



# ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH

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<b>Our Churches:</b>	<b>St Christopher's Church</b> 34 Roberts Road, Airport West	<b>St Augustine's Church</b> 100 Harrick Road, Keilor Park
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<b>Parish Priest:</b> Fr Peter Hoang Email: <a href="mailto:airportwest@cam.org.au">airportwest@cam.org.au</a>	<b>Primary Schools</b> <b>St Christopher's Primary School</b> 34 Roberts Road, Airport West <b>Principal:</b> Adrian Glasby <b>Phone:</b> 9338 3591	<b>St Augustine's Primary School</b> Augustine's Way, Keilor <b>Principal:</b> Catherine Steere <b>Phone:</b> 9336 4294
<b>Parish Secretary:</b> Emilia Balkan (Tuesday – Friday)		

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



## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

(Year B)

16/17 March 2024



<u>WORSHIP TIMETABLE</u>	
<b><u>St Christopher's Church</u></b>	
<b>MONDAY</b>	
Holy Rosary	9.00am
Italian Charismatic Prayer Group	(after Mass)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	
Holy Rosary	9.00am
Mass	9.30am
Italian Rosary	(after Mass)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	
Holy Rosary	-
Mass	-
<b>THURSDAY</b>	
Holy Rosary	-
Mass	-
<b>FRIDAY</b>	
Holy Rosary	-
Mass	-
<b>SATURDAY</b>	
Mass	5.00pm
<b>SUNDAY</b>	
Mass (Italian)	8.30am
Mass (English)	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.

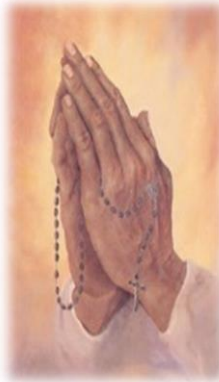
**2024 Parish Sacramental Program**  
For school aged children attending a non - catholic school. Please contact the Parish Office for further information.

**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:**  
Rosina Garofalo,  
Mario Papile,  
Remigia San Ruis

**All anniversaries that occur at this time, especially:**  
Vito Bartucca, Corrado Malandrino, Sebastiano Loretta, Michele Mollica, Umberto Mollica, Elisa Sementilli

**FIRST READING***Jeremiah 31:31-34****A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.***

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel (and the House of Judah), but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

***The word of the Lord.*****RESPONSORIAL PSALM*****Response:******Create a clean heart in me, O God.***

Have mercy on me, God in your kindness.  
In your compassion blot out my offence.  
O wash me more and more from my guilt  
and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

A pure heart create for me, O God,  
put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence,  
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

Give me again the joy of your help;  
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,  
that I may teach transgressors your ways  
and sinners may return to you. **R.**

**SECOND READING***Hebrews 5:7-9****A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews.***

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

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

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;  
and where I am, my servant will also be.  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

**GOSPEL***John 12:20-33****A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.***

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, ‘Sir, we should like to see Jesus.’ Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

‘Now the hour has come

for the Son of Man to be glorified.

I tell you, most solemnly,

unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies,  
it remains only a single grain;

but if it dies,

it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it;

anyone who hates his life in this world

will keep it for the eternal life.

If a man serves me, he must follow me,

wherever I am, my servant will be there too.

If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.

Now my soul is troubled.

What shall I say:

Father, save me from this hour?

But it was for this very reason that I have come to  
this hour.

Father, glorify your name!’

A voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I  
will glorify it again.’ People standing by, who heard  
this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, ‘It was  
an angel speaking to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘It was  
not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

‘Now sentence is being passed on this world;

now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.

And when I am lifted up from the earth,

I shall draw all men to myself.’

By these words he indicated the kind of death he  
would die.

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

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#### **Weekday Mass Timetable change for this week only**

Tuesday 19 March	-	9am Rosary 9.30am Mass
Wednesday 20 March	-	<u>No Rosary &amp; Mass</u>
Thursday 21 March	-	<u>No Rosary &amp; Mass</u>
Friday 22 March	-	<u>No Rosary, Mass &amp; Stations of the Cross</u>

#### **\*\* Volunteers needed for Holy Week \*\***

We need volunteers for the following Masses:

<u>Holy Thursday 7.30pm</u>	-	1 Reader - 1 Commentator - 12 People to have their feet washed
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<u>Good Friday 3.00pm</u>	-	1 Reader - 1 Commentator
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<u>Easter Saturday Vigil</u>	-	1 Reader - 1 Commentator
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If you can assist with any of the above Masses, please contact Emilia on 9338 3793.

#### **New Life in God's Spirit**

New Life in God's Spirit presented by St Monica's Prayer Group, is your opportunity to deepen your Baptismal Graces and increase the Gifts of The Holy Spirit conferred on you at your Confirmation. This eight-week seminar begins Thursday 4 April, 7-9pm, Symons Centre, Mt Alexander Road, Moonee Ponds. Contact:

Gerald 0415 275 446 / Frank 0415 144 916 /  
Adrian 0403 512 936

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH**

<b>Saturday 16 March</b>	-	<b>Baptisms</b> 11.00am (St Christopher's Church)
<b>Sunday 17 March</b>	-	<b>Baptism</b> 10.30am Mass (St Christopher's Church)
<b>Tuesday 19 March</b>	-	<b>Sacramental Program Class 3</b> 4.15pm (St Christopher's Church)
<b>Wednesday 20 March</b>	-	<b>Confirmation Ceremonies</b> <b>(St Christopher's PS students)</b> 5.30pm & 7.30 pm (St Christopher's Church)
<b>Thursday 21 March</b>	-	<b>Funeral for Mario Papile</b> Rosary 12pm/Funeral 12.15pm (St Christopher's Church)  - <b>Confirmation Ceremonies</b> <b>(St Christopher's PS students)</b> 5.30pm & 7.30 pm (St Christopher's Church)
<b>Friday 22 March</b>	-	<b>Funeral for Rosina Garofalo</b> Rosary 10.45am/Funeral 11am (St Christopher's Church)  - <b>Confirmation Ceremony</b> <b>(St Augustine's PS students)</b> 6.00pm (St Christopher's Church)
<b>Saturday 23 March</b>	-	<b>Palm Sunday Vigil</b> 5.00pm (St Christopher's Church)
<b>Sunday 24 March</b>	-	<b>Palm Sunday</b> 8.00am (Italian Mass) 10.30am Mass (St Christopher's Church) 9.00am (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.

# LENTEN / EASTER CELEBRATIONS

## 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 10 March 2024)

<b>Thanksgiving:</b>	\$201.50
<b>Presbytery:</b>	\$112.50

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