

# Pilgrims of hope

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

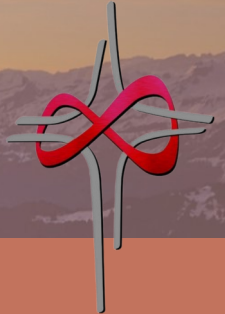


## SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES (YEAR C)

## 29 JUNE 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...

In the Gospel, our Lord says to Simon son of Jonah: 'You are Peter and on this rock I will build my church'. 'My church' – the church desired by our Lord, not a church designed by all too earthly ambitions, a church whose structure owes much to the Roman empire, and later to Euro-centric models spanning the last millennia or so. May the Church, the Church of the third millennium, be unshackled from the chains of various historical eras so that the Pope, in giving an account of his ministry to the Lord will be able to say with St Paul, 'I have fought the good fight to the end,' by doing my best to heed your call 'rebuild my Church'.



### MASS TIMES

#### Next Week's Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 6 pm,  
Sunday 8.30 am & 10.30 am  
Livestream Sunday 10.30 am

#### Weekday Masses

Tues, Thurs & Sat 9.15am

Priest available for  
Confession on Saturdays  
after mass

### New to St Christopher's? Connect with Us

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T. 1800 305 330 (M-F 10am-3pm)

### READINGS THIS WEEK (YEAR C)

**1st Reading:** Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11  
The Lord rescues Peter from Herod.

**Resp Psalm:** Ps 33:2-9. R. v.5  
(R.) The Lord set me free from all my fears.

**2nd Reading:** 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18  
Paul concludes his letter, ready for the Day of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew 16:13-19

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus replied: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.

### READINGS NEXT WEEK

#### FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

**1st:** Isaiah 66:10-14

**Resp Psalm:** Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. v.1

**2nd:** Galatians 6:14-18

**Gospel:** Luke 10:1-12. 17-20

### 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

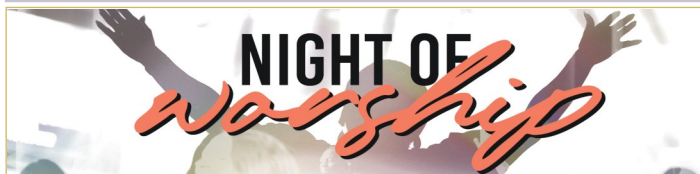
## CHARISMATIC Prayer Group

**Wednesday 2 July**

@ 7:30pm - Cenacle Room

*All are welcome ...*

Rosa: 0447 111 270 / John: 0407 182 916



**ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH**

**FRIDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JULY : 7.30PM—9PM**



**Anointing Mass @ St Christopher's Parish**

Wednesday 9 July at 11.30am

followed by lunch in the fellowship hub

**All are welcome !**

Contact Lorraine T. 9802 3183

**\*\* there will be NO 9.15am Mass \*\***

## Meditation Group

**Tuesday 15 July @ 7.30pm in the Presbytery**

**All are welcome!**

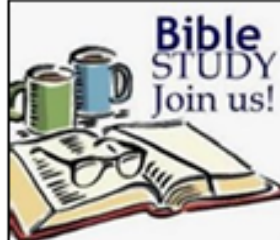
## Funeral of Shirley Matusch

Date Monday 30 June 2025

Time 10 am

Location St Christopher's Church

*Let's keep the Matusch family in our prayers.*



**Bible Study: Book of Revelation**

*By Jeff Cavins*



Facilitated by Gwen O'Brien

**Thursdays at 7.30 pm in St Christopher's Cenacle.**

June		July	
Thursdays	*Saturdays	Thursdays	*Saturdays
26/6/25	28/6/25	3/7/25	5/7/25
		24/7/25	26/7/25
		31/7/25	

(\*Zoom repeat sessions (online) on Saturdays at 10.00—11.30am) :

**June: 28; July: 5, 26**

**Zoom link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81708433156?pwd=aTYwN0N1cTVQZzJlZ5hWkZ6aDNoQT09>

Login Code: 08433156 / Pass Code: 803022

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## THANK YOU MESSAGE FROM FR RALPH

From the bottom of my heart I would like to sincerely thank you all for the farewell that was wonderfully put together for me last Sunday and not to mention the amazing gifts and cards.

I am very blessed to have know and worked with you these many years. So, once again ... **THANK YOU!**

*"Many beautiful things cannot be seen nor touched*

*They are felt within the heart*

*What you have done for me is one of them."*

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## OTHER NOTICES

### FR RALPH'S FAREWELL

#### *Thank You!*

It was a heartwarming celebration, with great fellowship and yummy food. We appreciate everyone's generosity in helping out with different aspects of the celebration. And we are so heartened that so many of you turned up to farewell him. It is a sign of how much he means to us.

*The Organising Committee*



**NAIDOC** Week marks a powerful milestone: 50 years of honoring and elevating Indigenous voices, culture, and resilience. The 2025 theme, "The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy," celebrates not only the achievements of the past but the bright future ahead, empowered by the strength of our young leaders, the vision of our communities, and the legacy of our ancestors. In addition Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria warmly invites you to two important celebrations that mark the start and end of NAIDOC Week (6<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> July). We especially encourage you to Invite the First Nations community members within your parishes and networks to attend:

#### **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday Mass**

**Sunday 6 July 2025, 11.00am**

**St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne**

and

#### **NAIDOC Week Mass**

**Sunday 13 July 2025, 11.00am**

**St Francis' Church, 326 Lonsdale St, Melbourne**

**2025 Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee** will be a significant time for us Catholics offering us opportunities for spiritual renewal. It provides a period for believers to reflect, embark on pilgrimages, and receive special indulgences sanctioned by the Church.

Here are 13 designated pilgrim places in our Archdiocese:

- ◆ St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne
- ◆ St Mary Star of the Sea (Archdiocese Shrine of the Holy Family), West Melbourne
- ◆ St Mary MacKillop, Keilor Downs
- ◆ St Luke's, Lalor
- ◆ St Mary Magdalene's, Trentham
- ◆ Polish Marian Shrine, Aberfeldie/Essendon
- ◆ St Dominic's, Camberwell East
- ◆ St Francis Xavier, Mansfield
- ◆ Sacred Heart, Croydon
- ◆ Divine Mercy Shrine, Keysborough
- ◆ Our Lady of Lavang, Keysborough
- ◆ St Patrick's, Mentone
- ◆ St Macartan's, Mornington

#### ***Pentecost Triduum P&W recordings***

We now have available via *YouTube* inspiring talks given by Bruce Downes from The Catholic Guy on making time for the Holy Spirit to be central in our faith and in our lives. Over 250 people attended these nights!

Here below are the links to the recordings. We encourage you to take some time to view these videos—you will be inspired by Bruce Downes' messages and invitations to grow in faith.

Thursday 5 June: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IljVJNpoSE>

Friday 6 June: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GHk4nq0KJY0>

### PIETY STALL

**St Christopher's Piety Store** : We have an eclectic range of religious items to purchase.

Available after mass in the Narthex.

*Thank you for your kind support ...*

#### **St. Vincent De Paul Society**

The St. Vincent De Paul Society would appreciate your kind donations of items such as pasta, sauces, soup, noodles, coffee, tea, tinned/canned tuna, corned beef etc., tooth paste, tooth brushes, detergent, household cleaning products. Thank you for all your support and generosity.

**!! FOOD DONATION NEEDED !!**

#### **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

May 2025 : \$ 8,813.95

*This collection supports Fr Ralph and other priests in our Parish*

## 2ND COLLECTION - THANKSGIVING OFFERING

May 2025 : \$ 15,733.30

*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 23 June 2025

Prayer Leaader	Reader	Prayers of the Faithful	Counters
Tuesday 9.15am	Mary Tan	Paula Eales	Mary & Charles Seong
Thursday 9.15am	Volunteer Required	Flowers	
Saturday 9.15am	Marquetta Manokaran	Jenny Johan	
Duty	6pm	8:30am	10:30am
Sacristan	Ida Wati	Felcon Gatab	Amy Noto
Altar Server	Lukas Lettice, Cameron Lettice, Olivia Lettice	Francesca and Vincenzo Purawinata	Rachel Ng, Beatrice Li, Elisha Lai
Commentator	Mary Tan	Volunteer	Austin Swamy
Reader	Austin Swamy	Graham Perrin	John Hackett
Eucharistic Minister	Jonathan & Carrie Ng	Betty Robinson, Helen Au Yeung	Justin Tan, Brian Worcester, Harry Lim
Welcome Desk	-	-	Margaret Yap
Greeters	Volunteer	Eunice Wong	Anne Boudeville
Ushers	Volunteer	Susan Lee	Lina Liu Angela Yap
Videographer	-	-	Dilan Cooray
Music	IGNITE	EFRATA	REJOICE
Morning Tea	-	Margaret Yap	Marie & Gamini Fernando

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

**Recently Deceased:** Shirley Matusch

**Death Anniversaries:** Mary Murphy, Mary Crowe, Kathleen Lawless, Agustinus Agoes Purnomo, Arthur Peters, James Norris, Regina Pereira, Ezio Staffieri, Murray Winnett, Kathleen Reese, Georgina Pasamonte, Sales D'Souza, Eustachio Zacardi, Ida Gabriel, Jade D'Souza, Kam Mooi, Raymond Hurley, Peter Bradbury, Frank Matusch, Agustinus Agoes Purnomo.

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