

SUNDAY MASS
 Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm
 Sunday 9 am, 11 am

WEEKDAY MASS
 Monday 9 am
 Tuesday 9 am
 Wednesday 9 am
 Thursday 7.30pm
 Friday Passion 3pm
 Saturday Easter Vigil 8pm
See Holy Week Schedule

The Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Tues/Wed 8.30am, after 9am Mass and 7pm
 Thurs/Fri 8.30am
 Saturday 10am
 Sunday 8.30 and 10.30am



HOLY ROSARY
 Tuesday & Wednesday 8.30am
 St Joseph's Church

Wednesday 1pm
 St Joseph's Parish Centre
*15 Decade-Rosary
 Mary Untier of Knots*

PARISH PRIEST
 Rev Kevin Williams

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 Principal: Gavan O'Donnell
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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

The solemn obligation for baptised Catholics to attend regular Sunday Mass has been restored throughout the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

Recently Deceased
 Father Salvatore (Sam) DiMattina PE,
 Father John Tollan,
 Susanna Manglavite

Prayers for the Sick
 Rosemary Fisher, Danielle Spencer,
 Malcolm Russell, Sarina Raccosta,
 Jacqui Williams

Anniversaries
 Vivian & Kenith D'Cruz, Anne & Hank Devries, Jim Dowie, Albert & Agnes Grace, Kevin Grace, Marie Hand, Margarita Lacson, Fred Rowe, Charles & May Sievers

2nd April; Palm Sunday A
 1st R: Is 50:4-7
 2nd R: Phil 2:6-11
 Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66

9th April; Sunday of the Resurrection
 1st R: Acts 10:34, 37-43
 2nd R: col 3:1-4
 Gospel: John 20:1-9



PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

Palm Sunday Passion of the Lord 2 April 2023

A RARE DISEASE JOURNEY—NIAMH AND MAREE DALTON—Part 6

Weeks of Lent Themes – Week 6 – Gethsemane, suffering, pain

Returning from the USA, armed with so much information, I proceeded to advocate for Niamh. I wrote to and called politicians, as well as media outlets, in the hope of spreading information about GM1 and rare diseases. It was an uphill battle but I persisted!



Niamh and Seb celebrated their First Holy Communion on the 11th of August 2018, another wonderful day with Father Brendan Hogan conducting the celebration.

COVID brought about big changes in everyone's life, with no work and no school but I really enjoyed the time that I had with Niamh whilst we were locked away at home. Remote learning was not my forte, but I gave it my best shot, and made Niamh laugh while doing so!!

During one of the lockdowns, Niamh was admitted to the Royal Children's Hospital for back surgery (August 2020), after being on the wait list for over 2 years. Niamh has scoliosis and her spine was not in good shape. Her Orthopaedic surgeon was confident that Niamh would be ready to go home post op in 4 to 6 days. This was not to be. Whilst in Post Op recovery, Niamh was given a bag of glucose, despite her wearing a bright red hospital tag indicating no sugar/carbohydrates or glucose ever. Her receiving this caused Niamh to have many seizures. While I was by her bed, she stopped breathing and the terror I felt was palpable. Alarms sounding and nurses panicking. Our hospital stay ended up being 8 weeks – with the first 3 spent trying to stabilise Niamh after the glucose had been given. This then put her behind in rehabilitation, hence the long stay. Niamh was in a great deal of pain, and it was so hard seeing her like that. A very difficult time, with me holding a great deal of anger towards the medical staff who had made a huge mistake in giving her that fluid. My support network of my sisters and their families were unable to come to the hospital due to the lockdowns too, which didn't help! I drew on support from Helen, in Chaplaincy support, prayed in the Hospital Chapel and joined in shouted conversations across hallways with other mums!



In February 2021, a break through in my advocating endeavours, with Niamh & I invited onto the Today Show on Channel 9 for Rare Disease Day – February 28th. It was fantastic to be able to share Niamh's story and to raise awareness of, not only GM1, but all rare diseases.

Niamh and Seb received the Sacrament of Confirmation on the 20th of March 2021, after many reschedules due to COVID. I was touched when Seb asked me to be his Sponsor, happily fulfilling this for a child who was been more than a cousin to Niamh. My nephew (and Godson) Josh was Niamh's sponsor. Father Hogan presided again – a touching celebration at Our Lady Help of Christian's.

In August 2021, we moved from Narre Warren to Springvale (the 5 of us), starting a new chapter in our lives. Niamh moved from the amazing Nepean School to the equally amazing Glenallen School in Glen Waverly due to the house move/school zoning.



On returning to work at Crown Casino after the lockdowns, I began to question my working there. I have always been career driven, but the changes in me after Niamh's diagnosis, the time with her during COVID & a certain Royal Commission made me want to change, to be a better mum & person and to help others. Continued in middle pages....

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 1 APRIL

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 2 APRIL

Palm Sunday—see Holy Week Schedule

MONDAY 3 APRIL

10:00am Divine Mercy Prayer Group—Rosary and Prayer for Priests—Chapel

TUESDAY 4 APRIL

10:00am Sacred Heart Prayer Group—Room1

THURSDAY 6 APRIL

Holy Thursday
7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
10:00pm Night Prayer

FRIDAY 7 APRIL

Good Friday
10:00am Way of the Cross—St Joseph's Church
10:30am Ecumenical Stations of the Cross—Beeson Reserve
3:00pm The Lord's Passion—St Joseph's Church

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Friday 7th April—Good Friday. Bulletin cut off is Wednesday 5/4 midday. Thank you



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Pledge \$ 2,737
Weekly average \$ 2,107.75



Don't forget that Daylight Savings concludes this Sunday 2nd April at 3:00am—clocks back one hour!



St Vincent de Paul Society

Week 3

Toiletries personal, toilet rolls, disinfectant, hand lotion, etc Please leave your donations in the Vinnies bin in the Church Narthex.

St Vincent De Paul urgently requires more volunteers. If you can assist, please contact Carole on 0404 335 419.



Discover a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit.

The **Wild Goose** series is truly a work of the Holy Spirit. "Wild Goose" was a term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit. Fr Dave Pivonka will take us on a journey over 7 weeks where we will be invited to encounter or renew our encounter with the Holy Spirit. Everyone is invited as we adventure together with the Spirit leading us to a place of mercy, healing, peace and presence.
Details: 7.30-9pm at St Louis', 37 Dolphin St, Aspendale commencing 12 April, culminating in Pentecost Week on 24 May.

Please email the parish to register mordiallo-caspendale@cam.org.au or call 9580 7981



Did you know that the Thursday before Easter is known as either Maundy Thursday, or Holy Thursday. **Maundy is derived from the Latin word for "command," and refers to Jesus' commandment to the disciples to "Love one another as I have loved you."**



St Joseph's Book Club

Thursday 4th May 7pm – Parish Centre

Our first book to read for this year is available at the Parish Shop for \$30; Hail Holy Queen by Scott Hahn. All welcome.



Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water. Caritas Australia has been able to help millions of vulnerable people around the world, through the Project Compassion appeal. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today & build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. Donation boxes available or visit caritas.org.au/project-compassion or phone 1800 024 413.



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



HOLY WEEK AT ST JOSEPH'S

Chelsea and District Inter-Church Council—**GOOD FRIDAY—STATIONS OF THE CROSS — 7TH APRIL 2023 10:30AM BEESON RESERVE EDITHVALE**

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

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



Holy Week

EASTER SUNDAY

9 APRIL

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

After 25 years at Crown and as a Senior Operations Manager, I resigned in November 2022, after successfully obtaining my current role here at St Joseph's – a role I have found to be so very fulfilling, rewarding and enjoyable, and that also works in well with Niamh – AND no more shift work!!

I will continue to fight for and beside my beautiful child every day. She is my reason. The future is so uncertain, but with Niamh by my side, with her beautiful spirit and wonderful nature, with our faith and support network, we will conquer all!

I have included below links to Television, News and Social media articles about Niamh and GM1.

God Bless

<https://www.smh.com.au/lifestyle/mother-and-daughter-maree-and-niamh-dalton-appear-on-weekend-today-20210303-p577e1.html>

<https://honey.nine.com.au/latest/child-rare-disease-diagnosis-and-treatment/6742f5ad-71d5-4dbc-a3cd-9bd745d01684>

<https://www.standard.net.au/story/7240048/rare-disease-no-barrier-for-niamhs-day-out-at-the-races/>

<https://fb.watch/ISHwEBQ49s/?mibextid=j8LeHn> <https://curegm1.org/>

