



ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH

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Our Churches:

St Christopher's Church

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Parish Priest:

Fr Peter Hoang

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Parish Secretary:

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Primary Schools

St Christopher's Primary School

34 Roberts Road, Airport West

Principal: Gavin Brennan

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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.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

8 / 9 September 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:

Fabio Ciccone
(12/09 Funeral 11.00am at St Christopher's Church)

All anniversaries that occur at this time, especially:

Anna Semen, Carmine Martino, Nino Distefano

FIRST READING*Isaiah 35:4-7***A reading from the prophet Isaiah.**

Say to all faint hearts,
 'Courage! Do not be afraid.

Look, your God is coming,
 vengeance is coming,
 the retribution of God;
 he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
 the ears of the deaf unsealed,
 then the lame shall leap like a deer
 and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;
 for water gushes in the desert,
 streams in the wasteland,
 the scorched earth becomes a lake,
 the parched land springs of water.

The word of the Lord.

*Christ
 IS Coming!*

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

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
 who is just to those who are oppressed.
 It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
 the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
 who raises up those who are bowed down,
 the Lord who loves the just,
 the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,
 but thwarts the path of the wicked.

The Lord will reign for ever,
 Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

**SECOND READING***James 2:1-5***A reading from the letter of St James.**

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom,
 and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL*Mark 7:31-37***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.**

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

The word of the Lord.



Migrant Youth Festival

Celebrating the 110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees

“God walks with His people”

29 September 2024 · Cathedral Hall, ACU Melbourne

- 9.00am Registration, Keynote Address, A Conversation with Archbishop Peter, Group Activities, Lunch and Concert at Cathedral Hall, ACU
- 1.30pm Pilgrim Walk from ACU to St Patrick’s Cathedral
- 2.00pm Rosary Procession around the Cathedral
- 3.00pm Migrant and Refugee Mass, celebrated by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli and migrant chaplains of the Archdiocese of Melbourne



Scan the QR code to register or visit trybooking.com/CSAYK
Registrations close 8 September!

Tickets \$30



The Migrant Youth Festival is supported by the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

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

Saturday 7 Sept	– Baptism Welcomes 5.00pm Mass <i>(St Christopher’s Church)</i>
Sunday 8 Sept	– Baptism 9.00am Mass <i>(St Augustine’s Church)</i> – Baptism Welcomes 10.30am Mass <i>(St Christopher’s Church)</i>
Thursday 12 Sept	– Funeral for Fabio Ciccone Funeral 11.00am <i>(St Christopher’s Church)</i>
Saturday 14 Sept	– Baptism 11.00am <i>(St Christopher’s Church)</i>
Sunday 15 Sept	– Baptism 10.30am Mass <i>(St Christopher’s Church)</i>
Sunday 22 Sept	– Baptism 10.30am Mass <i>(St Christopher’s Church)</i>
Saturday 28 Sept	– Baptism 11.00am <i>(St Christopher’s Church)</i>
Sunday 29 Sept	– Baptism 10.30am Mass <i>(St Christopher’s Church)</i>
Saturday 5 Oct	– Baptism Welcomes 5.00pm Mass <i>(St Christopher’s Church)</i>
Sunday 8 Sept	– Baptism Welcomes 9.00am Mass <i>(St Augustine’s Church)</i> – Baptism Welcomes 10.30am Mass <i>(St Christopher’s Church)</i>

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

"Every conversation matters"

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY
8 SEPTEMBER 2024



Gracious God,

you love and care for all of your children,
especially the smallest and most vulnerable.

We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at risk who have been sexually abused, neglected or exploited and whose trust and innocence has been destroyed.

Help us to hear their cries of pain and to take responsibility for those whose lives have been broken. Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded by abuse, and the failure to be heard.

We pray that with the help of your grace communities and families will find understanding and support, So that now and in the future,

their wounds may be healed and they may find lasting peace.

Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our children and adults at risk, giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience to seek out assistance when required.

Help us all to listen with open hearts, so that when children and adults at risk speak, they are truly heard.

We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever,

Amen

catholic.au/s/article/safeguarding-sunday-2024

PARISH FINANCES (weekending 1 September 2024)

Thanksgiving:	\$233.00
Presbytery:	\$117.00

Thank You for your Support!!