



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.



2nd Sunday of Lent

(Year B)

24 / 25 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 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:
Vito Bartucca (Father of Frank Bartucca)
Funeral 28/02, 11.15am at Our Lady's Help of Christians Church, East Brunswick

All anniversaries that occur at this time, especially:
Giuseppe Accaputo, Giuseppina Schiavone, Norman Clement Bird, Giustina & Pietro Gec, Giuseppe & Annunziato Daniele, Anna Maria Daniele, Bruno Daniele, Lola Furfaro, Romualdo Furfaro



FIRST READING*Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18****A reading from the book of Genesis.***

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

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

***I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.***

I trusted, even when I said:
'I am sorely afflicted.'

O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful. **R.**

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name. **R.**

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. **R.**

SECOND READING*Romans 8:31-34****A Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.***

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

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

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL*Mark 9:2-10****A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.***

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

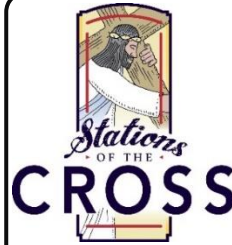
As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

The word of the Lord.

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH

Saturday 24 Feb	– Baptisms 11.00am (St Christopher Church)
Sunday 25 Feb	– Baptism 10.30am Mass (St Christopher Church)
Friday 1 March	– Morning Mass, Stations of the Cross & Reconciliation 9.30am (St Christopher Church)
Sunday 3 March	– Baptism Welcomes 10.30am Mass (St Christopher Church)
Friday 8 March	– Morning Mass, Stations of the Cross & Reconciliation 9.30am (St Christopher Church)
Saturday 9 March	– Baptisms 11.00am (St Christopher Church)



During Lent (every Friday):

Stations of the Cross
Following morning Mass at
St Christopher's Church

**** Car Park / School Grounds ****

New opening/closing times for driveway gates:
Saturday: Open 4.30pm / Close 6.30pm
Sunday: Open 8.00am / Close 12.00pm

Please ensure you remove your car from the grounds before these closing times as there will strictly be no access afterwards.

The Pedestrian gates will unfortunately remain locked until further notice as the school try to prevent further damage occurring to the property by youth who are potentially gaining access through these side gates or driveway gates.

* Please also note that the Parish / Priest does not have a code to open/close gates manually. If gates are not open, it is unfortunately out of our control.



Second Sunday of Lent 24 & 25 February



Ronita is 22. She lives with her husband and two children in a barangay (local district) in Quezon City, which is situated in Metro Manila in the Philippines.

Ronita left school when she became pregnant as a teenager. This could have had a life-long impact on her ability to find work and provide for her family but, thankfully, she heard about the Alternative Learning System (ALS) program run by the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ), Caritas Australia's local partners in the Philippines.

Through the FCJ, Ronita was able to re-enrol in her studies and continue learning in a safe and flexible environment – even with the arrival of her second child.

After completing her ALS classes, Ronita went on to earn her Grade 12 Senior High School Diploma. With her new diploma, Ronita has now secured a job at a call centre and is looking to a brighter future for her whole family.

"I have now graduated senior school and I am so proud of myself," she said. "I feel hopeful for the future... Now it's not impossible for me to achieve my dream... Thank you."

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