



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
(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

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

1st Sunday of Lent (Year B)

17 / 18 February 2024

WORSHIP TIMETABLE

St Christopher's Church

MONDAY

Holy Rosary 9.00am
Italian Charismatic Prayer Group (after Mass)

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

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 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:

Christian Veneziano, Giacomo Palasciano, Frank Violaris, Laura Morreale, Kevin Morreale, Concetto Ricupero

FIRST READING*Genesis 9:8-15***A reading from the book of Genesis.**

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

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

**Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth
to those who keep your covenant.**

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **R.**

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.

In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

SECOND READING*1 Peter 3:18-22***A Reading from the first letter of St Peter.**

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

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

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

No one lives on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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

GOSPEL*Mark 1:12-15***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.**

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

The word of the Lord.

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH

Sunday 18 Feb – **Baptism** (1 Child)
9.00am Mass
(St Augustine Church)

Saturday 24 Feb – **Baptism** (4 Children)
11.00am
(St Christopher Church)

Sunday 25 Feb – **Baptism** (1 Child)
10.30am Mass
(St Christopher Church)

Six30 Holy Hour at St Patrick's Cathedral

St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place,
East Melbourne

Thursday 22 February 2024 6.30pm

Thursday 29 February 2024 6.30pm

Thursday 7 March 2024 6.30pm

Thursday 14 March 2024 6.30pm

Thursday 21 March 2024 6.30pm

Thursday 28 March 2024 6.30pm

Thursday 4 April 2024 6.30pm

Thursday 11 April 2024 6.30pm

Join with young Catholics from across the city for a time of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, music and an opportunity for confession.

For more information, email udisciple@cam.org.au or call 9926 5677.

Catholic Social Services National Conference, Melbourne

All those who work, volunteer or have an interest in Catholic community services and social justice are invited to attend the Catholic Social Services National Conference 2024: Commons, Commonality, Common Good, which will be held at the Catholic Leadership Centre, East Melbourne over three days from Friday 21 to Sunday 23 February.

Register for the conference to be inspired in the shared work of caring for those in our communities; hear from innovative leaders; participate in thought-provoking conversations; and connect with others who share a desire to create true communities out of a common effort for the common good.

For further information, visit: [CSS National Conference 2024](https://www.cssnationalconference.org.au).

'Meditation & Mindfulness in the Christian Tradition'

Monday 8 April 2024 7.00pm

to Monday 27 May 2024 8.00pm

Heart of Life is hosting a series on 'Meditation & Mindfulness in the Christian Tradition' facilitated by Roland Ashby.

Cultivate a transforming, healing, awareness of God's presence, and learn how to meditate. Jesus called it 'Living Water', with which we will never thirst. All welcome!



First Sunday of Lent 17 & 18 February



This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women from three different corners of the world. They are facing vastly different challenges, but are all united by one dream: to create a better tomorrow *for all future generations*.

Meet **Ronita** from the Philippines. Ronita is a mother of two young boys living in a slum in Quezon City. She went back to school to finish her education so that she could earn income to support her children.

Meet **Leaia** from Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for Leaia and her family. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions.

Meet **Memory** from Malawi. Memory, the eldest daughter from a rural Malawian family, trained to become a carpenter and is now a trailblazer for future generations of women in her village.

Throughout Project Compassion, you will get to know the stories of Ronita, Leaia and Memory. Journey with them as they forge a path to a brighter future for all generations.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

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.

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FOR THE INFORMATION OF PARISHIONERS
LENT 2024

109. *The Lenten season has a twofold character:*

- 1) *it recalls baptism or prepares for it;*
- 2) *it stresses a penitential spirit.*

By these means especially, Lent readies the faithful for celebrating the paschal mystery after a period of closer attention to the Word of God, and more ardent prayer. In the liturgy itself and in the liturgy-centred instructions, these baptismal and penitential themes should be more pronounced. Hence:

- a) *Wider use is to be made of baptismal features proper to the Lenten liturgy.*
- b) *The same approach holds for the penitential elements.*

110. *During Lent, penance should not be only internal and individual but also external and social.*

In any event, let the paschal fast be kept sacred. It should be observed everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the resurrection may be visited on uplifted and responsive spirits.

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Vatican II

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence from meat.

On all other Fridays, except solemnities, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:


- (a) **Prayer** - for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary; or in other ways.
- (b) **Self-Denial** - for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country or elsewhere; or in other ways. Project Compassion is a major means of expressing our self-denial in Australia.
- (c) **Helping Others** - for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened; or in other ways.

- All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain (Canon 1252).
- The Season of Lent is a time of penance. During this season the faithful are exhorted to devote themselves in a special manner to prayer, to engage in works of piety and charity, and to deny themselves.
- Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled between Ash Wednesday, 14 February 2024 and Trinity Sunday, 26 May 2024 unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year.
- The wonderful gift of the Lord's merciful love is offered in a special way in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Lent is a most appropriate time to receive this Sacrament. All the faithful who have reached the age of discretion are bound faithfully to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

HOLY WEEK - The 2024 Ordo contains instructions for the Rites of Holy Week.

FUNERALS – On Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday all Masses for the Dead, including Funeral Masses, **are forbidden**. Funerals on these days are celebrated with the Liturgy of the Word and without the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

WEDDINGS - Weddings should be discouraged during the Easter Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday. Should a couple be particularly insistent on a wedding for one of these days, then please indicate that no decorations (including flowers), no music nor Nuptial Mass will be permitted.



Father Joe Caddy AM
VICAR GENERAL

PARISH FINANCES (weekending 11 February 2024)

<u>Thanksgiving:</u>	\$219.00
<u>Presbytery:</u>	\$ 97.00

