



# ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH

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<b>Our Churches:</b>	<b>St Christopher's Church</b> 34 Roberts Road, Airport West	<b>St Augustine's Church</b> 100 Harrick Road, Keilor Park
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**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.*

## 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

19 / 20 August 2023

<b><u>WORSHIP TIMETABLE</u></b>	
<b><u>St Christopher's Church</u></b>	
<b>MONDAY</b>	
Holy Rosary	9.00am
Communion Service	9.30am
Italian Charismatic Prayer Group	<i>(after Mass)</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	
Holy Rosary	9.00am
Mass	9.30am
Italian Rosary	<i>(after Mass)</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	
Holy Rosary	9.00am
Mass	9.30am
<b>THURSDAY</b>	
Holy Rosary	9.00am
Mass	9.30am
<b>FRIDAY</b>	
Holy Rosary	9.00am
Mass	9.30am
<b>SATURDAY</b>	
Mass	5.00pm
<b>SUNDAY</b>	
Mass <i>(Italian)</i>	8.30am
Mass <i>(English)</i>	10.30am
<b><u>St Augustine's Church</u></b>	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	
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:**



**Recently deceased:**  
*Giovanna Tornese*

**All anniversaries that occur at this time, especially:**  
*Carmela Accaputo*  
*Filippa Ravaneschi*  
*Vito Oreto*  
*Romanzina Pettinella*  
*Oreste Saidel*

## FIRST READING

*Isaiah 56:1,6-7*

### **A reading from the prophet Isaiah.**

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Response:**

***O God, let all the nations praise you!***

O God, be gracious and bless us  
and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth  
and all nations learn your saving help. **R.**

Let the nations be glad and exult  
for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples,  
you guide the nations on earth. **R.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

May God still give us his blessing  
till the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**



## SECOND READING

*Romans 11:13-15,29-32*

### **A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.**

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God

never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

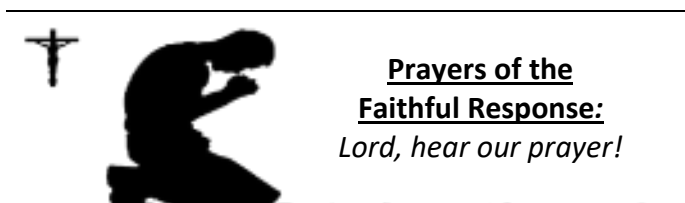
## GOSPEL

*Matthew 15:21-28*

### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.**

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

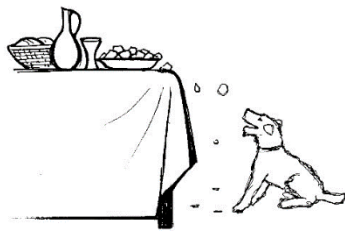
***The word of the Lord.***



**Prayers of the Faithful Response:**

*Lord, hear our prayer!*

**Exploring the Word**



Today is one of those occasions when, even though the second reading is not chosen to correspond to the theme of the Gospel and first reading, it does in fact fit very well. Indeed, much of the letter to the Romans is explained in this Sunday's Liturgy of the Word: the whole theme is summed up in this: the Messiah came first of all to the people of Israel, to whom the promises were made in the past - but it could not remain there. The good news had to be taken to the ends of the earth, so that all peoples, indeed the whole of creation could welcome the Messiah and take a place in the Kingdom of God. All nations are welcome on God's holy mountain: 'Let all the peoples praise you, O God!'

**Thank you from CatholicCare Victoria**

CatholicCare Victoria is deeply grateful for the support of our parish during last week's CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Because of the generosity of our parish community, CatholicCare Victoria can continue to ensure that vulnerable individuals and families in our community have the opportunity to live life to the full. Thank you for helping those in need! For more information about CatholicCare Victoria, please visit: [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au)



**ST HELENA FEAST**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

7pm Mass at St Christopher's Church.  
After Mass, we enter the St Christopher's School Hall for light refreshments and the Brass Band will play some marches.  
Cost: Free

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

St Helena Feast Dinner Dance  
Brookwood Receptions (10-12 Lawson Crescent, Thomastown.  
4 Course Meal plus drinks, Floor Show, Raffle and Brass Band  
Cost: \$85  
For more info please call:  
Victor 0412 991 325  
Maree 0405 754 696  
Rose 0402 487 458  
Mary 9370 5164

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

3pm Feast Mass at St Christopher's Church followed by Procession around the Church grounds with the MMG Concert Band playing Marches in front of the Statue of St Helena.  
Afterwards we enter the Hall for a Concert with Kelli Brogan and DJ Dominic with plenty of dancing.  
Cost: Free

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| DAUGHTER   | DEVIL | LOST      |
| SHEEP      | WOMAN | HOUSEDOGS |
| SCRAPS     | TABLE | WELL      |



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### Cullie Plumbing

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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 13 August 2023)

**Thanksgiving:** \$515.00

**Presbytery:** \$185.40

*Thank You for your Support!!*