



ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH

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

ENSURING THE SAFETY AND WELLBEING OF CHILDREN IN OUR CARE

5th Sunday of Easter (Year A) 6 / 7 May 2023

<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 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:
Bruno Sorge, Juan (John) Rodriguez

All anniversaries that occur at this time, especially:
Domenica Mascaro, Rosa Muraca, Giuseppa Murdaca, Annunziata Timpano, Domenico Timpano, Inocencia Valdez, Roberto Tupas, Rosario Lazzaro, Gennaro Spinazzola

FIRST READING*Acts 6:1-7****A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.***

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

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

***Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.***

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.

Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **R.**

For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.

The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

SECOND READING*1 Peter 2:4-9****A reading from the first letter of St Peter.***

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have

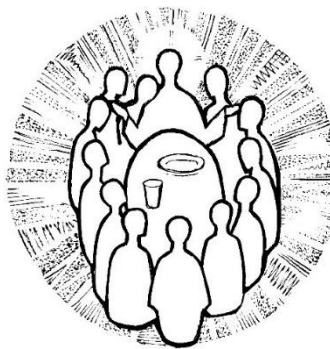
chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL*John 14:1-12****A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.***

Jesus said to his disciples:
'Do not let your hearts be
troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust
in me.

There are many rooms in
my Father's house;
if there were not, I should
have told you.

I am going now to prepare a place for you,
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,
I shall return to take you with me;
so that where I am
you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'
Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are
going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:
'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.
If you know me, you know my Father too.

From this moment you know him and have seen
him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we
shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time,
Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know
me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father,
so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?

Do you not believe

that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:
it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say

that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;

believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other
reason.

I tell you most solemnly,
whoever believes in me
will perform the same works as I do myself,
he will perform even greater works,
because I am going to the Father.'

The word of the Lord.



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

Exploring the Word

We continue to explore the meaning of baptism, of membership of the Church, of living a life which has been immersed in the life and death of Jesus Christ: in other words, we continue our 'Mystagogy' - our training in the mystery of Baptism and the other Sacraments. We hear more about 'who Jesus is', with another 'I am' statement: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life'. We are baptised into his way, his truth and his life.

We hear about the earliest community struggling with the life they are called to by baptism, and Peter again reminds us that baptism builds us into a 'spiritual house' with Jesus as our cornerstone. The mystery of the Church is clearly before us today: the Church is the community of those baptised in Christ, the pilgrim people walking with Christ (who has shown us the Father) to the place he has prepared for us. Today's reading can perhaps make us think a little about how we form part of this 'spiritual house', the Church, as we journey to the Father.



Welcome

This weekend we welcome the Cassar, Kolecki, Lepore, Muscara, Orlando, Ragheb, Santopietro, Stephenson and Zullian families who are preparing to baptise their children this month.

FEDERAZIONE CATTOLICA ITALIANA

La Federazione Cattolica Italiana di APW, ha organizzato una Santa Messa in onore della Madonna per Martedì 9 Maggio 2023, alle ore 7.30pm nella Chiesa di St Christopher's. Il celebrante sarà P. Michael. Tutti la comunità è invitata a partecipare alla s. messa e di portare un fiore per offrirlo alla Madonna. Dopo la S. Messa ci sarà un Rinfresco. Dopo il Rinfresco i membri della FCI sono invitati a rimanere per una breve Riunione. Grazie.

Saint Columban's Mission Society

Dear Parishioners of Saint Christopher's parish,
Airport West,

I am Fr. George Hogarty, a Columban Missionary who has worked in South Korea in Asia and in both Chile and Peru in South America. On the weekend of the 13th & 14th of May 2023, I will be sharing some of my experience of the work of the Missionary Society of Saint Columban, or the Columbans as we are generally known.

The Columbans were founded by two Irish Diocesan priests, Frs. Edward Galvin and John Blowick in 1916 and were originally known in Ireland as the Maynooth Mission to China. However, two years later when Rome gave canonical approval on the 29th of June 1918 to the original Maynooth Mission, it took the name The Missionary Society of St. Columban after its patron Saint Columbanus, the Irish missionary monk who evangelized pagan Europe in the sixth century. St. Columbanus or Columban is distinct from St. Columba, another Irish missionary Monk who went to the Island of Iona in Scotland roughly around the same time. Columban is famous for his words *Cristi Simus, non nostri* which is translated as We are Christ's, not our own.

Since 1918, Columban priests, and later the Columban Sisters and Columban Lay Missionaries inspired by the missionary spirit of St. Columban have been crossing boundaries of language and culture to bring Christ to the poor and marginalized and to protect creation.

I want to invite you to consider becoming readers of our Columban Far East magazine that shares stories of the joys and challenges of the different Christian communities in the 16 countries where Columbans work. By subscribing to our Far East Magazine, you will be able to inform yourselves of the work of the Columban Fathers, Sisters and Lay Missionaries and the peoples we live and work with and possibly become partners in helping the growth of the Churches in Asia, the Pacific and Latin-America where Columbans minister. I look forward to seeing you in the Saturday and Sunday masses for the weekend of the 13th & the 14th of May 2023.

Until then, God bless.

Fr. George G. Hogarty SSC.

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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

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome you to our Parish and ask that you make yourself known to us by completing this form and leaving it in the collection basket or call at the Parish Office.

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____

Email: _____

Do you wish to receive Parish Thanksgiving envelopes?

Yes / No

Payment / Frequency Option (*Please tick one*)

1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Monthly	\$30.00
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PARISH FINANCES (weekending 30 April 2023)

Thanksgiving: \$273.00

Presbytery: \$113.00

Thank You for your Support!!