



# 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

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



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent (Year B)

16 / 17 December 2023

## WORSHIP TIMETABLE

### St Christopher's Church

#### **TUESDAY**

Holy Rosary 9.00am

Mass 9.30am

#### **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*)

- Twice a month on Saturday at 11.00am at St Christopher's Church
- Twice a month on Sunday at St Christopher's Church
- Once a month on 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:

*Dorothy Lorna Roman*

*Praxedes Leopando*

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

*Fernando Sim, Giuseppe & Cristofino Campione, Maria Grazia Murdaca*

**FIRST READING***Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11****A reading from the prophet Isaiah.***

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,  
for the Lord has anointed me.  
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor,  
to bind up hearts that are broken;  
to proclaim liberty to captives,  
freedom to those in prison;  
to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.  
'I exult for joy in the Lord,  
my soul rejoices in my God,  
for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation,  
he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity,  
like a bridegroom wearing his wreath,  
like a bride adorned in her jewels.  
'For as the earth makes fresh things grow,  
as a garden makes seeds spring up,  
so will the Lord make both integrity and praise  
spring up in the sight of the nations.'

***The word of the Lord.*****RESPONSORIAL PSALM*****Response:******My soul rejoices in my God.***

My soul glorifies the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.  
He looks on his servant in her nothingness;  
henceforth all ages will call me blessed. **R.**

The Almighty works marvels for me.

Holy his name!

His mercy is from age to age,  
on those who fear him. **R.**

He fills the starving with good things,  
sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel, his servant,  
remembering his mercy. **R.**

**SECOND READING***1 Thessalonians 5:16-24****A Reading from the first letter of St Peter to the Thessalonians.***

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus.

Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit,

soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL***John 1:6-8,19-28****A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.***

A man came, sent by God.

His name was John.

He came as a witness,  
as a witness to speak for the light,  
so that everyone might believe through him.

He was not the light,  
only a witness to speak for the light.

This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied:

a voice that cries in the wilderness:

Make a straight way for the Lord.'

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

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

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



ADVENT APPEAL FOR  
*Ukraine*



In response to the continued conflict in Ukraine, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli is launching a special Advent appeal, the proceeds of which will go towards providing aid and practical assistance to those who have been displaced and are without basic supplies, especially as winter approaches.

‘There are no winners in war, only families torn apart. Sadly, this is the painful reality facing so many at this time,’ Archbishop Comensoli reflected.

‘I’m inviting the faithful of Melbourne to offer whatever they can at this time. And I pray that, together, we can be a sign of God’s nearness to those who need it most.’

Cards and envelopes are available in the church foyer.

### Christmas Carols at the Cathedral

Sunday 17 December 2023

3.00pm–4.15pm

Come along for a family concert of traditional and modern Christmas carols in the beautiful and inspiring space of St Patrick’s Cathedral. Featuring Cathedral Brass, Cathedral Schola and the Grand Organ, this performance will include plenty of audience participation, a children’s segment and ‘special guest’ appearance.

Tickets:

Adult—\$30

Concession—\$25

Children aged 15 years and under—free admission.

Tickets can be purchased in advance or are available to purchase (via cash or card) at the door.



**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
*good works*

### Volunteers needed

The Airport West Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society assists people in need who live within the boundary of St Christopher’s Parish. We are fortunate that since the first Conference was established in 1968 there have been enough members to carry out this work.

Unfortunately, this is no longer the case. We desperately need new members to enable us to continue in our work of assisting the most vulnerable people in our community.

If you are interested in obtaining further information on the role of a Conference Member, please call Michael on 0425 775 690.

**LAST CHANCE TO PURCHASE TICKETS  
AS RAFFLE WILL BE DRAWN THIS  
SUNDAY AFTER 10.30AM MASS**

### **St Christopher’s Parish Christmas Raffle**

Ticket Prices:

\$2 per ticket

or

\$5 for 3 tickets

*Raffle will be drawn on  
Sunday 17 December 2023  
at the 10.30am Mass.*

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](mailto: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



## Advent / Christmas Mass Schedule

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

Saturday 23rd December 2023

St Christopher's Church:

5.00pm

Sunday 24th December 2023

St Christopher's Church:

8.30am (*Mass in Italian*)

10.30am (*Mass in English*)

St Augustine's Church:

9.00am

### Christmas Eve

Sunday 24th December 2023

St Christopher's Church:

4.45pm (*Carols*)

5.00pm (*Family Mass*)

9.30pm (*Vigil Mass*)

St Augustine's Church:

7.00pm

### Christmas Day

Monday 25th December 2023

St Christopher's Church:

8.45am (*Mass in Italian*)

10.30am (*Mass in English*)

### PARISH FINANCES (weekending 10 December 2023)

**Thanksgiving:** \$352.00  
**Presbytery:** \$100.00

Thank You for your Support!!!