



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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Parish Priest:

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(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.

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

2 / 3 September 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:

Glenn Pheiffer

FIRST READING*Jeremiah 20:7-9****A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.***

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;

you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.

I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl
and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me
insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, 'I will not think about him,
I will not speak in his name any more.'

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response:

***My soul is thirsting for you,
O Lord my God.***

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **R.**

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**

For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. **R.**

SECOND READING*Romans 12:1-2****A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.***

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart,

that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.

Alleluia!

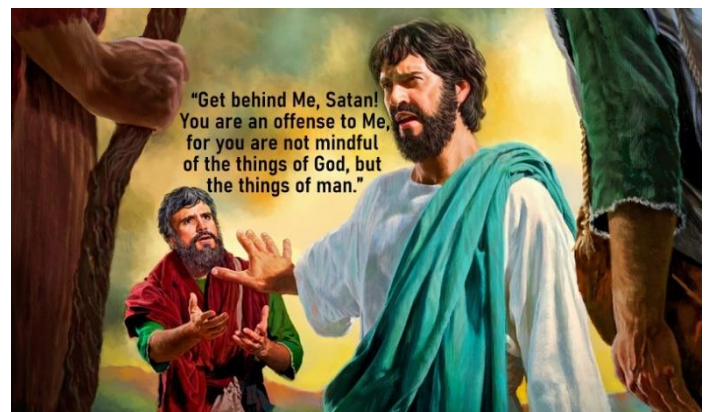
GOSPEL*Matthew 16:21-27****A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.***

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord;' he said 'this must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?'

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

The word of the Lord.



"Get behind Me, Satan!
You are an offense to Me,
for you are not mindful
of the things of God,
but
the things of man."



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

Exploring the Word

A quick glance at last week's Gospel reveals the interesting development of the story: last week, we heard Peter proclaiming that Jesus was the Messiah, and being given authority as a result. This week, Peter gets it wrong: he is rebuked by the Lord because he does not understand who the Messiah is. The Messiah is the one who will give everything for his people - even his own life. To be a follower of Jesus demands an understanding and acceptance of this fact, and a willingness to take up the cross as Jesus did. Our introduction to this is the prophet Jeremiah - also persecuted for doing and saying what was right. Have a look at the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, where this twinning of Jeremiah and prophecy of persecution also appears.

Prayer for *Father's Day*

God our Father,
We give you thanks and praise
for fathers young and old.
We pray for young fathers,
newly embracing their vocation;
May they find courage and perseverance
to balance work, family and faith
in joy and sacrifice.
We pray for Fathers around the world
whose children are lost or suffering;
May they know that the God of compassion
walks with them in their sorrow.
We pray for men who are not fathers
but still mentor and guide us
with fatherly love and advice.
We remember fathers, grandfathers,
and great grandfathers
who are no longer with us
but who live forever in our memory
and nourish us with their love.

Amen.

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 this weekend.

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

'True North' Young Adults Group

'True North' young adults group is meeting every second Sunday of the month 6:30pm - 8:30pm (after 5:30pm Mass at St Monica's).

The night includes food, fellowship, and faith discussion

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.

catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023

Supporting Safe Communities

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2023
10 SEPTEMBER



Please support these Australian owned businesses that support our Parish



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Residential & Commercial

Plumbing
Burst pipes
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Underground bursts
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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 27 August 2023)

Thanksgiving: \$262.50

Presbytery: \$115.00

Thank You for your Support!!