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| <p><b>SUNDAY MASS</b><br/>Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm<br/>Sunday 9 am, 11 am</p> <p><b>WEEKDAY MASS</b><br/>Monday (Springvale) 9.30am<br/>Tuesday 9 am<br/>Wednesday 9 am<br/>Thursday 9 am<br/>Friday 9 am<br/>Saturday 9 am</p> | <p>The <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> is available 30 minutes before each <u>weekday</u> Mass, after Saturday morning Mass and by appointment.</p> <p><b>THERE WILL BE NO CONFESSIONS ON ALL FRIDAYS OF LENT</b></p> | <p><b>HOLY ROSARY</b><br/>Tuesday—Friday 8.35am<br/>St Joseph's Church</p> <p>Wednesday 1pm<br/>St Joseph's Parish Centre<br/><i>15 Decade-Rosary<br/>Mary Untier of Knots</i></p> <p><b>FRIDAY DURING LENT</b><br/>8.30 am Stations of the Cross followed by Mass at 9.00am</p> |
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# PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

## 4th Sunday of Lent 19 March 2023

**A RARE DISEASE JOURNEY—NIAMH AND MAREE DALTON—Part 4**

### Weeks of Lent Themes – Week 4 – God's Love

The 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2018; a day filled with conflicting emotions – excitement, fear, happiness and dread. Today was the day my beautiful daughter Niamh and I, along with Niamh's other primary caregivers (my sister Jane, her husband Mark and their son Sebastian) would travel to the United States of America to seek information and network. The anticipation was somewhat muted however by the prospect of the fifteen-hour flight from Melbourne to Los Angeles ahead of us.

The flight went well; Niamh travelled very well, and our wonderful Travel Agent Kathy Thomaidis had organised myself and Niamh to sit in Premium Economy, with three seats for the two of us. This proved to be fabulous, as I had torn my Anterior Cruciate Ligament in a fall down stairs two weeks before the trip – catching Niamh who had mis-stepped on the way up! Niamh slept most of the way, and customs was a breeze, again thanks to Kathy who had organised Niamh to be accompanied in her wheelchair.

Our first stop was Anaheim – a bit of rest and relaxation on the way to Florida and Bethesda for Niamh. Disneyland was fun, very crowded and not really what I expected, but at least we can say we have been!!

Niamh and Seb had a wonderful time at Disneyland, enjoying the kid's rides and the leisurely strolls down the colourful streetscapes and meandering and winding paths.

Next stop – Hollywood. A visit to Universal Studios was a day well spent, and we all enjoyed it more than Disneyland! Mark and Seb saw a National Basketball Association game (Lakers versus Spurs – Seb's team) and a National Hockey League game (Kings versus Wild – Mark's team) at the Staples Centre over two nights, while Niamh, Jane and I enjoyed 'girls' time', swimming, walking and touring Los Angeles.

Onwards to Miami, Florida. Another great flight – five hours – with Niamh dozing most of the way. Miami was hot and humid, and a relaxing three days of swimming, walking and touring. One of our favourites places was *Coral Castle*, an 'out of the way' destination, with a castle made out of limestone by Ed Leeds Kalin, a Lithuanian immigrant to America. No one knows how he created this, nor how he moved the incredibly heavy limestone to the site of the Castle over twenty-five years in the mid-1900's. Truly amazing!



The next three days were spent driving from Miami to Jacksonville, with a stop-over in Cape Canaveral. Jane did the driving; I couldn't wrap my head around the other side of the road thing!! We completed the NASA tour at the Kennedy Space Centre at Cape Canaveral. This was a fantastic day, with rockets and capsules and spacesuits and memorabilia and very interesting tours and sights to be seen

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*St Joseph's Parish is committed to the Safe-guarding of Children and Young People in all aspects of Parish life.*

*To subscribe to St Joseph's Parish emailing list please email [chelsea@cam.org.au](mailto: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**  
Elizabeth Galea, David Hall, Frida Panayotou, Nora Vaughan, Josie Wende

**Prayers for the Sick**  
Danielle Spencer, Malcolm Russell

**Anniversaries**  
Joseph and Mary Bartholomews, Agnes DeSilva, Jack Burns, Hermine Knight, Harold Richard Liddicoat, Vladislav Yysis Modesta

**Birthday Remembrance**  
Mercedes Ferre

**19th March; 4th Sunday of Lent A**  
1st R: 1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13  
2nd R: Eph 5:8-14  
Gospel: John 9:1-41

**26th March; 5th Sunday of Lent A**  
1st R: Ezek 37:12-14  
2nd R: Rom 8:8-11  
Gospel: John 11:1-45



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, but their use has been strongly encouraged by the Archbishop.  
Please use the hand sanitiser provided.

# PARISH CALENDAR

## SATURDAY 18 MARCH

4:30pm Our Lady Star of the Sea Junior Legion of Mary—any enquiries or information please contact June Pereira on 0403 095 627

## SUNDAY 19 MARCH

Laetare Sunday  
3pm Holy Hour  
12 Noon Youth Group

## MONDAY 20 MARCH

Feast Day of St Joseph  
9:00am Mass—Solemnity of St Joseph  
10:00 am Holy Hour  
11:00am Divine Mercy Prayer Group—Chapel

## TUESDAY 21 MARCH

10:00am Sacred Heart Prayer Group—Room1

## WEDNESDAY 22 MARCH

6:00pm Longbeach Parishes Social—Doyle's at the Bridge Mordialloc. For bookings please ring Patricia Adams 0488-866-020 or Keith Reiter. 0417-350-733 or leave a message on 9772-7292

## FRIDAY 24 MARCH

8:30am Stations of the Cross—Church



## St Joseph's Parish Stewardship

We thank you for your continuous support.

The new sets of Stewardship envelopes are available for collection in the Church narthex. Letters for those utilising Direct Debit or Credit Card are also located in the narthex.



## ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Pledge \$ 2,737  
Weekly average \$ 2,069.50

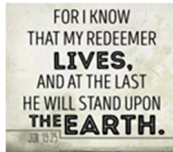
## St Vincent de Paul Society

### Week 1 – Canned Food only

Soups, fruit, steak & kidney, baked beans, tin spaghetti, ham, etc.

Thank you for your donations.

New volunteers for St Vincent de Paul Chelsea Conference are always welcome. Please contact Carole if you are available to help. 0404 335 419



Did you know that... Job is the oldest book written in the Bible – it was written around 1500 BC.



## Readers & Ministers of Holy Communion

Rosters are now being prepared for the next quarter. Contact Chris Bennetts on 0402 823 040 or [cjbennetts@optusnet.com.au](mailto:cjbennetts@optusnet.com.au) by **THIS Sunday 19 March** if you are unavailable during this time



**God and Beer March** Topic: A Tribute to Pope Benedict XVI **Speaker:** Professor Tracey Rowland **Date:** Monday 20th March **Time:** 6.30pm for dinner, 7.30pm for the talk **Venue:** Matthew Flinders Hotel, 667 Warrigal Rd, Chadstone. God and Beer will be held in the 'Longitude Room'. **Cost:** Free, however, places are limited so please register to avoid disappointment and to hear about future events. Meals and drinks available for purchase from the main bistro area. **Tickets:** [GodandBeer.com.au](http://GodandBeer.com.au)

Born Joseph Ratzinger, Pope Benedict XVI served as the Pope from 2005 until his resignation in 2013. He is widely considered to be one of the most significant figures in the Catholic Church in recent times, known for his strong emphasis on tradition and the importance of the Eucharist. He was a strong advocate for the New Evangelization, and worked towards Christian unity.



Thu lost his leg after stepping on a land mine in Vietnam. With the support of the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development, Thu can now earn extra income and care for his wife as she recovers from a stroke.

### Please donate to Project Compassion 2023

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.



## HOLY WEEK AT ST JOSEPH'S

### PALM SUNDAY 1 – 2 APRIL

6 pm Saturday Vigil Mass  
9 am Mass with procession  
11 am Mass

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday 1 April 8:30 am & 5:30 pm  
Sunday 2 April 10:30 am  
Tuesday 4 April 8:30 am & 7 pm  
Wednesday 5 April 8:30 am & 7 pm

### HOLY THURSDAY 6 APRIL

8:30 am Reconciliation (Confession)  
7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
10 pm Night Prayer



May the Spirit of St Joseph touch us, His deep listening influence us. May St Joseph's trust move us, His openness to others work in us and His ability to take risks inspire us.

### GOOD FRIDAY 7 APRIL

8:30 am Reconciliation (Confession)  
10 am Way of the Cross  
3 pm The Lord's Passion

### HOLY SATURDAY 8 APRIL

10 am Reconciliation (Confession)  
8 pm The Vigil of Easter

### EASTER SUNDAY 9 APRIL

8:30 am & 10:30 am Reconciliation  
9 am Mass 11 am Mass



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Finally, it was time. On we drove to Jacksonville for the National Tay-Sachs and Allied Diseases conference. The NTSAD oversees four major diseases – Tay Sachs (or GM2), Canavan's, Sandoff and GM1 Gangliosidosis.

Such incredible people, such amazing stories. Such sadness, and joy, and laughter and love and support and care and concern. And such wonderful networking.

Part 5 next week

