



ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH

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Our Churches:

St Christopher's Church

34 Roberts Road, Airport West

St Augustine's Church

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(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.

6th Sunday of Easter

(Year A)

13 / 14 May 2023

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 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.

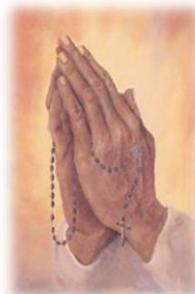
Reconciliations

Every Friday after 9.30am Mass.

Anointing of the sick

As requested.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:



All anniversaries that occur at this time, especially:

Giuseppa Zuccala, Bernadette Bronkhurst, Honora D'Souza, Olive Bronkhurst, Maria Grazia Murdaca, Zaffina Famiglia, Cefala Famiglia, Cappellano Famiglia, Elisabetta Liparota

FIRST READING*Acts 8:5-8,14-17****A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.***

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.**RESPONSORIAL PSALM*****Response:******Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.***

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.

Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! **R.**

'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. **R.**

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.

Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. **R.**

Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul: Blessed be God
who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love for me. **R.**

SECOND READING*1 Peter 3:15-18****A reading from the first letter of St Peter.***

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing

right than for doing wrong.

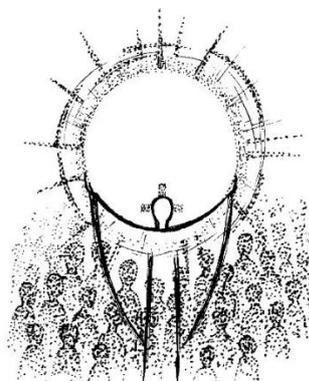
Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL*John 14:15-21****A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.***

Jesus said to his disciples:
'If you love me you will
keep my commandments.
I shall ask the Father,
and he will give you
another Advocate
to be with you for ever,
that Spirit of truth
whom the world can never
receive

since it neither sees nor knows him;
but you know him,
because he is with you, he is in you.
I will not leave you orphans;
I will come back to you.
In a short time the world will no longer see me;
but you will see me,
because I live and you will live.
On that day you will understand that I am in my
Father
and you in me and I in you.
Anybody who receives my commandments and
keeps them
will be one who loves me;
and anybody who loves me will be loved by my
Father,
and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

The word of the Lord.

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

Exploring the Word

By now we are some distance away from Easter, but the season is still permeated with the Easter message: Christ is risen, we are baptised in him. But today a new dimension of the story comes out: Easter is not complete until the risen Lord has returned to the Father and sent the Holy Spirit. So in the Gospel today we begin two weeks of looking forward to the coming of that 'Spirit of truth' which sets us apart from the world.

This is a Spirit of power, which flows through the life of the Church, enabling its members to 'proclaim the Christ' and, dwelling in our hearts, to live in the midst of the world's slander and accusations.

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. This weekend, 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.

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. Until then, God bless.

Fr. George G. Hogarty SSC.

One Mother's Day We pray for

Those with good Mother relationships
May you treasure the time, intimacy and love you share with your Mother.

Those who have lost Mothers
As you grieve, may you remember with gratitude the good times and the hard times you shared with your Mother.

Those who have never known a Mother
May you be supported by spiritual Mothers who can help fill the void of lost experiences.

Those with strained Mother relationships
May you find a safe space to be vulnerable with your story, and to celebrate or not celebrate as you see fit. We pray for reconciliation between you and your Mother.

Those who long to be Mothers
May God grant your longing heart patience, and may you be surrounded by those who love and support you.

Mothers who have lost children
As you grieve, may you be comforted, may the absence of your child not disregard the beauty of celebrating past experiences and the children who are still with you.

Those who missed their chance to be a Mother
As you grieve, may you find strength and peace in the opportunities to nurture and love the children in your village.

Those who have chosen not to be Mothers
May you feel respected in your choice and not be treated as a lesser woman because of it. May you be honoured for the nurture you bring to those in your life.

Those who are Mothers
Whether you are a biological Mother, foster Mother, adoptive Mother or spiritual Mother, may you feel loved, honoured and supported, on Mother's day and always.



Please support these Australian owned businesses that support our Parish



Steve Demos

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0412 106 316

Cullie Plumbing

John

0478 943 649

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License Number: 45531

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Residential & Commercial

Plumbing
Burst pipes
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

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

Would you like to contribute through direct debit?

Yes / No

Payment / Frequency Option (*Please tick one*)

1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Monthly	\$30.00
2.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Quarterly	\$90.00
3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Half Yearly	\$180.00
4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yearly	\$360.00
5.	<input type="checkbox"/>	other amount	

PARISH FINANCES (weekending 7 May 2023)

Thanksgiving: \$371.00

Presbytery: \$151.50

Thank You for your Support!!