

Pilgrims of hope

Embark on a
transformational and
spiritual journey in
this year of Jubilee

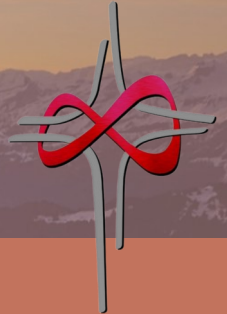


SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C)

27 APRIL 2025

WELCOME TO ST CHRISTOPHER'S

You are INVITED!



St Christopher's is a Missionary Parish of Intentional Disciples, passionate about being Christ to all, through our witness of God's love in action.

REFLECTIONS...

The outpouring of God's love and mercy flows throughout this Sunday's liturgy. The joy of Resurrection that we celebrate in this Easter season rings out in the words of praise that we repeat with jubilation in today's Psalm:

In the First Reading, we hear how the early Church, filled with the Holy Spirit, gather together to worship, bringing the risen Lord's healing to all who seek it.

Shortly after the death and resurrection of Jesus, the disciples are hiding, fearful of what might happen to them. Jesus appears among them in the midst of their fear, his presence bringing them peace. Thomas is not there, and cannot believe what he is told. Eight days later, Jesus stands among them again, and the reality of the resurrection is revealed to Thomas, too.

Today, Jesus stands alongside us, tenderly drawing us out from doubt and disbelief. He has breathed his Holy Spirit upon us. Just as he sent the disciples two thousand years ago, today he sends us out, to bring peace and healing to a fractured, hurting world. Let us pray for that peace that only Christ can bring, in our hearts, in our communities and in our world.



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READINGS THIS WEEK (YEAR C)

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16
The Apostles work many signs.

Resp Psalm: Ps 117:2-4. 22-27. R. v.1
(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.

2nd Reading: Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19
A figure like a Son of man appears to John, instructing him to write his visions.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;
happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:29

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

READINGS NEXT WEEK -

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C)

1st: Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32. 40-41

Resp Psalm: Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v.2

2nd: Revelation 5:11-14

Gospel: John 21:1-19

Parish Office Opening Hours:

*Tuesdays & Thursdays 9am - 4pm
Fridays 9am - 4.30pm*

St Christopher's website

We welcome you to browse through our new website ... there is so much to see!

Link: <https://www.stchristopherssyndal.com.au>

PARISH MINISTRIES AND NOTICES

WORSHIP

night
come for an encounter with God

ST CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH

FRIDAY 2ND MAY

7.30PM—9PM

HEALING MASS

St Christopher's Church

Sunday 4 MAY

at 3pm with Fr Joby

CHARISMATIC Prayer Group

Wednesday 7 May

@ 7:30pm - Cenacle Room

All are welcome ...

Rosa: 0447 111 270 John: 0407 182 916

This Saturday we celebrate the
Sacrament of Baptism of

Elijah Jason Fernandez



May this sacred occasion mark the beginning of a beautiful and fulfilling spiritual journey.

God bless you always.

Proudly supported by Monash Council and St Christopher's Parish.

FOOD FUN & FRIENDSHIP

A friendly space to bond over a nutritious meal, enjoying food, conversations and company.

THURSDAYS 6pm-7.30pm

(4 sessions: 8-29th May 2025)

8th May: Sharing Food & Experiences

15th May: Crafting Culinary Connections

22nd May: Bubbling Food & Laughter

29th May: Food and Friendships

Where: St Christopher's Primary School hall

5 Doon avenue, Glen Waverley 3150

Text your full name only 0452 557 913 to reserve a spot. Participants must be aged 18+.

LIMITED SPOTS, BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Unfortunately we will not be able to cater to food intolerances or allergies.

- Living alone?
- Missing social connection?
- New to the area or to the country?



Hosted by Healthy Eating Coach, popular cook and Restaurant Manager

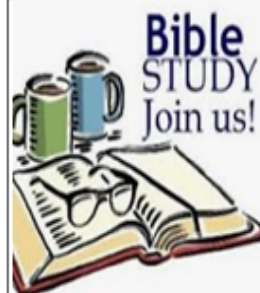
Is there more to life than this?

Alpha is a safe space to explore life, purpose and the Christian faith, ask questions, and share your point of view. Alpha is free and everyone is welcome.

St Christopher's
23/4
7pm



To learn more about Alpha, visit
alpha.org.au



Bible Study: Book of Revelation
By Jeff Cavins



Facilitated by Gwen O'Brien

Thursdays at 7.30 pm in St Christopher's Cenacle.

May	
Thursdays	Saturdays
1/5/25	3/5/25
8/5/25	10/5/25
29/5/25	31/5/25

June	
Thursdays	Saturdays
5/6/25	7/6/25
12/6/25	14/6/25
19/6/25	21/6/25
26/6/25	28/6/25

Dates:

(* Zoom repeat sessions on Saturdays 10-11.30am)

May: 1, 3*, 8, 10*, 29, 31*


Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81708433156?pwd=aTYwN0N1cTVQZzJl25hWkZ6aDNoQT09>

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OTHER NOTICES



**FEAST OF JESUS
DIVINE MERCY
Sunday**

I am the King of Mercy!
On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy.
THE SOUL THAT WILL GO TO CONFESSION AND RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION SHALL OBTAIN COMPLETE FORGIVENESS OF SINS AND PUNISHMENT.
On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flows are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet.

O Jesus, have mercy!
Embrace the whole world and press me to Your Heart...
O Lord, let my soul repose in the sea of Your unfathomable mercy.
Jesus, I Trust in You!
(Diary, 699, 371, 327)

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**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

THANK YOU!

Caritas Australia would like to express our heartfelt thanks for your incredible support of Project Compassion this Lent. If you still have your Project Compassion box or donation envelope at home, please return them next week at Mass. Your generosity is helping to empower the world's most vulnerable communities, enabling them to overcome challenges and lift themselves out of poverty.

Together, we are creating a better tomorrow, helping vulnerable communities build stronger futures for themselves and empowering them to break free from the cycle of poverty.

Thank you for standing with us!



It's not too late to donate.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion


Or by calling: 1800 024 413



PRAISE AND WORSHIP
Hope in Desperation

02/05 7:30-9PM
ignite ft. Chelsea Lim

Join us as Chelsea shares how she encountered God during one of the hardest moments of her life



**Happy New Year
to all our fellow
Sinhalese & Tamil
parishioners.**



Women's Wellness Event
Saturday 24th May

10.00 AM TO 12.30 PM
Fabulous Morning Tea
Hennessy Hall, St Christophers,
5 Doon Ave. Glen Waverley
Cost Still only \$25.00

**DO YOU FEEL EXHAUSTED BY THE
CRAZINESS IN THE WORLD?**
Enjoy inspiring Presentations where you will discover
how to improve your Wellbeing with Kindness Activities.
CONTACT CHRISTINA SORBELLO 0408 355 527 PLEASE INDICATE DIETARY
REQUIREMENTS Book Online via try booking

REMEMBERING POPE FRANCIS

Pope Francis was the first pope from the Society of Jesus and the first from the Southern Hemisphere. Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Jorge Mario Bergoglio, was ordained a Catholic priest in 1969.

He served as the Jesuit provincial superior in Argentina during the 1970s, became the archbishop of Buenos Aires in 1998 and was created a cardinal in 2001 by Pope John Paul II.

On election to the papacy he chose the name Francis in honour of Saint Francis of Assisi, saying he had done so because he was especially concerned for the wellbeing of the poor.



POPE FRANCIS

Jorge Mario Bergoglio

17 December 1936

21 April 2025

*May he
Rest in Peace*



RSVP Friday 16th May



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Acknowledgment of Country -

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land of the Kulin Nation. We pay our respect to them and their cultures.



PARISH MINISTRIES & NOTICES

1ST COLLECTION - PRESBYTERY

March 2025 : \$ 8,305.25

This collection supports Fr Ralph and other priests in our Parish

2ND COLLECTION - THANKSGIVING OFFERING

March 2025 : \$ 13,194.55

This collection goes towards the running costs of the Parish and supports all the Ministries

THANKSGIVING CONTRIBUTION TO ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH

Your kind donation helps support our community



ROSTER

Week Beginning Monday 28 April 2025

Prayer Leaader	Reader	Prayers of the Faithful	Counters
Tuesday 9.15am	John Hackett	Pauline Perrin	Kathryn Foley David Whalan, Pauline Perrin
Thursday 9.15am	Ronnie Poskitt	Flowers	
Saturday 9.15am	Louise Pagliaro	Natalia Tjahjono	
Duty	6pm	8:30am	10:30am
Sacristan	Ida Wati	Anastasia Darmawan	Grace Lim & Harry Lim
Altar Server	Evana D'Silva, Shaina Chaugule, Volunteer	Amy Thomas, Francesca & Vincenzo Purawinata	Gabriella, Mikaela, & Raphaella Reuben
Commentator	Ronnie Poskitt	David Whalan	John Hackett
Reader	Tony Hough	John Stone	Ian Darmawan
Eucharistic Minister	Pat Barnes Volunteer	Helen Au Yeung, Marie Murphy	Catherine Drake, Brian Worcester, Volunteer
Welcome Desk	-	-	Volunteer
Greeters	Volunteer	Rianny Tjung	Cynthia Boudeville
Ushers	Catherine & Kelvin Loo	Eunice Wong	Jeanette Alexander Angela Yap
Videographer	-	-	Dilan Cooray
Music	IGNITE	EFRATA	REJOICE
Morning Tea	-	Virginia Quek, Margaret Yap	Nilesa & Ornelas Rodrigues

In Faith, Hope and Love, let us pray for repose of the souls of

Recently Deceased: Pope Francis

Death Anniversaries: Roma Mees, Norah O'Connor, Helen Curren, James Sim, Ena Heffernan, Roslyn Henshall, Rose Espiritu, Brigid & Peter McGrath, Frank Case, Olga Tyler, Mary Clarke, Marie Whitburn, Esperanza Faustino, Teresa Montebello, Budiman Wirawan.

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