



ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH

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Principal: Catherine Steere

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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.



3rd Sunday of Lent (Year A)

11 / 12 March 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:



All anniversaries that occur at this time, especially:

Rosa Fedele, Phillip Boland, Annunziata Daniele, Bruno Daniele, Maria Daniele

FIRST READING*Exodus 17:3-7***A reading from the book of Exodus.**

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?'

Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' the Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The word of the Lord.**RESPONSORIAL PSALM****Response:**

***If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.***

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

SECOND READING*Romans 5:1-2,5-8***A Reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Romans.**

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. And this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

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

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;

give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL*John 4:4-5, 19-26, 39-42***A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.**

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask,

and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water

will get thirsty again;

but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give

will never be thirsty again:

the water that I shall give

will turn into a spring inside him,

welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.' 'I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.'

Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman,

the hour is coming
 when you will worship the Father
 neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.
 You worship what you do not know;
 we worship what we do know:
 for salvation comes from the Jews.
 But the hour will come
 – in fact it is here already –
 when true worshippers will worship the Father in
 spirit and truth:
 that is the kind of worshiper the Father wants.

God is spirit,
 and those who worship
 must worship in spirit and truth.’
 The woman said to him, ‘I know that Messiah – that
 is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell
 us everything.’ ‘I who am speaking to you,’ said Jesus
 ‘I am he.’

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him
 on the strength of the woman’s testimony when she
 said, ‘He told me all I have ever done’, so, when the
 Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay
 with them. He stayed for two days, and when he
 spoke to them many more came to believe; and they
 said to the woman, ‘Now we no longer believe
 because of what you told us; we have heard him
 ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour
 of the world.’

The Gospel of the Lord.



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

Exploring the Word

The Gospel of the third Sunday is the remarkable
 conversation between Jesus and the Samaritan
 woman by the well, the theme is water - which gives
 life, which cleanses, which is so necessary. This
 reading forms part of the catechesis given before
 Baptism at Easter: the candidates who would go into
 the water are invited to reflect on what that means.
 But more necessary than the water which gives life
 is the water which gives eternal life - the water of
 baptism, the water flowing from Jesus’ side on the
 cross. Even if your Church does not have any
 candidates preparing for Baptism, we will all renew
 our baptismal promises at Easter: we should take
 this opportunity to reflect on what baptism has
 given us, and what God has done for us in this gift.

Project Compassion 2023

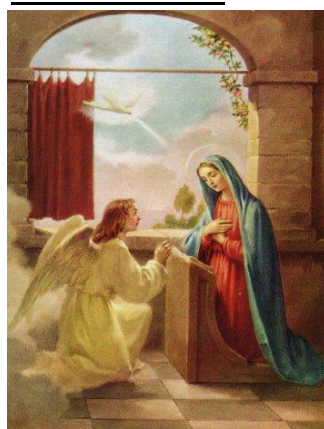


Priscilla lives in the Hwange district
 in Zimbabwe with her husband,
 Charles, and their two grandsons.
 Climate change continues to bring
 unprecedented challenges for
 people living in the most vulnerable
 and remote communities in
 Zimbabwe.

With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt
 conservation farming skills to grow drought-
 resistant crops to support her family during the
 current food crisis. Priscilla was able to produce a
 bumper harvest in her first year of practising
 conservation farming. Priscilla used the funds from
 her harvest to start poultry farming, which enabled
 her to sell eggs to pay for her grandchildren’s school
 fees, books and stationery. The poultry farming
 provides a safety net for Priscilla and her family
 during times of hardship, like the current drought.
 While the situation in Zimbabwe and across eastern
 Africa remains dire, the work of Caritas Hwange
 means that Priscilla can learn the skills she needs to
 build resilience and support her family during this
 current food crisis.

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.

**Fiat - A big 'Yes' of Blessed Virgin Mary to the
 invitation of God**



The Archbishop of
 Melbourne 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 **7.00pm
 on Friday, 24 March 2023**

for an hour of reflection
 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.

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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, 1 April 2023

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

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, 2 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

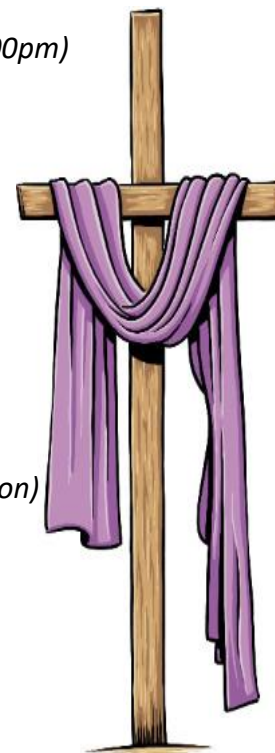
(Easter fire; Blessing of Paschal Candle; Procession of Light; Readings; Holy Communion)

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 5 March 2023)

Thanksgiving: \$540.50

Presbytery: \$137.50

Thank You for your Support!!