



ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH

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St Christopher's Church

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Primary Schools

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34 Roberts Road, Airport West

Principal: Adrian Glasby

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Augustine's Way, Keilor

Principal: Catherine Steere

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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.



Third Sunday of Advent Year A

10 /11 December 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

SUNDAY

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

St Augustine's Church

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:

Vincenzo Marino

All anniversaries that occur at this time, especially:

Maria Grazia Murdaca, Domenico Murdaca, Giuseppe Murdaca, Henry Restall, Joe Bugeja, Melita Bugeja, Pat Foster, Tessie Craig, Most Rev Joseph Angelo Grech, Maria Consiglio, Charlie Restall White, Emidia Micallef



FIRST READING*Isaiah 35:1-6,10****A reading from the prophet Isaiah.***

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult,
 let the wasteland rejoice and bloom,
 let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil,
 let it rejoice and sing for joy.

The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it,
 the splendour of Carmel and Sharon;
 they shall see the glory of the Lord,
 the splendour of our God.

Strengthen all weary hands,
 steady all trembling knees
 and say to all faint hearts,
 'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look, your God is coming,
 vengeance is coming,
 the retribution of God;
 he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
 the ears of the deaf unsealed,
 then the lame shall leap like a deer
 and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy
 for those the Lord has ransomed shall return.

They will come to Zion shouting for joy,
 everlasting joy on their faces;
 joy and gladness will go with them
 and sorrow and lament be ended.

The word of the Lord.**RESPONSORIAL PSALM*****Response:******Lord, come and save us.***

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
 who is just to those who are oppressed.
 It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
 the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
 who raises up those who are bowed down,
 the Lord, who protects the stranger
 and upholds the widow and orphan. **R.**

It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the
 path of the wicked.

The Lord will reign for ever,
 Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

**SECOND READING***James 5:7-10****A Reading from the letter of St James.***

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
 he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
 Alleluia!

GOSPEL*Matthew 11:2-11****A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.***

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says:

'Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you.

'I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



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

Exploring the Word

As we have already noted, one of the main purposes of Matthew's Gospel is to reveal Jesus as the long awaited Messiah of the Jews to Matthew's largely Jewish community. In this text, Matthew cites the evidence that is before their eyes. Why is it necessary for John to question the identity of Jesus when his own eyes and ears will give him the answer he seeks? The blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, and good news is proclaimed to the poor! Such were the signs of the coming of the Lord that Isaiah had prophesied. Such are the actions that Jesus undertakes! His identity is clear for all who have the eyes to see it.

- How do you recognise Jesus in the events and actions of your life?
- In what ways are we called to continue the actions of Jesus in the world today?
- What do you think is meant by the final line of today's gospel: 'the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is'?



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
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That Catholic Shop

Christmas orders from Aid to the Church in Need's online store – That Catholic Shop – can still be made all the way up to 19 December! Choose from our broad range of religious gifts and receive free shipping for orders over \$100. Peruse our Christmas range at www.thatcatholicshop.com



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Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

The Parish of Ivanhoe has a couple of vacancies for its Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 11th – 28th April 2023. If you are interested please visit our Parish Website www.melbcatholic.org/ivanhoe and click on the News Page or phone Fr. Bill Edebohls 0427 879 733.



JOURNEY
CATHOLIC RADIO

This week on the Journey (Ep 488)

On the Journey this week: Fr Chima Ofor's Gospel reflection – happy those who trust in me. Mother Hilda has a tip for naming when God is in our life. Plus, extra Advent reflections from Fr Antony Jukes and Br Lewis Harwood, and Men Alive's Stephen Bird on spiritual brotherhood, and more great music!

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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 4 December 2022)

Thanksgiving: \$343.00
Presbytery: \$180.00

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