

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 15 Decade-Rosary Mary Untier of Knots
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.*



Recently Deceased
Margaret Brew, Bill Camilleri, Gordon Pinto

Prayers for the Sick
Bill Armstrong, Marie-Claire Azie, Lina Blake, Margot Coghlan, Dennis Gallagher, Rick Hayes, Sheila Joseph, Antonio and Antonietta Laria, Siu Kiang Lay, Julie McLeod, Christine Riddle, Danielle Spencer, Brian Wilson, Don Walker, Toni (Marie) Wilton

Anniversaries
Eulalia Alphonso, Isabel Freeze, Ruperto Goden, Rita Godsil, Simon Kelly, Cecilia and William McAllister, Michael Morris, Mina Paguta, Cardinal George Pell, Jerry Prina, Roy Stonehouse, Catherine and Joshua Tuazon, Inez Vincent

Special Intentions
Thanksgiving



5th January; The Epiphany C
1st R: Is 60:1-6
2nd R: Eph 3:2-3, 5-6
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

12th January; Baptism of the Lord C
1st R: Is 40:1-5, 9-11
2nd R: Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7
Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

5TH JANUARY 2025

The Epiphany Blessing - Marking Homes with Chalk for the New Year

Catholics marking their homes with chalk for the Epiphany is a tradition that dates back centuries, signifying their homes are homes where Christ lives. It is a way of incorporating the liturgical feast of the Epiphany as a domestic ritual into the prayer life of the family. Parishioners are invited to mark the lintel (top beam) of their front door as follows:



20 + C + M + B + 25

The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi — Caspar, Malchior, and Balthazar — who came to visit Jesus in His first home. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, *Christus mansionem benedicat*: “May Christ bless the house.” The “+” signs represent the cross, and the “20” at the beginning and the “25” at the end mark the year. Taken together, this inscription is performed as a request for Christ to bless those homes so marked and that He stay with those who dwell therein throughout the entire year.

The following blessing is to be said at home by a family member, with others in the group responding (**in bold**):

Peace be upon this house and with all of us who live here. **Amen.**

Matthew 2: 1-2, 10-11 - The wise men from the East came to Jerusalem asking: Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar followed the light of the star to find Jesus, the Son of God, who came to live among us two thousand and twenty five years ago. May Christ bless our home today and remain with us throughout the year.

Let us pray. God of mercy, fill our home with the light and love of Christ that it may be a place of hospitality and welcome. May Christ be our shelter when we are at home, our companion when we are away, and our welcome guest when we return. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.** Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

(Blessing taken from the Australian and New Zealand Catholic Ordo 2025 for the celebration and the liturgy of the hours in both Australia and New Zealand)



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 5 JANUARY
The Epiphany of the Lord

WEDNESDAY 8 JANUARY
Parish Office Closed
10:30am Requiem Mass—Margaret
Brew—St Joseph's Church



**ST JOSEPH'S PARISH
STEWARDSHIP**
Weekly Pledge \$ 2,742
Weekly average \$ 2,735.82
**Aid to the Church in Need for
November Mass intentions
\$1,014.00**

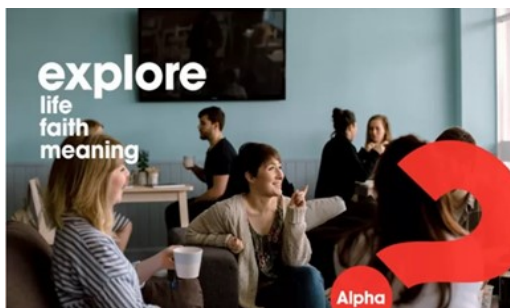
The Parish Office will be closed on
Wednesday 8th January 2025.

**2025 Jubilee Year
Pilgrims of Hope**



The first jubilee was celebrated in 1300 AD at the initiative of Pope Boniface VIII. They are celebrated every 25 years in the Church—though the pope may mark 'extraordinary jubilees' outside of that—and bear the hallmarks of the ancient spirit of jubilee. In the tradition of the Church, a Jubilee is proclaimed by a Papal Bull of Indiction. This publication explores the particular themes and focus of the Jubilee. The Bull for Jubilee 2025 is titled *Spes non confundit* or 'Hope does not disappoint' (Rom 5:5) Pope Francis notes that we, as a pilgrim people, need 'moments of greater intensity to encourage and sustain hope as the constant companion that guides our steps' (*Spes non confundit* §5). For more information:

<https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>



You're Invited!!

Alpha is an opportunity to explore life, faith and God in an open, friendly and informal environment. Commencing 20th February 2025 at 7:00pm St Joseph's Parish Centre To register call the Parish Office on 03 9772 2211 or email: chelsea@cam.org.au



The latest edition of The Word Among Us has arrived and is ready for collection in the Narthex for those whom subscribe!

From the Director of
Aid to the Church In
Need Bernard
Toutouji:

"On behalf of ACN, I would like to thank St Joseph's Parish for taking part in Red November and for partnering with us to shine a light on Christian persecution"

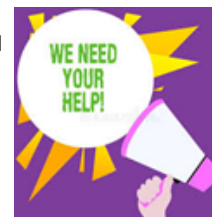


The first Parishioners Luncheon of 2025 will be held at the Riviera Hotel 30 Nepean Highway Seaford on Wednesday 15th of January from 12:00. For bookings ring Pat Adam's on 0448-866-5977 or Keith Reiter on 0417-350-733. Alternatively leave a voice message on Keith's Landline 9772-7292.



St Vincent de Paul Society

Over the Christmas and New Years period, our St Vinnies team will continue to visit and supply groceries and other essential items to those in need. Please continue to donate non-perishable grocery items, toiletries (eg Toothpaste, soap) and cleaning products (eg wipes, Glen 20) and place in the blue bin in the Narthex. Your generous support for the valuable work of our St Vincent De Paul team is very much appreciated!! St Vincent De Paul Chelsea Conference.



Make sure to visit St Joseph's Piety Shop after weekend Masses for beautiful and meaningful gifts for all occasions! We have packs of Christmas cards on special this weekend—get them for next year and save!! \$3 for a pack of 5 cards.



Fr Robert McCulloch and Eric Siraj - Missionary work in Pakistan 20th January 2025

Fr Robert McCulloch, a Columban missionary, and Eric Siraj, Hospital Administrator, will talk on their work in Hyderabad, Pakistan at 7:00 pm on Monday 20th January in St Patrick's Parish Centre, 3 Mitchell Street, Mentone. The evening has been arranged by the **Knights of the Southern Cross** and all are welcome. To assist with catering it would be helpful to advise via email to johnberuldsen@gmail.com or phone 0429 693 030, if you plan to attend. Thank you!



St Mary of the Cross Mackillop Stamps Appeal

Please donate your used postage stamps to the St Mary of the Cross MacKillop used stamp appeal. The Sisters of St Joseph (the religious congregation founded by Australia's first "home-grown" Saint) use the stamps to raise funds for their work with children and the poor. Used stamps can be left in the yellow box up the back of St Joseph's Church (on the table near where the bulletins are kept). Thank you!

We are pleased to share the success of the inaugural Archbishop's Campaign and sincerely thank you for your generosity and support. Together, parishes across the Archdiocese raised **\$811,178** including **\$4,242** contributed by the Parish Of St Joseph, Chelsea. These funds will support vital mission areas such as the Priests Retirement Foundation, the John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, Corpus Christi College, Catholic Theological College and the Archbishop's Evangelisation Initiatives. Thank you for being part of this important campaign and for living out your faith with action.



Marriage
WITH
MATT &
CAMERON
FRADD

THURSDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2025
6pm – 9.30pm
Cathedral Hall, ACU, 22 Brunswick St, Fitzroy

TICKETS & DETAILS:
Godandbeer.com.au
ADULTS \$30-\$45
(see further details on website)

Includes BBQ
& live music
with Olivia
Chamoun
Canavan