



ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH

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Our Churches:

St Christopher's Church

34 Roberts Road, Airport West

St Augustine's Church

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Parish Priest:

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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

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.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

9 / 10 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:

Michele Bufalino

Sophia Santos

All anniversaries that occur at this time, especially:

Sebastian D'Lima, Nino

Diestefano, Carmine Martino

FIRST READING*Ezekiel 33:7-9****A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.***

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

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

***O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.***

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord:
hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

**SECOND READING***Romans 13:8-10****A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.***

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You

shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

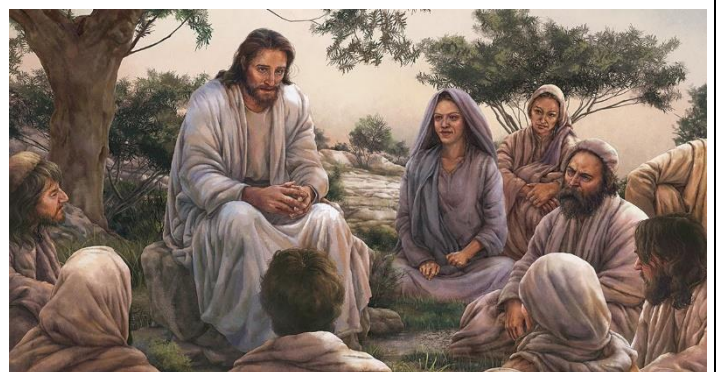
Alleluia!

GOSPEL*Matthew 18:15-20****A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.***

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between you two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

The word of the Lord.

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

Exploring the Word

'No man is an island...' How true this is for those who follow Christ: each of us has responsibilities towards each other, based on our 'debt of mutual love'. When we see wickedness and wrongdoing, then because of our privileged position of following the Lord Jesus, we have a duty to speak out. This will not always be easy - remember the prophet Jeremiah last week - but this was the mission of the Lord Jesus himself, and as his followers, it is our mission too. As with everything, love is 'the answer to every one of the commandments.'



'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.

Waiting at the Well - 4x Thu, 5, 12, 19 & 26 Oct, 10am-12.30pm

(in-person event)

Carole Carmody rsm, Julie Adam

This series offers an opportunity for those waiting to have their thirst quenched at the Well of Life to explore the depths of wisdom in their own heart, to recognise wisdom in the encounter with another, and to dwell in the Heart of Contemplation. Places limited.

Bookings via

<https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/waiting-at-the-well-series/>

or email info@heartoflife.melbourne

Cost \$100 for the series or \$30 per session.

[catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023](https://www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023)

Supporting Safe Communities

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2023
10 SEPTEMBER



The Parish of St Christopher's and the Diocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work to build and support safe communities for all people.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:

www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023

Prayer

Gracious God,

you love and care for all of your children,
especially the smallest and most vulnerable.

We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at
risk

who have been abused, neglected or exploited
and whose trust and innocence have been destroyed.

Help us to hear their cries of pain
and to take responsibility for those whose lives have
been broken.

Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded
by abuse,
and the failure to be heard.

We pray that with the help of your grace
communities and families will find understanding and
support,

so that now and in the future
their wounds may be healed
and they may find lasting peace.

Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our
children and adults at risk,
giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience
to seek out assistance when required.

We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your
Son,

who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

Amen

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

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 3 September 2023)

Thanksgiving: \$286.50

Presbytery: \$137.00

Thank You for your Support!!