencer, Don
Walker

Anniversaries
Kerry Cole, Ruby Edema, Theresa
Freese, Lancelot and Jhon Melder,
Rose Morrison

**25th February; Second Sunday
of Lent B**
1st R: Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18
2nd R: Rom 8:31-34
Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

**3rd March; Third Sunday of
Lent B**
1st R: Ex 20:1-17
2nd R: 1 Cor 1:22-25
Gospel: John 2:13-25



PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

25 FEBRUARY 2024

For the bulletin reflection this week, I will share another beautiful reading from the Office of Readings in the Divine Office (the Prayer of the Church). This is the second reading for the second Sunday of Lent, and explores the message of the Gospel reading for the day.

A reading from the sermons of Pope St Leo the Great.

The Lord revealed his glory in the presence of chosen witnesses, and made that form of his body which he shared with other men to shine with such splendour that his face was as bright as the sun, and his clothes became as white as snow.

By changing his appearance in this way he chiefly wished to prevent his disciples from feeling scandalised in their hearts by the cross. He did not want the disgrace of the Passion, which he freely accepted, to break their faith. This is why he revealed to them the excellence of his hidden dignity.

With the same foresight the foundation of his holy Church's hope was laid, so that the whole Body of Christ should realise the nature of the change which it must undergo, and that the members might promise themselves a share in that honour which had already shone around in their Head.

That was what the Lord meant when he described his coming in majesty in these words, 'Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.' The blessed Apostle Paul bears the same witness when he wrote; 'I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us', and again he wrote, 'For you have died, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.'

By that miracle [of the Transfiguration] the Lord had yet another lesson to teach the Apostles, to strengthen them, and to bring them to all knowledge.

Moses and Elijah, that is the law and the prophets, were seen talking with the Lord. Because those five men were there, these words were fulfilled, 'On the evidence of two witnesses or of three witnesses shall a charge be sustained.'

What could be more firmly founded or more certain than God's word, revealed in the ringing tones of both Old and New Testaments in harmony? Here the teaching of the Evangelists and the documentary evidence of ancient witnesses harmonise.

The one covenant thus reinforces the other. The signs which went before had promised Jesus under the veil of mystery. But now the blaze of the present glory has shed a dazzling light upon him. This is because, as Saint John says, 'The law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.' In Jesus have been fulfilled the promise of the prophetic images and the purposes of the regulations of the law. By his presence he demonstrates the truth of the prophecies, and by his grace makes possible the acts God has commanded us.

The preaching of the holy Gospel must establish the faith of all. None must be ashamed of the cross of Christ, by which he redeemed the world.

None must fear to suffer for righteousness' sake. None must doubt that God will fulfil his promises. For through toil comes rest; through death comes life. Jesus has taken upon his own shoulders all the weakness of our humility. If we are steadfast in our acknowledgement and love of him, in him we win the victory he won, and receive the reward that he has promised.

To help us do what he asks and endure our trials in patience, we must always have ringing in our ears these words of the Father, 'This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased – listen to him.'

Fr Kevin Williams



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 24 FEBRUARY

4:30pm Junior Legion of Mary—Parish Centre (Enq—0403 095 627)

SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY

Altar Society

MONDAY 26 FEBRUARY

10:00am Divine Mercy PG—Chapel

TUESDAY 27 FEBRUARY

10:00am Sacred Heart PG—Parish Centre
7:30pm KSC Executive meeting—PC

WEDNESDAY 28 FEBRUARY

6:30pm Legion of Mary Chelsea—Parish Centre

THURSDAY 29 FEBRUARY

Rare Disease Day



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Pledge \$ 2,914
Weekly average \$ 2,696.96

Thank You

The Altar Society collection, usually taken up on the last Sunday of each Month, provides for flowers, altar linens, vestments, church cleaning, altar bread and wine, candles etc for the celebration of Mass.



St Joseph's Paschal Candle:

Donors are invited to sponsor our 2024 Easter Candle. Please contact the Parish Office 9772 2211 chelsea@cam.org.au.



The **Men's Focus Group** meet every fortnight - next meeting will be **Monday 4th March at 7:30pm** - at the parish centre. All men are welcomed to join us as we read the gospel reading for the day and share our reflections on this and how we can bring a change in our own lives. Contact Neville on 0469 341 463



"In this season of Lent, Let us retreat into the "desert". May we dedicate time to silence to allow the voice of the Lord to speak to our heart and keep it in goodness."
Pope Francis @Pontifex 18/02/2024



St Vincent de Paul Society Week 2

– Breakfast cereals, long-life milk, Vegemite, jams, tomato sauce etc. Please leave your donations in the Vinnies bin in the Church narthex.

St Vincent De Paul urgently need more volunteers. If you can help, please phone Carole on 0404 335 419.



Padre Pio Prayer Group

St Padre Pio PG will now be held on the **second Monday of each month at 11:30, commencing on Monday 11th March 2024**, in the Parish Centre.

For more than a decade Father John O'Connor has offered regular written and audio reflections through the <https://foodforfaith.org.nz/> website to encourage people who are seeking greater maturity of life through faith lived in the reality of the ups and downs of everyday twenty-first century life. His first published book is available in the Parish Office for \$40.00.



After the birth of her children, 22-year-old **Ronita** was at risk of having to leave school permanently. But, with the support of Caritas Australia's partners in the Philippines, she resumed her studies and secured a job at a call centre to support her family

Please donate to Project Compassion.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes available in the Narthex, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413



LENT at St Joseph's

Way of the Cross Fridays of Lent 8.15am

Morning Prayer & Eucharistic Adoration Wednesdays of Lent 8:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation 30 minutes before every Mass (except Friday), 9:30am-10:30am Saturday morning, or by appointment