



# 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

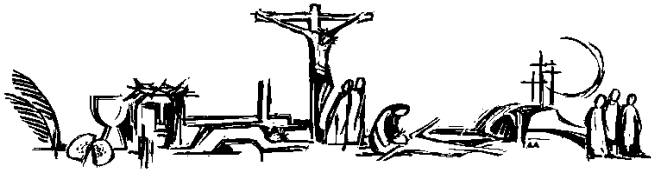
**Principal:** Catherine Steere

**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.*



## Palm Sunday

(Year A)

1 / 2 April 2023

## WORSHIP TIMETABLE

### St Christopher's Church

#### MONDAY

|                                  |              |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Holy Rosary                      | 9.00am       |
| Communion Service                | 9.30am       |
| Italian Charismatic Prayer Group | (after Mass) |

#### TUESDAY

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| Holy Rosary    | 9.00am       |
| Mass           | 9.30am       |
| Italian Rosary | (after Mass) |

#### WEDNESDAY

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| Holy Rosary | 9.00am |
| Mass        | 9.30am |

#### THURSDAY

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| Holy Rosary | 9.00am |
| Mass        | 9.30am |

#### FRIDAY

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| Holy Rosary | 9.00am |
| Mass        | 9.30am |

#### SATURDAY

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| Mass | 5.00pm |
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#### SUNDAY

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

### St Augustine's Church

#### SUNDAY

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| 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:



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

Attilio Accaputo, Carmelo Riotta, Giuseppe Riotta and family, Antonio Riotta and family, Josip Dragicevic, Joseph Valdez, Mark Marku, Kate Marku, Tom Gjergjaj, Jana Gjergjaj, Pasquale & Tony Siclari, Maria Mancuso, Vittorio Mancuso, Tony Mancuso

**FIRST READING***Isaiah 50:4-7***A reading from the prophet Isaiah.**

The Lord has given me  
a disciple's tongue.  
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied  
he provides me with speech.  
Each morning he wakes me to hear,  
to listen like a disciple.  
The Lord has opened my ear.  
For my part, I made no resistance,  
neither did I turn away.  
I offered my back to those who struck me,  
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;  
I did not cover my face  
against insult and spittle.  
The Lord comes to my help,  
so that I am untouched by the insults.  
So, too, I set my face like flint;  
I know I shall not be shamed.

**The word of the Lord.****RESPONSORIAL PSALM****Response:****My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

All who see me deride me.  
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.  
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;  
let him release him if this is his friend.' **R.**

Many dogs have surrounded me,  
a band of the wicked beset me.  
They tear holes in my hands and my feet  
I can count every one of my bones. **R.**

They divide my clothing among them.  
They cast lots for my robe.  
O Lord, do not leave me alone,  
My strength, make haste to help me! **R.**

I will tell of your name to my brethren  
and praise you where they are assembled.  
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;  
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.  
Reverse him, Israel's sons.' **R.**

**SECOND READING***Philippians 2:6-11***A Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians.**

His state was divine,  
yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God  
but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave  
and became as men are;  
and being as all men are, he was humbler yet,  
even to accepting death, death on a cross.  
But God raised him high and gave him the name which is  
above all other names so that all beings in the heavens,  
on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at  
the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim  
Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
Christ became obedient for us even to death,  
dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high  
and gave him a name above all other names.

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

**GOSPEL***Matthew 27:11-54***The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.**

- N** Narrator  
**✠** Jesus  
**O** Other single speaker  
**C** Crowd
- N** Jesus, then, was brought before the governor, and the governor put to him this question:  
**O** Are you the king of the Jews?  
**N** Jesus replied:  
**✠** It is you who say it.  
**N** But when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders he refused to answer at all. Pilate then said to him.  
**O** Do you not hear how many charges they have brought against you?  
**N** But to the governor's complete amazement, he offered no reply to any of the charges. At festival time it was the governor's practice to release a prisoner for the people, anyone they chose. Now there was at that time a notorious prisoner whose name was Barabbas. So when the crowd gathered, Pilate said to them,  
**O** Which do you want me to release for you: Barabbas or Jesus who is called Christ?  
**N** For Pilate knew it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. Now as he was seated in the chair of judgement, his wife sent him a message,  
**O** Have nothing to do with that man; I have been upset all day by a dream I had about him.  
**N** The chief priests and the elders, however, had persuaded the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas and the execution of Jesus. So when the governor spoke and asked them:  
**O** Which of the two do you want me to release for you?  
**N** They said:  
**C** Barabbas.  
**N** Pilate said to them:  
**O** What am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?  
**N** They all said:  
**C** Let him be crucified!  
**N** Pilate said:  
**O** Why? What harm has he done?  
**N** But they shouted all the louder.  
**C** Let him be crucified!

**N** Then Pilate saw that he was making no impression, that in fact a riot was imminent. So he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd and said:

**O** I am innocent of this man's blood.  
It is your concern.

**N** And the people, to a man, shouted back:

**C** His blood be on us and on our children!

**N** Then he released Barabbas for them. He ordered Jesus to be first scourged and then handed over to be crucified.

The governor's soldiers took Jesus with them into the Praetorium and collected the whole cohort round him. Then they stripped him and made him wear a scarlet cloak, and having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a reed in his right hand. To make fun of him they knelt to him saying:

**C** Hail, king of the Jews!

**N** And they spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head with it. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the cloak and dressed him in his own clothes and led him away to crucify him.

On their way out, they came across a man from Cyrene, Simon by name, and enlisted him to carry his cross. When they had reached a place called Golgotha, that is, the place of the skull, they gave him wine to drink. When they had finished crucifying him they shared out his clothing by casting lots, and then sat down and stayed there keeping guard over him. Above his head was placed the charge against him; it read: 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews'. At the same time two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said:

**C** So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself! If you are God's son, come down from the cross!

**N** The chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him in the same way, saying:

**C** He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He put his trust in God; now let God rescue him if he wants him. For he did say, "I am the son of God".

**N** Even the robbers who were crucified with him taunted him in the same way.

From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice:

✠ Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?

**N** That is: 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?'

When some of those who stood there heard this, they said:

**C** The man is calling on Elijah,

**N** And one of them quickly ran to get a sponge which he dipped in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink. The rest of them said:

**C** Wait! See if Elijah will come to save him.

**N** But Jesus, again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.

*(All kneel and pause a moment)*

**N** At that, the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom; the earth quaked; the rocks were split;

the tombs opened and the bodies of many holy men rose from the dead, and these, after his resurrection, came out of the tombs, entered the Holy City and appeared to a number of people.

Meanwhile the centurion, together with the others guarding Jesus, had seen the earthquake and all that was taking place, and they were terrified and said:

**C** In truth this was a son of God.

**N** And many women were there, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus from Galilee and looked after him. Among them were Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

When it was evening, there came a rich man of Arimathaea called Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate thereupon ordered it to be handed over. So Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean shroud and put it in his own new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a large stone across the entrance of the tomb and went away. Now Mary of Magdala and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the sepulchre.

Next day, that is, when Preparation Day was over, the chief priests and the Pharisees went in a body to Pilate and said to him,

**C** Your Excellency, we recall that this imposter said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I shall rise again'. Therefore give the order to have the sepulchre kept secure until the third day, for fear his disciples come and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead'. This last piece of fraud would be worse than what went before.

**N** Pilate said to them:

**O** You may have your guards. Go and make all as secure as you know how.

**N** So they went and made the sepulchre secure, putting seals on the stone and mounting a guard.



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

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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*

## PARISH LENTEN / EASTER CELEBRATIONS

### 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**

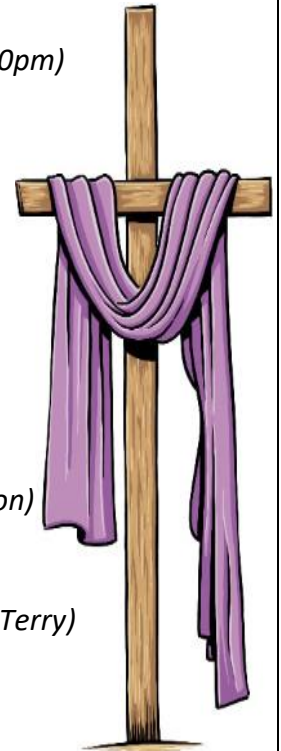
St Christopher's Church 8:30am *(Italian Mass with Bishop Terry)*  
10:30am *(English)*

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

### DIVINE MERCY FEAST

**Sunday, 16 April 2023**

St Christopher's Church 2:30pm Chaplet, Rosary and Confessions  
3:00pm Mass



#### PARISH FINANCES (weekending 26 March 2023)

Thanksgiving: \$320.50  
Presbytery: \$98.50

*Thank You for your Support!!*