



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:

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Parish Secretary:

Emilia Balkan
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Our Parish 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.

Temporary Mass times

(until further notice)

St Christopher's Church (no bookings required)

Monday	-	no mass
Tuesday	-	<u>9.30am</u>
Wednesday	-	<u>9.30am</u>
Thursday	-	<u>9.30am</u>
Friday	-	<u>9.30am</u>
Saturday	-	<u>5.00pm</u>
Sunday	-	8.30am (Italian)
	-	10.30am (English)

St Augustine's Church

Sunday	-	9.00am
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Current COVID restrictions

- Non family members to maintain 1.5m distance at all times.
- All persons attending Mass must use the hand sanitiser provided as they enter the church.
- All persons attending Mass must wear a mask unless a lawful exception applies.
- Seating areas in the church have been marked as per social distancing requirements. Every second row of the pews is out of use.
- Attendees are asked to leave the church immediately after Mass has ended.
- There is no holy water available at Masses.
- There is no contact permitted with any of the statues inside the church.
- There will be no access to the church between Masses.
- No gatherings are permitted outside the church following Mass.

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year B)

19 / 20 December 2020

Exploring the word

Annunciation stories are an established literary form. There are a number of such stories in the Hebrew Scriptures—for example, the births of Isaac, Samson and Samuel—and, of course, Luke has already recorded the annunciation of John the Baptist. The purpose of the annunciation story is to let the reader know what role the person whose birth is announced will play in salvation history. In this sense, they are a literary device rather than a strictly historical narrative, although clearly based on ancient memory.

In the annunciation of the birth of Jesus, however, there are elements that surpass all other annunciation stories. The emphasis is on the creative action of the Holy Spirit and on Mary's cooperation with God's will, and it establishes Jesus' transcendental origins. The role that the child to be born is to play in salvation history is defined in terms of Davidic messiahship, and on this last Sunday of Advent, we stand on the brink of the fulfillment of the promise made to Mary of messianic hope for the world. The tension of the waiting of Advent is almost over.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Recently deceased:

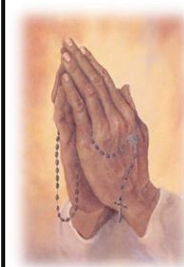
Josephine Amott

All anniversaries that occur at this time, especially:

Domenico Impiombato

Pray for the sick:

Teresa Demaio



Jesus
Gift of love & hope for our world



FIRST READING

2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14,16

A reading from the second book of Samuel.

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: 'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me; if he does evil, I will punish him with the rod such as men use, with strokes such as mankind gives. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever.'"

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response:

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your
truth is firmly established as the heavens.

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

'I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant;
I will establish your dynasty for ever and set up your
throne through all ages.'

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

He will say to me: 'You are my father,
my God, the rock who saves me.'
I will keep my love for him always;
for him my covenant shall endure.

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Romans 16:25-27

A Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever.
Amen

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 1:26-38

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.



The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Prayers of the Faithful Response

Lord, hear our prayer!

CHRISTMAS EVE / DAY MASSES

Registration is now available in the church foyer as it is essential with current restrictions. For Christmas Masses we can allow 100 attendees for each indoor Mass with social distancing seating restrictions 1.5m rule. *Infants under 12 months are not included in this cap.* All persons over 12 years of age attending Mass must wear a mask unless a lawful exception applies.

St Christopher's Church

Christmas Eve 24 December 2020

6.00pm Mass – FULLY BOOKED INSIDE CHURCH

Availability outside church (b.y.o. chair) call Parish Office 9338 3793

10.00pm Mass - must register before 23 December 2020

Christmas Day 25 December 2020

9.00am Italian Mass – e' necessario registrar il nome e numero telefonico. Grazie

10.30am Mass - must register before 23 December 2020

St Augustine's Church

Christmas Eve 24 December 2020

8.00pm Mass – FULLY BOOKED INSIDE CHURCH

Availability outside church (b.y.o. chair) see Phillip 9336 7981

Christmas Day 25 December 2020

9.00am Mass – please call Phillip 9336 7981

If you know of any families that usually attend our Christmas Masses please make them aware of the essential booking requirement to avoid disappointment.

If you have registered for a Mass and are now unable to attend please ensure you let us know to ensure another family can attend.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The members of the Airport West Conference of St Vincent de Paul have continued to help people in need in our local area during 2020. This was done in a COVID Safe and non-contact way.

Christmas Appeal envelopes are available in both of our churches for parishioners who would like to make a financial contribution to enable us to continue helping these most vulnerable people at Christmas and during 2021. We do not need food items but financial assistance is sought so that we can provide food vouchers as a Christmas gift.

Your Christmas Appeal envelope can be left in the basket at the rear of the church or in the box in the front door of the Parish House.

St Augustine's Church News

Columban Calenders

Columban Calenders are available from St Vincent de Paul representative after mass. Cost \$10 each.

Attend

Attendance at Mass

Due to the social distancing (1.5m apart) and the area inside the church, the maximum numbers we can have to attend mass is 50. At the moment there is no need to be invited or for you to book for Sunday mass at 9am.

COMMUNION DURING MASS

Communion on the tongue is strongly discouraged for the safety of the recipient and priest.

Holy Communion will only be distributed in the hands only until further recommendations from the Archdiocese.

Thank you for your understanding.

COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR 2021 - \$10



Our St Vincent de Paul Society conference will be selling a limited number of Columban Art Calendars again this year.

Please contact Carmel on 0408 171 471 if you wish to order for collecting calendars will be worked out in accordance with COVID restrictions once orders have been received.

Proceeds from sales support the works of the SVDP Airport West Conference.

ITALIAN MASS RAFFLE

The Italian Catholic Federation has organised a raffle which will be drawn Christmas morning during the Italian Mass which will be celebrated by Bishop Terry Curtin at 9am. Your support is appreciated.

Tickets are available from the members of the Federation.

La Federazione Cattolica di APW ha organizzato una Lotteria che sarà sorteggiata la mattina di Natale durante la Messa Italiana, quel giorno la S. Messa sarà alle 9am e il celebrante sarà il Vescovo Terry Curtin.

MASS ONLINE

Daily Mass is live streamed from St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne. Masses are livestreamed daily on the Archdiocesan YouTube channel and on Sundays are available to view on free-to-air TV via C31 (channel 44 on digital TV).



**CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE
OF MELBOURNE**



Caring for Our Community

Please follow these guidelines during your visit:



Sanitise hands before entering



Non-family members maintain 1.5m distance at all times



Do not congregate in any area of the church



Always sit/stand in designated areas



Thanksgiving offerings can be made online or upon entry/exit



Avoid physical contact at the Rite of Peace



Holy Communion will be distributed on the hands only

Further updates can be found at the CAM website:
www.cam.org.au/coronavirus

BANK TRANSFERS

We encourage all Parishioners to contribute Thanksgiving through bank transfers. If you choose this method please ensure that in the description you put your surname and envelope number. (eg: *Smith 1234*)

St Christopher Parish account numbers are as follows:

Church Account

CDF Bank (NAB)
BSB 083 347
Account 716 209 715

*To pay our Parish operating costs;
Pastoral Care and Sacraments;
Maintenance*

Presbytery Account

CDF Bank (NAB)
BSB 083 347
Account 666 212 720

*To support the Priest of our Parish;
sick and retired Priests; Priests in needy Parishes;
the Archbishops*

PARISH FINANCES (weekending 13 December 2020)

Thanksgiving:
Presbytery:

\$528.50
\$215.00

