



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:

Fr Peter Hoang

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Parish Secretary:

Emilia Balkan

Safeguarding Officer:

Alexandra Hickman

Primary Schools

St Christopher's Primary School

34 Roberts Road, Airport West

Principal: Gavin Brennan

Phone: 9338 3591

St Augustine's Primary School

Augustine's Way, Keilor

Principal: Catherine Steere

Phone: 9336 4294

St Christopher's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

24 / 25 August 2024

WORSHIP TIMETABLE

St Christopher's Church

MONDAY

Holy Rosary 9.00am
Communion Service 9.30am

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
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6.30pm
(First Friday of each month)

SATURDAY

Mass 5.00pm

SUNDAY

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

St Augustine's Church

SUNDAY

Mass 9.00am

Baptisms (bookings only)

- Twice a month on Saturday at 11.00am at St Christopher's Church
- Twice a month on Sunday at St Christopher's Church
- Once a month on Sunday at St Augustine's Church
- Baptism Welcomes generally every first Sunday.

2024 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:

Giuseppe Calandra
(28/08 Funeral 10.30am at
St Christopher's Church)



All anniversaries that occur at this time, especially:

Raffaella Lombardo, Rocco Conte, Vincenzo Caridi,
Famiglia Cappellano, Famiglia Cefala', Famiglia
Zaffina

FIRST READING*Joshua 24:1-2,15-18****A reading from the book of Joshua.***

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people, 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed? What is more, the Lord drove all those peoples out before us, as well as the Amorites who used to live in this country. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

The word of the Lord.**RESPONSORIAL PSALM*****Response:******Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.***

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.

The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal. **R.**

They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **R.**

Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken. **R.**

Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the soul of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R.**

SECOND READING*Ephesians 5:21-32****A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.***

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ.

Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL*John 6:60-69****A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.***

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

'It is the spirit that gives life,
the flesh has nothing to offer.

The words I have spoken to you are spirit
and they are life.

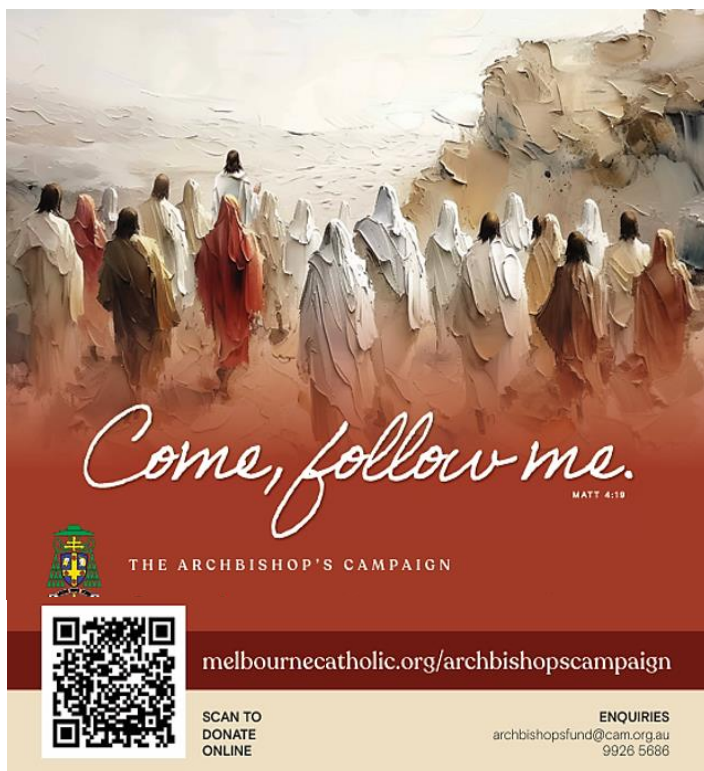
'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

The word of the Lord.

The Archbishop's Campaign

Thank you to everyone who has so generously already made a pledge or gift to the 2024 Archbishop's Campaign. Every gift, large or small, is greatly appreciated! If you are yet to make a gift, you can still do so. This campaign supports the vital ministries of the Church in our Archdiocese. Campaign envelopes with tear-off pledge cards are still available in the church. You can also make a gift online at:
melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign.
I encourage you to please give generously to the Campaign.



Come, follow me.
MATT 4:19

THE ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN

melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign

SCAN TO DONATE ONLINE

ENQUIRIES
archbishopsfund@cam.org.au
9926 5688

ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION ON THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. The information session is open to everyone interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate.

Online Diaconate information meeting
Tuesday, 24 September / 19:30 – 21:00

Location: via ZOOM

Attendance will be by invitation. Express your interest by emailing Deacon Kevin Pattison

Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au

In the week before the session the ZOOM link will be sent to those who have expressed interest.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH

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| Saturday 24 August | – Baptisms
11.00am
(St Christopher's Church) |
| Sunday 25 August | – Baptism
10.30am Mass
(St Christopher's Church)
– St Helena Mass
2.00pm
(St Christopher's Church followed by Procession & entertainment in Hall) |
| Wed 28 August | – Funeral for Giuseppe Calandra
Funeral 10.30am
(St Christopher's Church)
– 1 month Anniversary Mass for Raffaella Lombardo
7.30pm
(St Christopher's Church) |
| Sunday 1 Sept | – FATHER'S DAY |
| Friday 6 Sept | – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
6.30pm
(St Christopher's Church) |
| Saturday 7 Sept | – Baptism Welcomes
5.00pm Mass
(St Christopher's Church) |
| Sunday 8 Sept | – Baptism
9.00am Mass
(St Augustine's Church)
– Baptism Welcomes
10.30am Mass
(St Christopher's Church) |
| Saturday 14 Sept | – Baptism
11.00am
(St Christopher's Church) |
| Sunday 15 Sept | – Baptism
10.30am Mass
(St Christopher's Church) |
| Sunday 22 Sept | – Baptism
10.30am Mass
(St Christopher's Church) |
| Saturday 28 Sept | – Baptism
11.00am
(St Christopher's Church) |
| Sunday 29 Sept | – Baptism
10.30am Mass
(St Christopher's Church) |
| Saturday 5 Oct | – Baptism Welcomes
5.00pm Mass
(St Christopher's Church) |
| Sunday 8 Sept | – Baptism Welcomes
9.00am Mass
(St Augustine's Church)
– Baptism Welcomes
10.30am Mass
(St Christopher's Church) |



TRUTH & PEACE

A GOSPEL WORD IN A VIOLENT WORLD

Download the latest Social Justice Statement by scanning the QR code or using the link below:

<https://bit.ly/sjs-ojep>



PARISH FINANCES (weekending 18 August 2024)

Thanksgiving:	\$229.00
Presbytery:	\$113.00

Thank You for your Support!!