



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.



3rd Sunday of Lent (Year B) 2 / 3 March 2024



<u>WORSHIP TIMETABLE</u>		
<u>St Christopher's Church</u>		
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	
<u>St Augustine's Church</u>		
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:



All anniversaries that occur at this time, especially:
Giuseppe Vittorio D'Angelo
(1 Month Anniversary),
Antonia Romeo,
Antonio DeMarco,
Giovanna Bole

FIRST READING*Exodus 20:1-17****A reading from the book of Exodus.***

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response:

Lord you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**

The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,
it give light to the eyes. **R.**

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. **R.**

They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold
and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb. **R.**

SECOND READING*1 Corinthians 1:22-25****A Reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.***

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,

that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

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

GOSPEL*John 2:13-25****A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.***

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money-changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days

I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

The word of the Lord.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH

Saturday 2 March – **Baptism Welcomes**
5.00pm Mass
(St Christopher's Church)

Sunday 3 March – **Baptism Welcomes**
9.00am Mass
(St Augustine's Church)
Baptism Welcomes
10.30am Mass
(St Christopher's Church)

Tuesday 5 March – **Sacramental Program Class 1**
4.15pm
(St Christopher's Church)

Friday 8 March – **Morning Mass, Stations of the Cross & Reconciliation**
9.30am
(St Christopher's Church)

Saturday 9 March – **Baptisms**
11.00am
(St Christopher's Church)

Sunday 10 March – **Baptism**
9.00am Mass
(St Augustine'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.



Third Sunday of Lent 2 & 3 March



Samoa may be a country surrounded by water, but access to clean drinking water is scarce in some areas, with many families facing extreme hardship as a result.

Leaja lives with her five children, husband, brother and sister-in-law on the island of Upolu in Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water caused Leaja a lot of worry.

Their home is not connected to a piped water system, so they had to rely solely on rainwater collected in old fridges. When their water ran out, Leaja had to walk with her young children to collect water in buckets and containers from a neighbour down the street.

With the support of Caritas Australia's local partner, Caritas Samoa, a water tank was installed at Leaja's home. She and her family now have a steady supply of clean drinking water at home. Next year, they will also have a toilet built, with the support of Caritas Samoa, which will further improve their health and living conditions.

"We are very thankful and grateful for the water tank. It has helped us so much and made our daily life easier," Leaja said.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations.**

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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LENTEN / EASTER CELEBRATIONS

LENTEN RECONCILIATION – RITE II

(Thursday, 14 March 2024)

St Christopher's Church 7.00pm

PALM SUNDAY VIGIL

(Saturday, 23 March 2024)

St Christopher's Church 5:00pm

PALM SUNDAY

(Sunday, 24 March 2024)

St Christopher's Church 8:30am *(Italian)*

10.30am *(English)*

St Augustine's Church 9:00am

HOLY THURSDAY

(Thursday, 28 March 2024)

St Christopher's Church 7.30pm

(Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00pm)

GOOD FRIDAY

(Friday, 29 March 2024)

Stations of the Cross

St Christopher's Church 10:00am

Reading of Passion; Veneration of the Cross; Holy Communion

St Christopher's Church 3:00pm

HOLY SATURDAY – EASTER VIGIL

(Saturday, 30 March 2024)

St Christopher's Church 8:00pm

(Easter fire; Blessing of Paschal Candle; Procession of Light; Readings; Holy Communion)

EASTER SUNDAY

(Sunday, 31 March 2024)

St Christopher's Church 8:30am *(Italian)*

10:30am *(English)*

St Augustine's Church 9:00am



PARISH FINANCES (weekending 25 February 2024)

Thanksgiving: \$285.00
Presbytery: \$108.50

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