



# 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.*

## 30<sup>h</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

28<sup>th</sup> / 29<sup>th</sup> October 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*

**FIRST READING***Exodus 22:20-26***A reading from the book of Exodus.**

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this:

"You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

**The word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Response:**

***I love you, Lord, my strength.***

I love you, Lord, my strength,  
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.  
My God is the rock where I take refuge;  
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.  
The Lord is worthy of all praise:  
when I call I am saved from my foes. **R.**

Long life to the Lord, my rock!  
Praised be the God who saves me.  
He has given great victories to his king  
and shown his love for his anointed. **R.**

**SECOND READING***1 Thessalonians 1:5-10***A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.**

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the

work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

**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***Matthew 22:34-40***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.**

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

**The word of the Lord.**



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



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### MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Parish Mass of Remembrance, celebrated every year around the All Souls Day will be held on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 7.00pm at St Christopher's Church.**

Fr Peter invites you to bring a photo of your loved ones to be placed on the sanctuary steps before Mass.

Your 'Mass for the Holy Souls' envelope from your Thanksgiving pack can be placed with your loved ones names and donation in the collection basket. The names of your deceased loved ones listed on the back of the envelope will be placed in a Memorial Book at the front of the altar.

Spare envelopes are available in the foyer and near the Gospel Lectern.

### MESSA PER I DEFUNTI

La Messa Parrocchiale per i Defunti: Sarà celebrata **Giovedì 2 Novembre alle ore 7.00pm nella Chiesa di St Christopher's.**

P. Peter vi invita di portare una foto dei vostri cari defunti e di posarla ai piedi del Santuario prima della Messa.

Usate la busta marcata 'Mass for the Holy Souls' per mettere dentro la vostra donazione e scrivete sulla busta i nomi dei vostri cari defunti.

Se avete bisogno delle buste queste sono ottenibili alla entrata della Chiesa.



### Exploring the Word

When you look at something like the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and see its 691 pages, or look at the 2,000 pages of the big Jerusalem Bible, you can be forgiven for thinking that Christianity is a complicated affair. But Jesus reminds us today that it is essentially very simple: everything can be summed up in two basic rules: love God, love your neighbour. Exodus backs this up, by talking about the simple love that we must show to each other. Not that this is easy - love is always costly and involves some degree of sacrifice. We will have to change, to become perfect in love; but it is possible, and when we do, like the people of Thessalonica, we become a great example to people everywhere.

### Proclaim 2023

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Enquiries: (03) 9926 5761 or [proclaim@cam.org.au](mailto:proclaim@cam.org.au).

### All Souls' Day Mass at Keilor

All Souls' Day is a day of prayer and remembrance for the souls of those who have died.

Join us for a Mass service at the Ultima Function Centre, located nearby Keilor Cemetery on the corner of Keilor Park Drive and Ely Court, on Saturday 4 November at 11am.

The service will be led in English.

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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*

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16-18 NOVEMBER 2023

ARCHBISHOP PETER A. COMENSOLI  
KYM KEADY  
DR NIGEL ZIMMERMANN  
RON HUNTLEY  
KAREN DOYLE  
FR ROB GALEA

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### PARISH FINANCES (weekending 22 October 2023)

Thanksgiving:

\$297.00

Presbytery:

\$122.50

Thank You for your Support!!