



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

Email: airportwest@cam.org.au

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

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



1st Sunday of Advent (Year B)

2 / 3 December 2023

WORSHIP TIMETABLE

St Christopher's Church

MONDAY

Holy Rosary 9.00am
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)

- Twice a month on Saturday at 11.00am at St Christopher's Church
- Twice a month on Sunday at St Christopher's Church
- Once a month on 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.

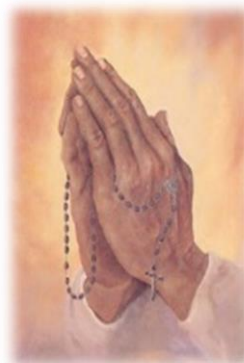
Reconciliations

Every Friday after 9.30am Mass.

Anointing of the sick

As requested.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:



Recently deceased:

John Pace

FIRST READING*Isaiah 63:16-17,64:1,3-8****A reading from the prophet Isaiah.***

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,
 'Our Redeemer' is your ancient name.
 Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways
 and harden our hearts against fearing you?
 Return, for the sake of your servants,
 the tribes of your inheritance.
 Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come
 down!
 – at your Presence the mountains would melt.
 No ear has heard,
 no eye has seen
 any god but you act like this
 for those who trust him.
 You guide those who act with integrity
 and keep your ways in mind.
 You were angry when we were sinners;
 we had long been rebels against you.
 We were all like men unclean,
 all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.
 We have all withered like leaves
 and our sins blew us away like the wind.
 No one invoked your name
 or roused himself to catch hold of you.
 For you hid your face from us
 and gave us up to the power of our sins.
 And yet, Lord, you are our Father;
 we the clay, you the potter,
 we are all the work of your hand.

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

***Lord, make us turn to you,
 let us see your face and we shall be saved.***

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
 shine forth from your cherubim throne.

O Lord, rouse up your might,
 O Lord, come to our help. **R.**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
 look down from heaven and see.

Visit this vine and protect it,
 the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
 the man you have given your strength.

And we shall never forsake you again:
 give us life that we may call upon your name. **R.**

SECOND READING*1 Corinthians 1:3-9****A Reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.***

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send
 you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you
 have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that
 you have been enriched in so many ways, especially
 in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ
 has indeed been strong among you so that you will
 not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you
 are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed;
 and he will keep you steady and without blame until
 the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 because God by calling you has joined you to his Son,
 Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

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

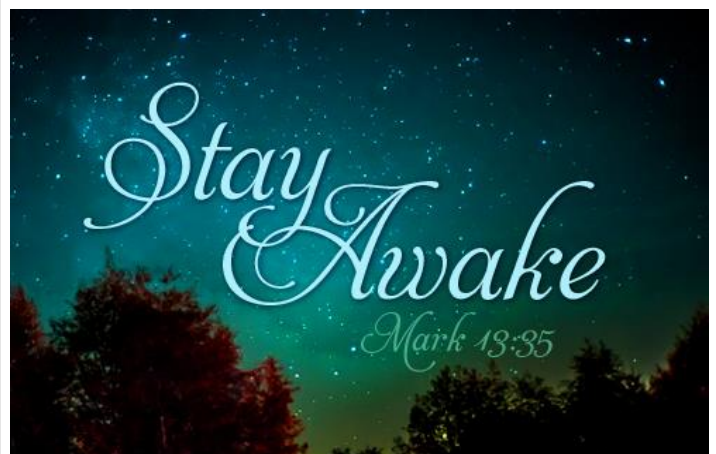
Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
 and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL*Mark 13:33-37****A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.***

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay
 awake, because you never know when the time will
 come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone
 from home, and left his servants in charge, each
 with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper
 to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not
 know when the master of the house is coming,
 evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes
 unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And
 what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

The word of the Lord.



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

Safeguarding

Working with Children Checks

All clergy, employees and volunteers over the age of 18 are required to maintain a current WWCC.

As well as clergy and employees, this also means all volunteers such as:

- Sacristans
- Readers
- Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
- Ministers of Communion to the Sick
- Musicians & Choir Members
- Church Cleaners

If you are unsure or require assistance, please contact the Parish Office.

Code of Conduct Declaration

All volunteers are required to read and sign a Code of Conduct Declaration. Again, this is a requirement of all volunteers.

Please contact the Parish Office to get a copy.



Christmas Carols at the Cathedral

Sunday 17 December 2023

3.00pm–4.15pm

Come along for a family concert of traditional and modern Christmas carols in the beautiful and inspiring space of St Patrick's Cathedral. Featuring Cathedral Brass, Cathedral Schola and the Grand Organ, this performance will include plenty of audience participation, a children's segment and 'special guest' appearance.

Tickets:

Adult—\$30

Concession—\$25

Children aged 15 years and under—free admission.

Tickets can be purchased in advance or are available to purchase (via cash or card) at the door.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Christmas Appeal

As Christmas approaches, we are asking for your continued help and support which enables assistance to be given to those in need.

This year, the St Vincent De Paul Society asks that you contribute generously to our cash appeal.

The Christmas Appeal collection will be held this weekend (2 / 3 December 2023).

Many thanks for your past generosity and ongoing support.

Volunteers needed

The Airport West Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society assists people in need who live within the boundary of St Christopher's Parish. We are fortunate that since the first Conference was established in 1968 there have been enough members to carry out this work.

Unfortunately, this is no longer the case. We desperately need new members to enable us to continue in our work of assisting the most vulnerable people in our community.

If you are interested in obtaining further information on the role of a Conference Member, please call Michael on 0425 775 690.

Piety Stall

It is with regret that the St Vincent de Paul Society Airport West Conference advises that it is no longer in a position to continue operating the Piety Stall at St Christopher's Church. Thank you to our parishioners who have supported us over many years.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

Volunteers needed to sell tickets
before and after Mass

St Christopher's Parish Christmas Raffle

Ticket Prices:

\$2 per ticket

or

\$5 for 3 tickets

*Raffle will be drawn on
Sunday 17 December 2023
at the 10.30am Mass.*

Please support these Australian owned businesses that support our Parish



Steve Demos

info@fastactioncleaning.com.au

0412 106 316

Cullie Plumbing

John

0478 943 649

john@cullieplumbing.com.au

License Number: 45531

ABN: 77372349503

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

Advent / Christmas Mass Schedule

Advent Reconciliation

Thursday 14th December 2023

St Christopher's Church:
7.30pm

4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday 23rd December 2023

St Christopher's Church:
5.00pm

Sunday 24th December 2023

St Christopher's Church:
8.30am (*Mass in Italian*)
10.30am (*Mass in English*)

St Augustine's Church:
9.00am

Christmas Eve

Sunday 24th December 2023

St Christopher's Church:
5.00pm (*Family Mass*)
9.30pm (*Vigil Mass*)

St Augustine's Church:
7.00pm

Christmas Day

Monday 25th December 2023

St Christopher's Church:
8.45am (*Mass in Italian*)
10.30am (*Mass in English*)



PARISH FINANCES (weekending 26 November 2023)

Thanksgiving: \$297.00
Presbytery: \$127.50

Thank You for your Support!!!