



ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH

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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.



Second Sunday of Advent Year A

3 / 4 December 2022

<u>WORSHIP TIMETABLE</u>	
<u>St Christopher's Church</u>	
MONDAY	
Holy Rosary	9.00am
Communion Service	9.30am
Italian Charismatic Prayer Group	<i>(after Mass)</i>
TUESDAY	
Holy Rosary	9.00am
Mass	9.30am
Italian Rosary	<i>(after Mass)</i>
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
SUNDAY	
Mass <i>(Italian)</i>	8.30am
Mass <i>(English)</i>	10.30am
<u>St Augustine's Church</u>	
SUNDAY	
Mass	9.00am

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:
Natale Bonanno,
Lina Guarnaccia *(Funeral 8/12 at 11am)*

All anniversaries that occur at this time, especially:
Enzo Ieva, Giovanni Romeo, Elisabetta Ielasi, Vincenzo Ieva, Vincenza Ieva

FIRST READING*Isaiah 11:1-10****A reading from the prophet Isaiah.***

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse,
 a scion thrusts from his roots:
 on him the spirit of the Lord rests,
 a spirit of wisdom and insight,
 a spirit of counsel and power,
 a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.
 (The fear of the Lord is his breath.)
 He does not judge by appearances,
 he gives no verdict on hearsay,
 but judges the wretched with integrity,
 and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the
 land.
 His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless,
 his sentences bring death to the wicked.
 Integrity is the loincloth round his waist,
 faithfulness the belt about his hips.
 The wolf lives with the lamb,
 the panther lies down with the kid,
 calf and lion feed together,
 with a little boy to lead them.
 The cow and the bear make friends,
 their young lie down together.
 The lion eats straw like the ox.
 The infant plays over the cobra's hole;
 into the viper's lair
 the young child puts his hand.
 They do no hurt, no harm,
 on all my holy mountain,
 for the country is filled with the knowledge of the
 Lord
 as the waters swell the sea.
 That day, the root of Jesse
 shall stand as a signal to the peoples.
 It will be sought out by the nations
 and its home will be glorious.

The word of the Lord.**RESPONSORIAL PSALM*****Response:***

***Justice shall flourish in his time,
 and fullness of peace for ever.***

O God, give your judgement to the king,
 to a king's son your justice,
 that he may judge your people in justice
 and your poor in right judgement. **R.**

In his days justice shall flourish
 and peace till the moon fails.
 He shall rule from sea to sea,
 from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R.**

For he shall save the poor when they cry
 and the needy who are helpless.
 He will have pity on the weak
 and save the lives of the poor. **R.**

May his name be blessed for ever
 and endure like the sun.
 Every tribe shall be blessed in him,
 all nations bless his name. **R.**

SECOND READING*Romans 15:4-9****A Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.***

Everything that was written long ago in the
 scriptures was meant to teach us something about
 hope from the examples scripture gives of how
 people who did not give up were helped by God. And
 may he who helps us when we refuse to give up,
 help you all to be tolerant with each other, following
 the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind
 and voice you may give glory to the God and Father
 of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat
 each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated
 you. The reason Christ became the servant of
 circumcised Jews was not only so that God could
 faithfully carry out the promises made to the
 patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory
 to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place:
 For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing
 to your name.

The word of the Lord.**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his
 paths:

all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL*Matthew 3:1-12***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.**

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:
 Prepare a way for the Lord,
 make his paths straight.



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.

Immaculate Conception

On the 8th 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 Mimma Montalto 9379 6637 or 0431 626 993 or Enza Murdaca 9338 4454



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This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



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

Exploring the Word

During Advent in Year A, the first reading always comes from the prophet Isaiah. It is useful to pay particular attention to his voice, noticing the development of the vision and images he puts before us relating to the meaning of Jesus for the Church and the world. In last week's reading, Isaiah sees what is to come: the nations assembling, surrendering to the Lord, laying down the weapons of war, beating them into the useful tools of farming and peaceful life. Today, Isaiah describes the qualities of the Spirit of the Lord and the just judgments this brings, resulting in a world of no conflict. In next week's text, Isaiah describes the glorious and triumphant coming of the Lord and the healing of all that is broken. In the final week of Advent, Isaiah speaks of the maiden who will conceive and give birth to one who is 'God-is-with-us'.

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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 27 November 2022)

Thanksgiving:

\$275.00

Presbytery:

\$127.00

Thank You for your Support!!