



# ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH

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## Our Churches:

### St Christopher's Church

34 Roberts Road, Airport West

### St Augustine's Church

100 Harrick Road, Keilor Park

## Parish Priest:

Fr Peter Hoang

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## Parish Secretary:

Emilia Balkan

(Tuesday – Friday)

## Primary Schools

### St Christopher's Primary School

34 Roberts Road, Airport West

Principal: Adrian Glasby

Phone: 9338 3591

### St Augustine's Primary School

Augustine's Way, Keilor

Principal: Catherine Steere

Phone: 9336 4294

May our children flourish

ENSURING THE SAFETY AND WELLBEING OF CHILDREN IN OUR CARE

*St Christopher's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.*



## First Sunday of Advent Year A

26 / 27 November 2022

### WORSHIP TIMETABLE

#### St Christopher's Church

#### MONDAY

Holy Rosary	9.00am
Communion Service	9.30am
Italian Charismatic Prayer Group	(after Mass)

#### TUESDAY

Holy Rosary	9.00am
Mass	9.30am
Italian Rosary	(after Mass)

#### WEDNESDAY

Holy Rosary	9.00am
Mass	9.30am

#### THURSDAY

Holy Rosary	9.00am
Mass	9.30am

#### FRIDAY

Holy Rosary	9.00am
Mass	9.30am

#### SATURDAY

Mass	5.00pm
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#### SUNDAY

Mass (Italian)	8.30am
Mass (English)	10.30am

#### St Augustine's Church

#### SUNDAY

Mass	9.00am
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### Baptisms (bookings only)

- Every second, third and fourth Saturday at 11.00am at St Christopher's Church
- Every second and fourth Sunday at St Christopher's Church
- Every third Sunday at St Augustine's Church
- Baptism Welcomes every first Sunday.

### Parish Sacramental Program

For school aged children attending a non - catholic school. Please contact the Parish Office for further information.

### Weddings (at least 6 months in advance)

Please contact parish office.

### Reconciliations

Every Friday after 9.30am Mass.

### Anointing of the sick

As requested.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:



#### Recently deceased:

*Philip Demaria, Anthony Psaila*

#### All anniversaries that occur at this time, especially:

*Antonina Garfi, Concetta Butta*

**FIRST READING***Isaiah 2:1-5***A reading from the prophet Isaiah.**

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come  
the mountain of the Temple of the Lord  
shall tower above the mountains  
and be lifted higher than the hills.  
All the nations will stream to it,  
peoples without number will come to it; and they  
will say:

‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the Temple of the God of Jacob  
that he may teach us his ways  
so that we may walk in his paths;  
since the Law will go out from Zion,  
and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.’

He will wield authority over the nations  
and adjudicate between many peoples;  
these will hammer their swords into ploughshares,  
their spears into sickles.

Nation will not lift sword against nation,  
there will be no more training for war.

O House of Jacob, come,  
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

**The word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Response:**

**Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

I rejoiced when I heard them say:  
‘Let us go to God’s house.’  
And now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**

It is there that the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord.  
For Israel’s law it is,  
there to praise the Lord’s name.  
There were set the thrones of judgement  
of the house of David. **R.**

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:  
Peace be to your homes!  
May peace reign in your walls,  
in your palaces, peace!. **R.**

For love of my brethren and friends  
I say: ‘Peace upon you!’  
For love of the house of the Lord  
I will ask for your good. **R.**

**SECOND READING***Romans 13:11-14***A Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.**

You know ‘the time’ has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

**The word of the Lord.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL***Matthew 24:37-44***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.**

Jesus said to his disciples:  
‘As it was in Noah’s day, so  
will it be when the Son of  
Man comes. For in those  
days before the Flood  
people were eating,  
drinking, taking wives,  
taking husbands, right up

to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

‘So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’

**The Gospel of the Lord.**



**Prayers of the  
Faithful Response:**  
*Lord, hear our prayer!*

### Exploring the Word

Matthew's Gospel is written for a mostly Jewish audience who had converted to Christianity. Because of this Jewish background, Matthew often uses images and incidents from the Hebrew Scriptures or Old Testament, with which his community were very familiar. For Matthew, Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophecies of old, and the Messiah who has long been awaited.

In this text, Jesus twice uses the title 'Son of Man' to describe himself. It is an ambiguous term because it can simply mean a human being but is also used in the Hebrew Scriptures to refer to the one who will be judge and saviour of all.

- Explore how the term 'Son of Man' is an apt one for Jesus to use of himself.
- This text points to the early church's belief that the end times—the second and final coming of Christ—were imminent and that believers should be ready at all times for this unexpected event.
- Explain how this expectation arose and was later modified in the early church. How can we live in expectation today? What does that mean for followers of Christ?



**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
*good works*

### Christmas Appeal 2022

This year's Christmas Appeal is being held in the parish churches on the weekend of 17/18 December 2022. The money raised will be used to purchase Woolworths Grocery Gift Cards to give to the many families in our local community who needed assistance during 2022.

It was not surprising that the number of requests for help from the St Vincent de Paul Society increased considerably this year due to the financial difficulties being experienced by so many people. Your donation to support us to make their Christmas a happier one would be very much appreciated.



**Columban Art Calendars 2023**  
**On sale now.**  
**\$10 each**

### Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Comensoli - Welcome Home!

Copies of Archbishop Comensoli Letter regarding the general dispensation from Sunday and Holy Day obligations being lifted as of 27 November, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, is available in the church foyer.

### Immaculate Conception

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of December 2022, the Feast of Immaculate Conception, there will be a special mass at St Christopher's at 7pm. The mass will include a special prayer entrusting all children to the Virgin Mary's protection. If you would like for your child/children to participate in receiving the sacred consecration, please provide their name/s and your contact number just in case we need to contact you. Please forward your details to either:  
Assunta Germani 9338 6141 or 0421 756 379, or  
Mimma Montalto 9379 6637 or 0431 626 993 or  
Enza Murdaca 9338 4454

Porto la vostra tensione che giorno L' 8 Dicembre 2022, festa dell' Immacolata Concezione, alle 7pm chi sara una Santa Messa a St Christopher's. Durante la santa messa ci sara la consacrzione dei bambini alla Santa Virgine Maria per chi desidera affidare il loro bambini alla Virgine Maria per favour date il nome dei bambini e numero telefono ad  
Assunta Germani 9338 6141 or 0421 756 379, or  
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### Volunteer Opportunity Assisting Refugee Students

Mercy Connect Melbourne is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for 4 school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. A Training Day for new volunteers with emphasis on Child Safeguarding will take place prior to commencement in 2023.

Email: [somml@bigpond.com](mailto:somml@bigpond.com) (preferred for contact)  
Tel: 9326 1895

### Christmas Market

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2022, 9.30am – 12.30pm at the Airport West Uniting Church, Roberts Road. All proceeds will go to the Victorian Flood Appeal. We look forward to your support.

Please support these Australian owned businesses that support our Parish



**Steve Demos**

**info@fastactioncleaning.com.au**

**0412 106 316**

### **Cullie Plumbing**

John  
0478 943 649  
[john@cullieplumbing.com.au](mailto:john@cullieplumbing.com.au)

License Number: 45531  
ABN: 77372349503

Residential & Commercial  
Plumbing  
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Hot water service repairs and installation  
Blocked & broken drains  
Storm water repairs  
Leaking taps & showers  
Gutter & roof repairs & renewals  
Underground bursts  
Bathroom/Kitchen plumbing services & renovations  
All general plumbing

## **Advent / Christmas Mass Schedule**

### **Advent Reconciliation**

Thursday 15th December 2022

St Christopher's Church:  
7.30pm

### **Christmas Eve**

Saturday 24th December 2022

St Christopher's Church:  
5.00pm (*Family Mass*)

9.30pm (*Vigil Mass*)

St Augustine's Church:  
7.00pm (*Family Mass*)

### **Christmas Day**

Sunday 25th December 2022

St Christopher's Church:  
8.30am (*Mass in Italian*)  
10.30am (*Mass in English*)

St Augustine's Church:  
9.00am

### **PARISH FINANCES (weekending 20 November 2022)**

**Thanksgiving:** \$206.00  
**Presbytery:** \$70.00

*Thank You for your Support!!*