



# ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH

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## Our Churches:

### **St Christopher's Church**

34 Roberts Road, Airport West

### **St Augustine's Church**

100 Harrick Road, Keilor Park

## Parish Priest:

Fr Peter Hoang

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## Parish Secretary:

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.*

## 25<sup>h</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

23 / 24 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:

Giuseppina "Josephine" Tesoriero  
(Funeral Tuesday 26 September, 11am at St Christopher's Church)

John Harvie Barradell

Angelina DeFazio (in Italy)

#### All anniversaries that occur at this time, especially:

Bruno & Maria Antonina Daniele,  
Caterina De Salvo

**FIRST READING***Isaiah 55:6-9****A reading from the prophet Isaiah.***

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,  
call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way,  
the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on  
him,

to our God who is rich in forgiving;  
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above earth  
as my ways are above your ways,  
my thoughts above your thoughts.

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

***Response:***

***The Lord is near to all who call him.***

I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever.

The Lord is great, highly to be praised,  
his greatness cannot be measured. **R.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.

He is close to all who call him,  
who call on him from their hearts. **R.**

**SECOND READING***Philippians 1:20-24,27****A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians.***

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very

much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,  
to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL***Matthew 20:1-16****A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.***

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, “You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage.” So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, “Why have you been standing here idle all day?” “Because no one has hired us” they answered. He said to them, “You go into my vineyard too.” In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, “Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first.” So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. “The men who came last” they said “have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day’s work in all the heat.” He answered one of them and said, “My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?” Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.’

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



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

### Exploring the Word



We can never hope fully to understand God: especially God's generosity. We are very good at working out who is deserving of good fortune and who is not -

unfortunately for us, God's gifts go to those God chooses, not those we choose. An example is forgiveness: those who have done the most wrong are those who receive the greatest forgiveness when they turn to God - perhaps at times we begrudge this gift. Today's lesson is simply this: God's ways are not our ways, God's thought are not our thoughts.

### ALPHA Group

We are trying to form an ALPHA group in our parish. Deacon Royden will be coming to visit us to explain and invite parishioners who would like to join the group.

The purpose of this group is to enhance the Catholic faith, social life, relationship among those who need support to help each other to live Catholic faith in our parish in conjunction with other parishes.

All are invited to attend Mass on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 9.00am (St Augustine's Church) or 10.30am (St Christopher's Church).

### 2024 Study Tour

Journey with Paul: Türkiye – Greece  
20 September – 6 October 2024

Tour Leader: Dr Rosemary Canavan

Online Information Sessions: Saturday 16, 23 September, or 7 October 2023 at 2pm

Participants have the opportunity to undertake a study unit with CTC in conjunction with the tour for credit towards an award

RSVP & further information:

[rosemary.canavan@ctc.edu.au](mailto:rosemary.canavan@ctc.edu.au)



### Caritas Australia's Emergency Appeals – Morocco / Libya

Caritas Australia needs your support to respond to the devastating earthquake in Morocco and floods in Libya. Thousands of people have died and others have been injured. Communities need shelter, food, water and medical assistance. Please support Caritas Australia's emergency appeals.

Donate at [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au)

### Engaging Your Faith Online Series

Choose from 14 sessions in October and November 2023

Engaging Your Faith is a series of short, online presentations that invite participants to reflect on what it means to be people of faith in the contemporary world.

Experienced lecturers from Catholic Theological College present on a variety of topics such as Philosophy, Spirituality, Biblical Studies, Christian Meditation, Theology, Interfaith Relations, and issues in Science and Religion.

### Cost

- \$25 per session: for people NOT seeking teaching accreditation

- \$40 per session: for teachers seeking accreditation

Visit our website for a full description of the sessions and to register.

Email Vi Panganiban for further information

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### Marriage Anniversary Mass, St Patrick's Cathedral

Sunday, October 22, 2023

11:00am – 12:00pm

Couples and families are invited to join us as we celebrate our annual Anniversary Mass.

Couples who register and are celebrating the following anniversaries—5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th or 40 years and above—will receive a commemorative certificate.

Register by Sunday 15 October at

[trybooking.com/CLKRB](http://trybooking.com/CLKRB) . For all enquiries, please contact Proclaim on 9926 5721 or email [proclaim@cam.org.au](mailto:proclaim@cam.org.au) .

### Riunione Della Federazione Cattolica Italiana

La prossima riunione della Federazione Cattolica di APW si terrà Mercoledì 27 Settembre alle ore 8pm nella Saletta Comunitaria.

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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 17 September 2023)

**Thanksgiving:** \$193.50

**Presbytery:** \$105.50

*Thank You for your Support!!*