



ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH

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



2nd Sunday of Advent (Year B)

9 / 10 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
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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)

- 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:



All anniversaries that occur at this time, especially:

Salvatore Scarpino (1 Month Anniversary), Vincenzo è Giuseppe Caterina Monteleone, Bruno Daniele, Leo De Maria, Maria Antonia Rullo, Carlo Simeoni, Antonino & Concetta Campione, Angela & Vito Sanzaro, Maria Sanzaro, Layla Richards

FIRST READING*Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11****A reading from the prophet Isaiah.***

'Console my people, console them'
says your God.

'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem
and call to her

that her time of service is ended,
that her sin is atoned for,
that she has received from the hand of the Lord
double punishment for all her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness
a way for the Lord.

Make a straight highway for our God
across the desert.

Let every valley be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low.

Let every cliff become a plain,
and the ridges a valley;

then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed
and all mankind shall see it;

for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain,
joyful messenger to Zion.

Shout with a loud voice,
joyful messenger to Jerusalem.

Shout without fear,
say to the towns of Judah,

'Here is your God.'

Here is the Lord coming with power,
his arm subduing all things to him.

The prize of his victory is with him,
his trophies all go before him.

He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,
gathering lambs in his arms,

holding them against his breast
and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response:

***Lord, let us see your kindness,
and grant us your salvation.***

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.

His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.

Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

SECOND READING*2 Peter 3:8-14****A Reading from the second letter of St Peter.***

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL*Mark 1:1-8****A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.***

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

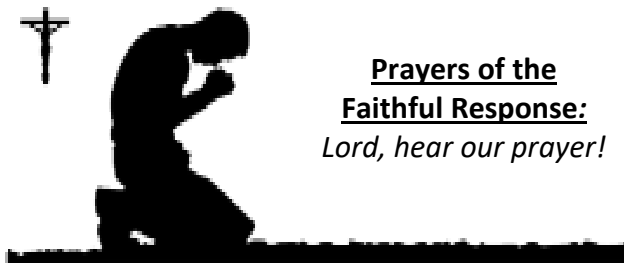
Look, I am going to send my messenger before you;
he will prepare your way.

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.
and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the

course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

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.

Aswell 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.

Melbourne Overseas Mission Collection

Melbourne Overseas Missions (MOM) is a humanitarian organisation founded in 1968 by Cardinal James Knox to provide assistance to developing countries as an outreach of the Catholic Church community in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. MOM programs are based on a Christian motivation of commitment to the poor with strong objectives to encourage self-help and self-reliance, respect human rights and enhance gender equality.

This weekend there will be an extra collection for the Melbourne Overseas Mission. Please give generously.

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 3 December 2023)

Thanksgiving: \$179.50
Presbytery: \$104.50

Thank You for your Support!!!