



ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH

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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

31 August / 1 September 2024

<u>WORSHIP TIMETABLE</u>	
St Christopher's Church	
MONDAY	
Holy Rosary	9.00am
Communion Service	9.30am
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
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	6.30pm
<i>(First Friday of each month)</i>	
SATURDAY	
Mass	5.00pm
SUNDAY	
Mass <i>(Italian)</i>	8.30am
Mass <i>(English)</i>	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:
Francesco (Frank) Murdaca
(05/09 Rosary 10.30am followed by Funeral at St Christopher's Church)

All anniversaries that occur at this time, especially:
Salvatore Scarpino

FIRST READING*Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8****A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.***

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

The word of the Lord.**RESPONSORIAL PSALM*****Response:******The just will live in the presence of the Lord.***

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?

He who walks without fault;

he who acts with justice

and speaks the truth from his heart. **R.**

He who does no wrong to his brother,

who casts no slur on his neighbour,

who holds the godless in disdain,

but honours those who fear the Lord. **R.**

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;

who takes no interest on a loan

and accepts no bribes against the innocent.

Such a man will stand firm for ever. **R.****SECOND READING***James 1:17-18,21-22,27****A reading from the letter of St James.***

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and

widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruit of his creation.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL*Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23****A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.***

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me.

The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

The word of the Lord.

Prayer for *Father's Day*

God our Father,
We give you thanks and praise
for fathers young and old.
We pray for young fathers,
newly embracing their vocation;
May they find courage and perseverance
to balance work, family and faith
in joy and sacrifice.
We pray for Fathers around the world
whose children are lost or suffering;
May they know that the God of compassion
walks with them in their sorrow.
We pray for men who are not fathers
but still mentor and guide us
with fatherly love and advice.
We remember fathers, grandfathers,
and great grandfathers
who are no longer with us
but who live forever in our memory
and nourish us with their love.

Amen.

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.

UPCOMING CTC EVENTS

- Information Session for Educators
- Information Session for Prospective Students
- Engaging Your Faith Online Sessions

For more information:

<https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/>

<https://ctc.edu.au/contact/contact-the-registrar/>

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH

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*)

Catholic Earthcare Season of Creation Convocation (12–14 September 2024)

Please join us as we spend time together learning and sharing about how we can all care for creation. We will gather online during Thursday 12 and Friday 13 September to engage in keynote presentations, workshops, discussions and spiritual experiences. On Saturday 14 we encourage participants to attend one of 11 diocesan hubs to transform our learnings into action. If there is not a hub near you, we will continue online together.

Attend for 1, 2 or all 3 days! Group discounts available.

For more information and to register, visit:

www.caritas.org.au/soc-convocation

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome you to our Parish and ask that you make yourself known to us by completing this form and leaving it in the collection basket or call at the Parish Office.

Full Name: _____ Do you wish to receive Parish Thanksgiving envelopes?

Address: _____ Yes / No

_____ Would you like to contribute through direct debit?

Tel: _____ Yes / No

Email: _____ Payment / Frequency Option *(Please tick one)*

1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Monthly	\$
2.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Quarterly	\$
3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Half Yearly	\$
4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yearly	\$
5.	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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*

St Augustine's Church Maintenance Account

CDF Bank (NAB)
BSB 083 347
Account 448 864 907

*To contribute towards maintenance costs for
St Augustine's Church*

PARISH FINANCES (weekending 25 August 2024)

Thanksgiving: \$341.50
Presbytery: \$121.50

Thank You for your Support!!