



ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH

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Our Churches:

St Christopher's Church

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St Augustine's Church

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(Tuesday – Friday)

Primary Schools

St Christopher's Primary School

34 Roberts Road, Airport West

Principal: Adrian Glasby

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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.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

26 / 27 August 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:



Recently deceased:

Caterina De Salvo

All anniversaries that occur at this time, especially:

Sebastiano Inserra, Rosina Cappellano, Giuseppe Cefala, Inocencia Valdez, Agnes Xuereb

FIRST READING*Isaiah 22:19-23****A reading from the prophet Isaiah.***

Thus says the Lord of Hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.

I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.

I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.

I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

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

***Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.***

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.

Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **R.**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.

On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.

Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **R.**

**SECOND READING***Romans 11:33-36****A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.***

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

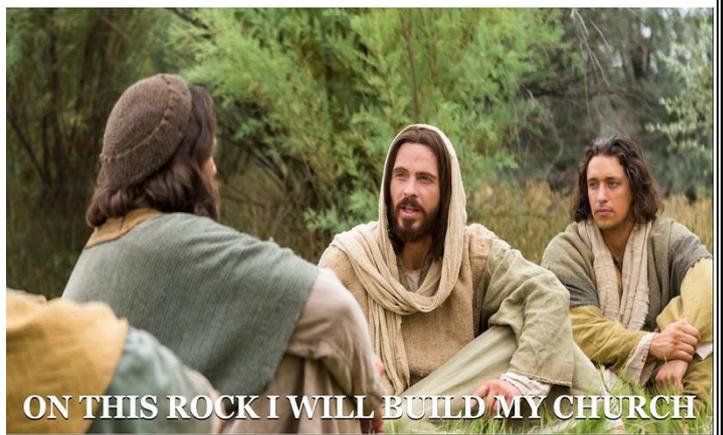
You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;

the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL*Matthew 16:13-20****A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.***

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

The word of the Lord.



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

Exploring the Word



There is a very simple theme to this Sunday's readings: it is the principle of authority in the community of the Church: we are introduced to the idea that God gives authority to someone in the first reading, where Shebna is dismissed by God and replaced. This is a prelude to the Gospel story of Peter being given authority: not because he is powerful or wise in the world's sense, but because he was able to profess his faith in the one sent by the Father. This is the principle of all authority in the Church: it is to spring only from God and our faith in God, professed by our way of life and rooted only in Christ, for 'to him all authority, in heaven and on earth, has been given.'

'True North' Young Adults Group

'True North' young adults group is meeting this Sunday 27 August 6:30pm - 8:30pm (after 5:30pm Mass at St Monica's). The night includes food, social, and WYD testimonies.

Location: St Monica's Catholic Church (Symons Centre), 820 Mt Alexander Rd, Moonee Ponds.

Ages 18-35 welcome. More queries: please email truenorth90stable@gmail.com

True North is for young adults from all our local region, supported by the local parishes.

ST HELENA FEAST

Sunday 27th 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

The Archbishop's Father's Day 2023

Collection for Retired & Sick Priests

In 1990 Archbishop Little established the Priests Retirement Foundation with the motto "caring for those who cared".

Priests are not employees of the Archbishop or the Parish so they are not eligible for Superannuation.

Like everyone else in the workplace priests provide for their retirement by contributing 12.5% of the weekly presbytery collection to the Foundation.

Last financial year the Foundation spent \$4.375 million dollars "caring for those who care" – our retired priests.

The Foundation depends on your support. As Archbishop Comensoli says:

"It has been a wonderful custom in the Archdiocese of Melbourne to allow the faithful of the Archdiocese to show something of their own appreciation through an annual Father's Day Appeal. The appeal goes to the care of retired and sick priests by providing suitable accommodation, medical assistance and a comfortable standard of living for them. May I commend the Appeal to you. Please pray for you priests, as they pray for you!"

Envelopes will be available at all masses next weekend.

Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. Receipts are issued for donations of \$5 or more.

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Burst pipes
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Leaking taps & showers
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 20 August 2023)

Thanksgiving: \$252.50

Presbytery: \$95.00

Thank You for your Support!!