



# 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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<b>Parish Secretary:</b> Emilia Balkan (Tuesday – Friday)		

**May our children flourish** *St Christopher's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.*

ENSURING THE SAFETY AND WELLBEING OF CHILDREN IN OUR CARE

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

30<sup>th</sup> September / 1<sup>st</sup> October 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:**



**All anniversaries that occur at this time, especially:**  
*Domenico Basile, Nino Distefano, Sam Calleja*

**FIRST READING***Ezekiel 18:25-28***A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.**

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

**The word of the Lord.****RESPONSORIAL PSALM****Response:****Remember your mercies, O Lord.**

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. **R.**

Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
Do not remember the sins of my youth.

In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**

The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

**SECOND READING***Philippians 2:1-11***A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians.**

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,  
yet he did not cling  
to his equality with God

but emptied himself  
to assume the condition of a slave,  
and became as men are;  
and being as all men are,  
he was humbler yet,  
even to accepting death,  
death on a cross.  
But God raised him high  
and gave him the name  
which is above all other names  
so that all beings in the heavens,  
on earth and in the underworld,  
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus  
and that every tongue should acclaim  
Jesus Christ as Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

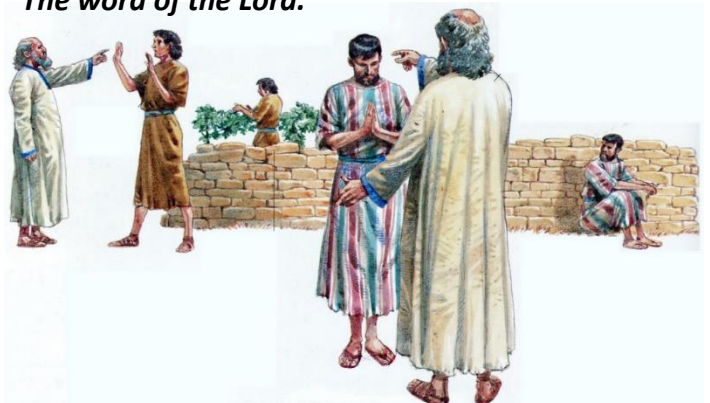
**The word of the Lord.****GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL***Matthew 21:28-32***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.**

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

**The word of the Lord.**



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

### **Exploring the Word**

Once a sinner, always a sinner. That seems to be the attitude of the self-righteous in the first reading and the Gospel; they object that God is unjust, because he gives sinners another chance. But God tells them quite clearly that such attitudes are the real injustice - to allow prejudice and hardness of heart to come between repentance and forgiveness. The words of Christ in the Gospel must have struck a chill into the hard hearts of the so-called righteous chief priests - even today they can make us stop and think: Prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. All our outward show matters little, if it does not correspond with what is deep in our hearts; all our words are meaningless, if they do not correspond with the way we live our lives.

### **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).

### **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) .

### **How to recognise and overcome**

### **THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS**

### **An outstanding series for catholics.**

### **Presented by Bishop Robert Barron**

Part of being a follower of Christ is to build Christian community and fellowship. Therefore, you are invited to join us and experience the wisdom of Bishop Robert Barron (of the Word on Fire productions) who will walk us through “The Seven Deadly Sins” and explain the patterns of dysfunction within us that lead to unhappiness. Most importantly you will be taken on a journey to explore the antidotes to each sin (Virtues) that will set us on the right path to healing and happiness.

FREE TO ALL- Come along and be part of a special event.

- First session is on Tuesday night on 17th October, from 7pm(seven weeks course)
- Refreshments, and handouts provided.
- Held at St Marys Primary school Hall - Roseberry Street Ascot vale.
- Reserve your spot as places are limited.

If you have any questions or want to know more about this truly special event call (or text) Joseph Librandi on 0401315610 or send an email to

[ujust9@gmail.com](mailto:ujust9@gmail.com)

RSVP by 10th October

**St Columba's College**

**Spring  
Music  
Concert**

**Monday 16th October 2023**

**6.30pm**

**The Clocktower Centre**

**Tickets :**  
**[clocktowercentre.com.au](http://clocktowercentre.com.au)**  
**or call 9243 9191**

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### 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 24 September 2023)

**Thanksgiving:** \$228.00

**Presbytery:** \$128.00

*Thank You for your Support!!*