



# 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.*

## 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> October 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:

Grace Del'Prete

Jeremy Russell Pereira

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

Norah Grenier Pereira, Luigi

Bosich, Michele Mollica, Nicolino

Mollica, Giuseppe Tomassi

**FIRST READING***Isaiah 5:1-7****A reading from the prophet Isaiah.***

Let me sing to my friend  
the song of his love for his vineyard.  
My friend had a vineyard  
on a fertile hillside.  
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones  
and planted choice vines in it.  
In the middle he built a tower,  
he dug a press there too.  
He expected it to yield grapes,  
but sour grapes were all that it gave.  
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and men of Judah,  
I ask you to judge  
between my vineyard and me.  
What could I have done for my vineyard  
that I have not done?  
I expected it to yield grapes.  
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?  
Very well, I will tell you  
what I am going to do to my vineyard:  
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,  
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.  
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;  
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.  
I will command the clouds  
to rain no rain on it.  
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts  
is the House of Israel,  
and the men of Judah  
that chosen plant.  
He expected justice, but found bloodshed,  
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

***The word of the Lord.*****RESPONSORIAL PSALM*****Response:******The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.***

You brought a vine out of Egypt;  
to plant it you drove out the nations.  
It stretched out its branches to the sea,  
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **R.**

Then why have you broken down its walls?

It is plucked by all who pass by.  
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,  
devoured by the beasts of the field. **R.**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.

Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**

And we shall never forsake you again:  
give us life that we may call upon your name.

God of hosts, bring us back;  
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **R.**

**SECOND READING***Philippians 4:6-9****A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians.***

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,  
because I have made known to you  
everything I have learnt from my Father.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL***Matthew 21:33-43****A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.***

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard

to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

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



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

### **Exploring the Word**



Today we focus on the vineyard: frequently we see the vineyard as an image or parable of the Kingdom of God. A vineyard takes a great deal of work, throughout the year; it must be tended, watered, pruned, cared for if there is to be any fruit - there

are no quick results with vines. So the financial and labour investments made would create high expectations for a good crop. How heartbreaking when the fruit is as sour as vinegar! So it was with God and his people: he invested immense care and love on them, tending then and giving them what they needed - but the fruit was rotten and sour. What can God do? Hand the vineyard over to some tenants who will bring in a harvest. That is us, the new people of Israel: but what sort of harvest will we produce?

### **\*\* Parking \*\***

St Christopher's Hall is being used as a voting centre for the Referendum on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2023, and therefore the parking gates will not be open for the duration of the day. If you are planning on attending the 5pm Mass on this day, please ensure you give enough time to find parking on the street. Apologies for any inconvenience.

### **ALPHA Group**

We thank Deacon Royden for attending our Parish last weekend to talk to Parishioners about ALPHA. For anyone interested, please write your name down on the list in the church foyer.

### **Catholic Mission Church Appeal**



Tuberculosis, malnutrition and maternal mortality are conditions all too familiar for the people of Timor-Leste.

In two weeks' time you will learn about

the work of the Salesian Sisters, including nurse, Sister Carolina, who desires to see better outcomes for her community. We will also share the story of 8-month-old Jose\* and his desperate need for medical attention.

***We have the opportunity to partner with this life-giving work, and your prayers and generosity are crucial in ensuring this program can continue.***

This opportunity is a great way to commit to the missionary movement, as He reminds us in Luke 24:13-35, the fire of Christ burns within us and encourages us to take action for those in most need.

*\*Name altered to protect identity*

### **S. Messa in onore Della Madonna**

La Federazione di Airport West ha organizzato un Santa Messa in onore Della Madonna per Martedì 10 Ottobre 2023, alle ore 7.30pm in questa chiesa. Siete invitati di portare un fiore e offrirlo alla Madonna. Dopo la Santa Messa ci sarà un rinfresco. Tutti benvenuti!

Il gruppo dell'Rosario in questa parrocchia celebra il 40<sup>mo</sup> Anniversario questo mese. Rendiamo grazie alla Madonna per questo dono e ringraziamo tutti coloro che sono stati coinvolti con la recita del Santo Rosario qui a St Christopher's.

### **Funzione Sociale**

La Federazione di Airport West ha organizzato una Serata Sociale per Sabato 21 Ottobre 2023 nella sala di St Christopher's alle ore 7pm.

Costo: \$25.00 musica : fieste

Per informazioni o prenotazioni rivolgersi a I membri della Federazione oppure telefonare a

Isabella: 0403163121 o

Sam Montalto: 0425800085. Grazie

Please support these Australian owned businesses that support our Parish



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### Cullie Plumbing

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#### Residential & Commercial

Plumbing  
Burst pipes  
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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 1 October 2023)

Thanksgiving: \$387.00

Presbytery: \$136.50

Thank You for your Support!!