



ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH

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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.

2nd Sunday of Lent (Year A)
4 / 5 March 2023

WORSHIP TIMETABLE

St Christopher's Church

MONDAY

Holy Rosary	9.00am
Communion Service	9.30am
Italian Charismatic Prayer Group	<i>(after Mass)</i>

TUESDAY

Holy Rosary	9.00am
Mass	9.30am
Italian Rosary	<i>(after Mass)</i>

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
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SUNDAY

Mass (Italian)	8.30am
Mass (English)	10.30am

St Augustine's Church

SUNDAY

Mass	9.00am
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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:
Giuseppina Schiavone
Ray Taylor (*Funeral at St Augustine's Church, Thursday 9 March at 1pm*)

All anniversaries that occur at this time, especially:
Giuseppe Accaputo, Gerard Farrell, Maria Carmela Talia, Frank Mazzucchette, Giuseppa Pelligana, Giacomo Palasciano

FIRST READING

Genesis 12:1-4

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Leave your
country and
go to the land
which I will show you.



Genesis 12:1

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The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless

you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:

I will curse those who slight you.

All the tribes of the earth

shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response:

**Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.

The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.. **R.**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 1:8-10

A Reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy.

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

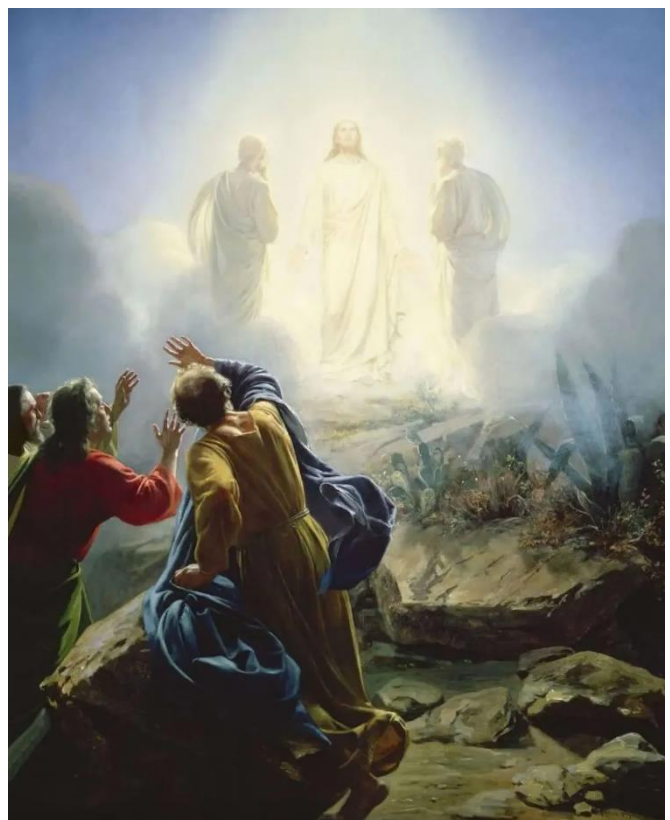
Matthew 17:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord.





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

Exploring the Word

Lent is a Season of preparation for the whole Paschal Triduum, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday: not just a time to reflect on the Cross. Often our Lenten devotions can focus exclusively on the Cross, and the idea of Baptism can be lost. This is why the Church invites us to join the disciples in looking beyond the cross this Sunday: we see the glory of Easter, the glory of the resurrection and the glory of the baptised. We see all this in the Transfiguration: we are invited to recognise who Jesus is. It is the glorified Jesus, whom we will celebrate at Easter, who calls us to journey through Lent, just as God called Abram to journey far from his home. So the readings lead to us acknowledge that Lent is a very special calling, to follow the Lord of glory to the renewal of baptismal purity.

Project Compassion 2023



Tereesa is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. At just 16 years old, she had to leave school after falling pregnant with her first child. A single mother struggling with homelessness, Tereesa's only concern was finding stability for her children. Seeking a better future for her family, Tereesa joined Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation's Young Mums and Bubs Group, supported by Caritas Australia. Baabayn helped Tereesa access housing and psychological support. Today, Tereesa is studying a certificate in Community Services so that she can strengthen her skills and give back to her community. Tereesa now works at Baabayn, providing support to young mothers and mentoring the next generation of young people.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

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/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.



Welcome

This weekend we welcome the Barbuto, Booth, Callanan, Condemi, Cooper, Del-Re, Ferraro, James, Piccolo, Portia, Murphy, Stafrace, Thompson, Withers, families who are preparing to baptise their children this month.

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.

Fiat – A Weekend of prayer

Friday 24 March – Sunday 26 March

The Archdiocese has invited all parishes to join in a weekend of communal prayer, which coincides, with the feast of the Annunciation. At St Christopher's Parish we will commence at 6.30pm on Friday, 24 March 2023 for an hour with the biblical presentation of the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary, her response 'YES' to the invitation of God to become God's mother, music, rosary and finishing with Benediction.

We invite all parishioners to attend and be part of our Archdiocese liturgical preparation.

Voice to Parliament

Catholic Social Services Victoria (CSSV) have released their statement, Relentlessly Pursuing Reconciliation, in support of a constitutionally enshrined Voice to Parliament as articulated by the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

This year's national referendum on the constitution gives an opportunity for Australians to support the Statement from the Heart and to embrace the cries of our First Nations Peoples for a just future, a means of recognition and a way forward for healing and learning together.



To read the full statement please scan the QR code.

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PARISH LENTEN / EASTER CELEBRATIONS

LENTEN RECONCILIATION – RITE II

Thursday, 23 March 2023

St Christopher's Church 7.00pm

PALM SUNDAY VIGIL

Saturday, 2 April 2023

St Christopher's Church 5:00pm (English)

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, 3 April 2023

St Christopher's Church 8:30am (Italian)
10:30am (English)

St Augustine's Church 9:00am (English)

HOLY THURSDAY

Thursday, 6 April 2023

St Christopher's Church 7.30pm

(Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00pm)

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, 7 April 2023

Stations of the Cross

St Christopher's Church 10:00am

Reading of Passion; Veneration of the Cross; Holy Communion

St Christopher's Church 3:00pm

HOLY SATURDAY – EASTER VIGIL

Saturday, 8 April 2023

St Christopher's Church 8:00pm

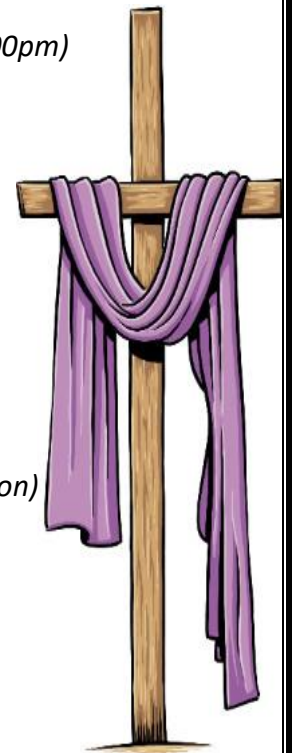
(Easter fire; Blessing of Paschal Candle; Procession of Light; Readings; Holy Communion)

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, 9 April 2023

St Christopher's Church 8:30am (Italian)
10:30am (English)

St Augustine's Church 9:00am (English)



PARISH FINANCES (weekending 19 February 2023)

Thanksgiving: \$232.50
Presbytery: \$92.50

Thank You for your Support!!