



# ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH

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| <b><u>Our Churches:</u></b> | <b>St Christopher's Church</b><br>34 Roberts Road, Airport West | <b>St Augustine's Church</b><br>100 Harrick Road, Keilor Park |
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| <b><u>Parish Secretary:</u></b> Emilia Balkan<br>(Tuesday – Friday)   |  |  |

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

## The Ascension of the Lord

(Year B)

11 / 12 May 2024

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| <b><u>WORSHIP TIMETABLE</u></b>       |                     |
| <b><u>St Christopher's Church</u></b> |                     |
| <b>MONDAY</b>                         |                     |
| Italian Charismatic Prayer Group      | <i>(after Mass)</i> |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>                        |                     |
| Holy Rosary                           | 9.00am              |
| Mass                                  | 9.30am              |
| Italian Rosary                        | <i>(after Mass)</i> |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b>                      |                     |
| Holy Rosary                           | 9.00am              |
| Mass                                  | 9.30am              |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>                       |                     |
| Holy Rosary                           | 9.00am              |
| Mass                                  | 9.30am              |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>                         |                     |
| Holy Rosary                           | 9.00am              |
| Mass                                  | 9.30am              |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>                       |                     |
| Mass                                  | 5.00pm              |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>                         |                     |
| Mass <i>(Italian)</i>                 | 8.30am              |
| Mass <i>(English)</i>                 | 10.30am             |
| <b><u>St Augustine's Church</u></b>   |                     |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>                         |                     |
| 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:**  
Furtonato (Fred) Crea  
*(Funeral Friday 10/05 at St Christopher's Church)*

**FIRST READING***Acts 1:1-11****A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.***

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

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

***God mounts his throne to shouts of joy;  
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.***

All peoples, clap your hands,  
cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,  
great king over all the earth. **R.**

God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
Sing praise for God, sing praise,  
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**

God is king of all the earth.  
Sing praise with all your skill.  
God is king over the nations;  
God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

**SECOND READING***Ephesians 1:17-23****A Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.***

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

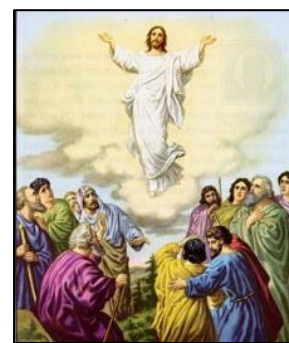
***The word of the Lord.*****GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL***Mark 16:15-20****A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.***

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them:

'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

***The word of the Lord.***

## **Thank you from CatholicCare Victoria**

CatholicCare Victoria is deeply grateful for the support of our parish during last week's CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Because of the generosity of our parish community, CatholicCare Victoria can continue the mission; to create transformational personal impact, and empower every individual to reach their full potential and live life to the full. Thank you for helping those in need! For more information about CatholicCare Victoria, please visit: [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au)

### **\*\*Lost Key\*\***

If anyone has found or finds a small key at St Christopher's Church can you please hand in to a Sacristan or the Parish Office.

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MAY 2024**

**Saturday 11 May** – **Baptism Welcomes**  
5.00pm Parish Mass  
(St Christopher's Church)

### **MOTHERS DAY**

**Sunday 12 May** – **Baptism Welcomes**  
9.00am Parish Mass  
(St Augustine's Church)  
– **Baptism Welcomes**  
10.30am Parish Mass  
(St Christopher's Church)

**Tuesday 14 May** – **Sacramental Program Class 1**  
4.15pm  
(St Christopher's Church)

**Saturday 18 May** – **Baptisms**  
11.00am  
(St Christopher's Church)

**Sunday 19 May** – **First Communions**  
9.00am Mass  
(St Augustine's Church)

**Tuesday 21 May** – **Sacramental Program Class 2**  
4.15pm  
(St Christopher's Church)

**Saturday 25 May** – **Baptisms**  
11.00am  
(St Christopher's Church)

**Sunday 26 May** – **First Communions**  
9.00am Mass  
(St Augustine's Church)  
– **Baptisms**  
10.30am  
(St Christopher's Church)

**Tuesday 28 May** – **Reconciliation Ceremony for Parish Sacramental Students**  
7.00pm  
(St Christopher's Church)

## **On Mother's Day We pray for .....**

**Those with good Mother relationships**  
*May you treasure the time, intimacy and love you share with your Mother.*

**Those who have lost Mothers**  
*As you grieve, may you remember with gratitude the good times and the hard times you shared with your Mother.*

**Those who have never known a Mother**  
*May you be supported by spiritual Mothers who can help fill the void of lost experiences.*

### **Those with strained Mother relationships**

*May you find a safe space to be vulnerable with your story, and to celebrate or not celebrate as you see fit. We pray for reconciliation between you and your Mother.*

**Those who long to be Mothers**  
*May God grant your longing heart patience, and may you be surrounded by those who love and support you.*

**Mothers who have lost children**  
*As you grieve, may you be comforted, may the absence of your child not disregard the beauty of celebrating past experiences and the children who are still with you.*

**Those who missed their chance to be a Mother**  
*As you grieve, may you find strength and peace in the opportunities to nurture and love the children in your village.*

### **Those who have chosen not to be Mothers**

*May you feel respected in your choice and not be treated as a lesser woman because of it. May you be honoured for the nurture you bring to those in your life.*

### **Those who are Mothers**

*Whether you are a biological Mother, foster Mother, adoptive Mother or spiritual Mother, may you feel loved, honoured and supported, on Mother's day and always.*



## 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)*

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| 1. | <input type="checkbox"/> | Monthly      | \$30.00  |
| 2. | <input type="checkbox"/> | Quarterly    | \$90.00  |
| 3. | <input type="checkbox"/> | Half Yearly  | \$180.00 |
| 4. | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yearly       | \$360.00 |
| 5. | <input type="checkbox"/> | other amount |          |

## 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 5 May 2024)

Thanksgiving: \$335.00  
Presbytery: \$148.40

*Thank You for your Support!!*