



ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH

34 Roberts Road, Airport West

Phone: 9338 3793

Email: airportwest@cam.org.au

Website: <http://pol.org.au/airportwest>

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 Email: airportwest@cam.org.au 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.



5th Sunday of Lent (Year A)

25 / 26 March 2023



<u>WORSHIP TIMETABLE</u>	
<u>St Christopher's Church</u>	
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
SUNDAY	
Mass <i>(Italian)</i>	8.30am
Mass <i>(English)</i>	10.30am
<u>St Augustine's Church</u>	
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:
Steven Tanti

All anniversaries that occur at this time, especially:
Giuseppina Schiavone, Francesca Cicione, Pietro Iannazzo, Giuseppe Monitto, Bruno & Maria Antonina Daniele, Rosa Azzopardi, Angelo Imbastaro, Francesco Timpano, Maria Antonia Timpano, Cecilia Monteleone, Bruno Costa, Giuseppe Danielle

FIRST READING*Ezekiel 37:12-14****A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.***

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

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

***With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.***

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!

O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading. **R.**

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?

But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you. **R.**

My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.

My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak .
(Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.) **R.**

Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity. **R.**

SECOND READING*Romans 8:8-11****A Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.***

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

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

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL*John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45****A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.***

The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already.

When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

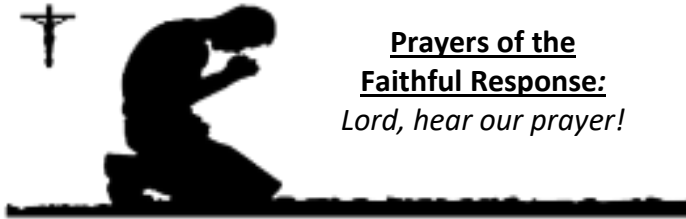
'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.

I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

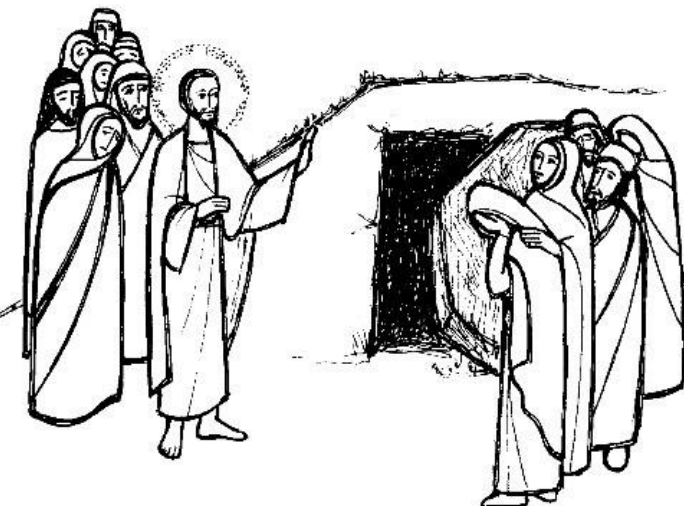
The Gospel of the Lord.



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

Exploring the Word

The Gospel of the Fifth Sunday is perhaps the deepest meditation on the mystery of Baptism and membership of the Church. It is a prelude to the events of Easter Sunday, when we celebrate the triumph of life over death. To be plunged into the waters of baptism is to be buried with Christ, only to rise with him from the waters. This paradox of life and death is the content of today's readings. There is no more important part of our faith than the resurrection: that Christ rose from the dead is the very centre and heart of all that we believe - without it, our faith is useless. In the same way our belief in our own resurrection is vital: it is the most deeply needed gift that Christ gives us. This is why the climax of the instructions given to candidates for Baptism was this teaching: that Christ would give them life after death. Look ahead to the 3rd Sunday of Easter, where Saint Peter preaches to the crowds, what he teaches them is that life comes after death, as it did for Lazarus, and for Christ himself.



Project Compassion 2023



Project Compassion brings together Australian schools, parishes and supporters to raise funds for people in vulnerable communities across the world. This year, we introduced you to the story of four inspiring people whose lives have been transformed with your generous support:

Laxmi, Tereesa, Priscilla and Thu. Today, they are creating a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations.

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

Riunione Della Federazione Cattolica Italiana

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

The Divine Mercy Feast

16th April 2023

at St Christopher's Church
34 Roberts Road,
Airport West 3042

Celebrant
Rev Fr Kishore



Start Time - 2:30pm

Chaplet and Rosary
Followed by Feast Mass,
Procession & Veneration
of St Faustina's Relic



I desire that the whole world know
my infinite Mercy. I desire to grant
unimaginable graces to those
souls who trust in my mercy.

Jesus to St Faustina, 687



