



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.



Palm Sunday

(Year B)

23/24 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	-
Mass	7.30pm
FRIDAY	
Holy Rosary	-
Mass	-
SATURDAY	
East Vigil Mass	8.00pm
SUNDAY	
Mass (Italian)	8.30am
Mass (English)	10.30am
<u>St Augustine's Church</u>	
SUNDAY	
Mass	9.00am

<u>Baptisms</u> (bookings only)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<u>2024 Parish Sacramental Program</u>
For school aged children attending a non - catholic school. Please contact the Parish Office for further information.
<u>Weddings</u> (at least 6 months in advance)
Please contact parish office.
<u>Reconciliations</u>
Every Friday after 9.30am Mass.
<u>Anointing of the sick</u>
As requested.

<u>PLEASE PRAY FOR:</u>
<u>Recently deceased:</u>
Isidro Simbajon
Angela Mania (St Christopher's Church, Monday 25/03 Rosary 10am/Funeral 10.30am)
Anita Sarazin (St Christopher's Church, Wednesday 27/03 Rosary 1pm/Funeral 1.30am)
<u>All anniversaries that occur at this time, especially:</u>
Maria Carmela Talia, Philip Boland, Bruno Costa, Angelo Imbastaro, Giuseppe Salemi, Vincenzo Salemi, Giuseppe & Giuseppa Cammarata, Famiglia Pino, Famiglia Iannazzo

FIRST READING*Isaiah 50:4-7****A reading from the prophet Isaiah.***

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied, he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord.**RESPONSORIAL PSALM*****Response:******My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?***

All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' **R.**

Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet
I can count every one of my bones. **R.**

They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
My strength, make haste to help me! **R.**

I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
All sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons'. **R.**

SECOND READING*Philippians 2: 6-11****A Reading from the letter to St Paul to the Philippians.***

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all things in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death,
dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL*Mark 15 1-39****A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.*****N – Narrator****J – Jesus****O – Other single speaker****C – Crowd, or more than one other speaker****N -** The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark**N -** First thing in the morning, the chief priests together with the elders and scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him,**O -** Are you the king of the Jews?**N -** He answered,**J -** It is you who say it.**N -** And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again,**O -** Have you no reply to all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!**N -** But to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply.

At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had committed murder during the uprising. When the crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them,

O - Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?**N -** For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priests, however, had incited the crowd to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. Then Pilate spoke again,**O -** But in that case, what am I to do with the man you call king of Jews?**N -** They shouted back,**C -** Crucify him!**N -** Pilate asked them,

- O** - Why? What harm has he done?
N - But they shouted all the louder,
C - Crucify him!
N - So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together.

They dressed him up in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him,

- C** - Hail, king of the Jews!
N - They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage.

And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes. They led him out to crucify him. They enlisted a passer-by. Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull.

They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription giving the charge against him read: 'The King of the Jews.' And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said,

- C** - Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days!

Then save yourself: come down from the cross!

- N** - The chief priests and the scribes mocked among themselves in the same way. They said,

- C** - He saved others, he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.

- N** - Even those who were crucified with him taunted him.

When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

- J** - Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?

- N** - This means 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me? When some of those who stood by heard this they said,

- C** - Listen, he is calling on Elijah.

- N** - Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink saying,

- O** - Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.

- N** - But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. *All kneel and pause a moment.*

And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said,

- O** - In truth this man was a son of God.

The Divine Mercy Sunday
7th April 2024
 at St Christopher's Church
 34 Roberts Road,
 Airport West 3042

Celebrant
 Rev Fr Thomas Toretkiu

The FEAST of DIVINE MERCY

Start Time – 2.15pm
 Confession, Chaplet and Rosary
 Followed by Feast Mass, Procession
 & Veneration of St Faustina's Relic

I desire that the whole world know my infinite Mercy. I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in my mercy.
 Jesus to St Faustina, 687



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Sadly, the Airport West Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society has made the difficult decision to close. This was due to the diminishing number of members and the inability to recruit new volunteers. Thank you for your financial support for the work of the Society over many years. As the Conference is no longer operating it is now unable to accept donations left in the Poor Boxes in the churches. Please continue to assist in the work of the Society by donating clothing and homewares in good condition to a Vinnies Shop. The Vinnies Shop at 451A Keilor Road, Niddrie is always grateful to receive donated goods. You can drop them off at the loading bay at rear of the store in Hotham Road, Niddrie.

Parish Visit from Bishop Terry Curtin / Visita alla Parrocchia di St Christopher's dal Vescovo Terry

Bishop Terry is currently organising an Open Forum as part of his visit to our Parish.

The Forum will be a great chance for Parishioners to discuss any of the following with Bishop Terry:

- Ideas for our Parish?
- How can we better promote our Parish?
- What is currently working / What is not currently working?
- Any other ideas or concerns.

All parishioners are invited to attend.

A Forum will be organised for each Community.

- St Christopher's (TBC)
- St Augustine's (TBC)
- Italian Community (2.00pm Saturday 13 April 2024 at St Christopher's Church)

Please check next weekend's Parish Bulletin for more information.

Il Vescovo Terry come parte della sua visita alla nostra Parrocchia, sta organizzando una Assemblea aperta con tutti i Parrocchiani per discutere i seguenti:

1. Idee per la nostra Parrocchia.
2. Cosa possiamo fare per promuovere la nostra Parrocchia.
3. Al momento funziona o no? E se non funziona il motivo.
4. Altri suggerimenti e idee.

Tutti i Parrocchiani sono invitati a partecipare.

Una assemblea sarà organizzata per ciascuna comunità.

- St Christopher's (Data da annunciare)
- St Augustine's (Data da annunciare)
- Comunità italiana (Assemblea - Sabato 13 Aprile 2024 alle ore 2.00pm nella chiesa di St Christopher's)

Per favore controllate il bullettino del prossimo weekend quando ci saranno più informazioni/dettagli.

EASTER CELEBRATIONS

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 17 March 2024)

Thanksgiving: \$209.00

Presbytery: \$110.50

Thank You for your Support!!