



ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH

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Our Churches:

St Christopher's Church

34 Roberts Road, Airport West

St Augustine's Church

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Parish Priest:

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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.



1st Sunday of Lent (Year A)

25 / 26 February 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:

Anita Corso

Luigia (Gina) Cinanni

All anniversaries that occur at this time, especially:

Giacomo Palasciano, Grgo Marusic, Anda Vekic

FIRST READING*Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7****A reading from the book of Genesis.***

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

Now the serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death."' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response:

Be merciful. O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.

In your compassion blot out my offence.

O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

My offences truly I know them;

My sin is always before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done. **R.**

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me.

O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. **R.**

SECOND READING*Romans 5:12-19****A Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.***

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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GOSPEL*Matthew 4:1-11****A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.***

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone

but on every word that comes from the mouth of

God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God' he said 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

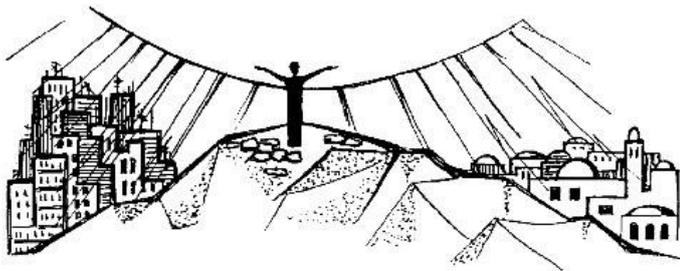
You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these' he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

The Gospel of the Lord.



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

Exploring the Word

In the Cycle of Sunday Readings, the oldest are those of Year A in Lent, these Gospels have accompanied the Church for many centuries. We must realise why: Lent was originally the time of immediate preparation of candidates for Baptism at Easter (something which has been reintroduced to the Church by RCIA): those already baptised used it as a time to prepare for the renewal of Baptismal promises. This is why so much of the Scripture in Lent is about Baptism, New Life and Salvation. What is the new life of Baptism? What are we set free from? What is sin? We begin Lent by hearing about sin and temptation; the Gospel will tell us of Jesus own temptations, something he shares with us, though he did not sin. The other Scripture readings prepare us for the Gospel, in which Jesus, the new Adam, triumphs over temptation.

Project Compassion 2023



Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and For All Future Generations.

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2023 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come.

As St Pope John Paul II said, "The future starts today, not tomorrow."

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations.



You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

CRC North Keilor Year 7 2025 Information Evening and Enrolment



CRC North Keilor are hosting a Year 7 2025 Information Evening on Thursday 16 March at 7 pm. Register your attendance online via the College website

www.crcnk.com.au

Families are invited to attend a tour of the College. Please visit the website for available dates and online booking. An application for enrolment for Year 7 2025 is to be completed online.

For enrolment queries please contact the Enrolment Registrar at enrol@crcnk.vic.edu.au or call on 9361 5904.

RIUNIONE DELLA FEDERAZIONE CATTOLICA ITALIANA

La prossima riunione della Federazione Cattolica di APW si terrà Martedì 28 Febbraio alle ore 8pm nella Saletta Comunitaria.

Please support these Australian owned businesses that support our Parish



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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

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	

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***

PARISH FINANCES (weekending 19 February 2023)

Thanksgiving: \$255.00
Presbytery: \$98.00

