



# 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.*

## 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> 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:

Ernesto Putrino  
Salvatore Scarpino  
Norma Boyer  
Moz Varquez

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

Antonio Mastromauro, Sirinimal Adikari, Mario Pettinella, Michele Mollica, Umberto Mollica, Elisa Sementilli

**FIRST READING***Wisdom 6:12-16****A reading from the book of Wisdom.***

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.

By those who love her she is readily seen,  
and found by those who look for her.

Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes  
herself known to them.

Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;  
you will find her sitting at your gates.

Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;  
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave  
you.

She herself walks about looking for those who are  
worthy of her

and graciously shows herself to them as they go,  
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Response:**

***My soul is thirsting for you,  
O Lord my God.***

O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise. **R.**

So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**

On my bed I remember you.  
On you I muse through the night  
for you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **R.**

**SECOND READING***1 Thessalonians 4:13-18****A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.***

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not

have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them; to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia.

**GOSPEL***Matthew 25:1-13****A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.***

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

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





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

**Reflection on today's Gospel**

Watch early for wisdom: wise words, and ones that the foolish bridesmaids of the Gospel should have taken to heart. This is the ultimate in putting off till tomorrow..., since the reading is about the end of time, when the Son of Man will come again. Then there will be no tomorrow. If a thing is worth doing, it's worth doing today. Quite often we contemplate the end of time with anxiety and fear: this is not what God wants. Look at the Psalm, where we hear of desperate longing, a thirst for the Lord, that cannot wait. We should not just wait for the Lord with patient endurance, but with impatient longing: what could we desire more than the coming of the Lord, the rising of the dead and an eternity of joy and glory?

**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](mailto: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

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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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16-18 NOVEMBER 2023

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

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### PARISH FINANCES (weekending 5 November 2023)

Thanksgiving:

\$156.00

Presbytery:

\$80.00

Thank You for your Support!!