



# 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:

Fr Peter Hoang

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## Parish Secretary:

Emilia Balkan

(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.*



## The Ascension of the Lord

(Year A)

20 / 21 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
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#### SUNDAY

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

### St Augustine's Church

#### SUNDAY

Mass	9.00am
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## 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:

Vincenzo Raschilla

Margaret Elliott (Funeral 22/05/23, 10.30am at St Augustine's Church)

### All anniversaries that occur at this time, especially:

Vincent Tartaglia, Giuseppina Taranto, Alice Koh Eng Neo, Raymond Stephen



Fernandez, Vera Agnes Bird, Francesco & Rosina Cappellano, Pauline Restall

**FIRST READING***Acts 1:1-11****A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.***

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

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

***God mounts his throne to shouts of joy;  
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.***

All peoples, clap your hands,  
cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,  
great king over all the earth. **R.**

God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
Sing praise for God, sing praise,  
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**

God is king of all the earth.  
Sing praise with all your skill.  
God is king over the nations;  
God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

**SECOND READING***Ephesians 1:17-23****A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.***

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go, make disciples of all the nations.

I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL***Matthew 28:16-20****A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.***

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

***The word of the Lord.***



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



**Exploring the Word**

Ascension is not just a feast that happens to fall in Eastertide: it is an integral part of the Easter mystery. Remember the Lord's words at the Last Supper: 'I am going to prepare a place for, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me.' The resurrection presumes the Lord's return to the Father. This is therefore a feast of hope: our hope in the Lord's return, as he went. Our hope that he will take us with him, when our bodies are raised as his was. Our hope that we will take our place in heaven, where he sits on the Father's right.

**Catholic Theological College**

Online unit presented over 4 Saturdays 17, 24 June; 7, 14 October  
Teaching Meditation and Prayer  
Lecturer: Dr Christopher Morris  
To enrol or for further information:  
Dr Christopher Knauf  
Registrar: registrar@ctc.edu.au

**Heart of Life's June reflection day**

'Passion on the Big Screen – A Day @ the Movies with Peter Malone msc' (in-person event)  
Saturday 17 June 2023  
10 am – 3.30 pm (AEST)  
We often refer to Jesus as the Word made Flesh. But Colossians I proclaims Jesus as the Image of the Invisible God. Religious images have always been part of spirituality, The 20th century saw moving images emerging on screens, cinemas, television and new modes of streaming. How can we relate to these images as vision for our spiritual lives? Images, symbols, visual metaphors, Christ-figures? We appreciate Lectio Divina. Here we respond to Visio Divina, movie clips, their challenge. Facilitated by Peter Malone msc ~ author, lecturer, founding member of The Film Critics Association and priest. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost: \$60 (BYO lunch).  
Book and pay via website  
www.heartoflife.melbourne, email  
info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel 03 9890 1101.

**A Catholic Social Services Webinar Series**



**Indigenous Voice to Parliament:  
Moments for healing this country**

🕒 4pm - 5pm

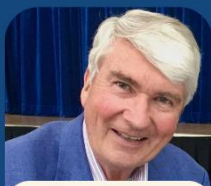
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📅 25 May

**Prof Melissa Castan**  
Director of the Castan Centre  
for Human Rights Law –  
Monash University



📅 29 June

**Fr Frank Brennan SJ**  
Australian Jesuit Priest,  
Human Rights Lawyer and  
academic



📅 27 July

**First Nations Panel**  
Uncle Ron Briggs (Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand),  
Aunty Violet Sheridan (Ngunnawal Elder)  
Esmal Manahan (MacKillop Family Services)

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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 14 May 2023)

Thanksgiving: \$230.00

Presbytery: \$106.00

*Thank You for your Support!!*