



ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH

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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

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 4th / 5th November 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:
Giovanni Fisticchia
Gaetano Natale
Filippa Basile Motz (in Germany)

All anniversaries that occur at this time, especially:
Vincent Ciavarella
Giuseppe Terrizzi
Giuseppe Murdaca
Maria Grazia Murdaca
Domenico Murdaca

FIRST READING*Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10****A reading from the prophet Malachi.***

I am a great king, says the Lord of Hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of Hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. But you, you have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of Hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

The word of the Lord.**RESPONSORIAL PSALM*****Response:******In you, Lord, I have found my peace.***

O Lord, my heart is not proud
nor haughty my eyes.

I have not gone after things too great
nor marvels beyond me. **R.**

Truly I have set my soul
in silence and peace.

A weaned child on its mother's breast,
even so is my soul. **R.**

O Israel, hope in the Lord
both now and for ever. **R.**

**SECOND READING***1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13****A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.***

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you

while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have one Father, your Father in heaven;
you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia.

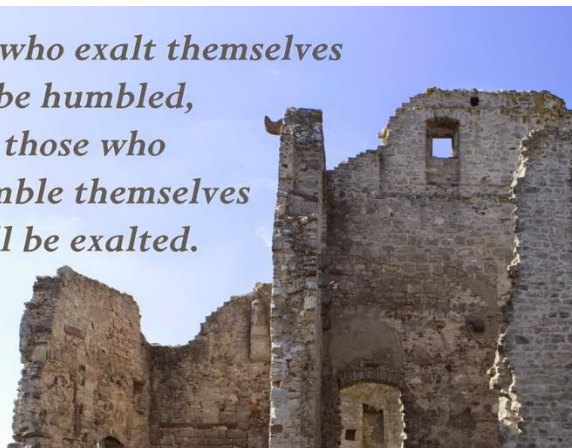
GOSPEL*Matthew 23:1-12****A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.***

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The word of the Lord.

*Those who exalt themselves
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and those who
humble themselves
will be exalted.*





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

Visit of His Excellency Most Rev Paul Gallagher

Secretary for the Relations with States and International Organisations, Secretariat of State, Holy See

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between the Commonwealth of Australia and the Vatican, Archbishop Comensoli is pleased to welcome His Excellency Most Rev Paul Gallagher and the Apostolic Nuncio to Australia – His Excellency Most Rev Charles Balvo to Melbourne. Archbishops Comensoli, Gallagher and Balvo, together with clergy of the Archdiocese, will celebrate Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral on the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica – Thursday 9 November, 5.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

Proclaim 2023

Over three days (16-18 November) join together with parishes from across the Archdiocese of Melbourne to be inspired, engaged and equipped to go out and proclaim the joy of the Gospel into your local community. Hear from inspiring local and international people including Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, Fr Rob Galea, Kym Keady, Karen Doyle, Ron Huntley and more. Encounter Jesus through prayer, music and fellowship and participate in workshops to equip ourselves for mission! Register: <https://proclaim.melbournecatholic.org>. Use the discount code: parishmember to access the special registration price for parishioners.

Enquiries: (03) 9926 5761 or proclaim@cam.org.au.



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.

Piety Stall

It is with regret that the St Vincent de Paul Society Airport West Conference advises that it is no longer in a position to continue operating the Piety Stall at St Christopher's Church. Thank you to our parishioners who have supported us over many years.

Night of the Witnesses

Wednesday 22 November 2023

7.00pm–8.30pm

**St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place
East Melbourne**

An evening of testimony, prayer, song, adoration and reflection to honour the witness of modern-day Christian martyrs and to stand in solidarity with Christians around the world who are suffering persecution for their faith in Jesus Christ.

With its origins at Notre Dame and Sacre Coeur Cathedrals in Paris over 15 years ago, Night of the Witnesses is now a regular feature in cities around the world including Madrid, London, Washington D.C. and Krakow. Last year it was hosted in Canberra and this year we look forward to hosting it at St Patrick's Cathedral in Melbourne.

The evening will be presided by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, with special guest speakers:

- His Beatitude, Patriarch Joseph Absi of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church, Patriarch of Antioch, Alexandria, Jerusalem and all the East
- Mr Xavier Bisits, ACN Head of Projects, Lebanon, Syria and Egypt
- Sr Majella Dogonyaro OP, Dominican Sister, Northern Nigeria.

Remembering the persecuted Church through the witness of modern-day Christian martyrs gives us pause to reflect on the love of Jesus Christ and the power of the Gospel to change the world that we are called to be witnesses in. It is an opportunity to reflect on the strength of our own Christian witness and perhaps to ask the Lord for the grace and courage to be His bright light in a world so desperate for hope. Please, continue to pray for persecuted Christians.

For more information visit

www.aidtochurch.org/notw

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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

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ARCHBISHOP PETER A. COMENSOLI
KYM KEADY
DR NIGEL ZIMMERMANN
RON HUNTLEY
KAREN DOYLE
FR ROB GALEA

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PARISH FINANCES (weekending 29 October 2023)

Thanksgiving:

\$222.00

Presbytery:

\$101.00

Thank You for your Support!!