



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.

4th Sunday of Lent

(Year B)

9/10 March 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
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SUNDAY

Mass (Italian)	8.30am
Mass (English)	10.30am

St Augustine's Church

SUNDAY

Mass	9.00am
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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:

Bill Dolan, Martin Fitzsimmons

All anniversaries that occur at this time, especially:

Maria Rosa Costa, Bruno Rosma, Raffaele Timpano

FIRST READING*2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23****A reading from the second book of Chronicles.***

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

The word of the Lord.**RESPONSORIAL PSALM*****Response:******Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!***

By the rivers of Babylon
there we sat and wept,
remembering Zion;
on the poplars that grew there
we hung up our harps. **R.**

For it was there that they asked us,
our captors, for songs,
our oppressors, for joy.
'Sing to us,' they said,
'one of Zion's songs'. **R.**

O how could we sing
the song of the Lord
on alien soil?
If I forget you, Jerusalem,
let my right hand wither! **R.**

O let my tongue
cleave to my mouth
if I remember you not,
if I prize not Jerusalem
above all my joys! **R.**

SECOND READING*Ephesians 2:4-10****A Reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.***

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

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

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL*John 3:14-21****A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.***

Jesus said to Nicodemus:
'The Son of Man must be lifted up
as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,
so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.
Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost
but may have eternal life.
For God sent his Son into the world
not to condemn the world,

but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.

On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil.

And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

The word of the Lord.

**** 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.



As the eldest child in a low-income farming family in rural Malawi, Memory faced many barriers to her education. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, she enrolled in a technical school and became the first female carpenter in her village.

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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH

Tuesday 12 March – Sacramental Program Class 2
4.15pm
(St Christopher's Church)

Thursday 14 March – Lenten Reconciliation RITE II
(Fr Peter & Fr Dom Degiorgio)
7.00pm
(St Christopher's Church)

Friday 15 March – Morning Mass, Stations of the Cross & Reconciliation
9.30am
(St Christopher's Church)

Saturday 16 March – Baptisms
11.00am
(St Christopher's Church)

Sunday 17 March – Baptism
10.30am Mass
(St Christopher's Church)

Tuesday 19 March – Sacramental Program Class 3
4.15pm
(St Christopher's Church)

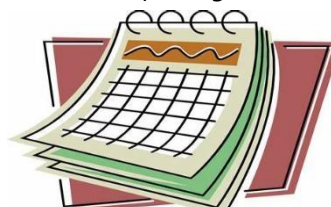
Wednesday 20 March – Confirmation Ceremonies (St Christopher's PS students)
5.30pm & 7.30 pm
(St Christopher's Church)

Thursday 21 March – Confirmation Ceremonies (St Christopher's PS students)
5.30pm & 7.30 pm
(St Christopher's Church)

Friday 22 March – Morning Mass, Stations of the Cross & Reconciliation
9.30am
(St Christopher's Church)
– **Confirmation Ceremony (St Augustine's PS students)**
6.00pm
(St Christopher's Church)

Saturday 23 March – Palm Sunday Vigil
5.00pm
(St Christopher's Church)

Sunday 24 March – Palm Sunday
8.00am (Italian Mass)
10.30am Mass
(St Christopher's Church)
9.00am
(St Augustine's Church)



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 3 March 2024)

Thanksgiving: \$281.00
Presbytery: \$108.50

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