

Pilgrims of hope

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

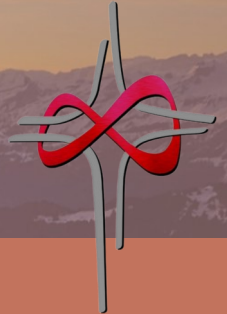


FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

6 JULY 2025

WELCOME TO ST CHRISTOPHER'S

You are INVITED!

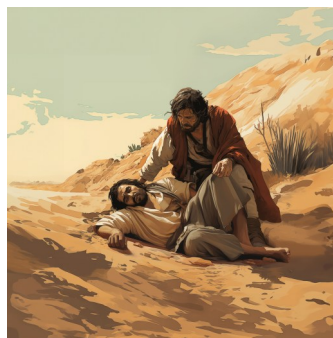


St Christopher's is a Missionary Parish of Intentional Disciples, passionate about being Christ to all, through our witness of God's love in action.

REFLECTIONS...

It was not enough to want to follow Jesus and to be committed to him. Discipleship also demanded the ability to make shifts in understanding in order to recognise what following Jesus required. He did not merely repeat the religious tradition, he re-interpreted it. We too are called to understand the words and deeds of Jesus, but we must understand what they mean for us today. Today we need to make comparable shifts of understanding in order to bring the message of Jesus into conversation with the contemporary world. Perhaps one of the most exciting and, at the same time, unnerving aspects of our religious tradition is its nonconforming nature. We think that we finally understand the way God is working in our lives and then something happens that seems to turn our understanding inside out. We are told to love our neighbour and when we ask who that might be we are told a story that turns the question around. 'Who is my neighbour?' or 'Whom should I love?' becomes 'Who acts as a neighbour?' or 'Who shows love?'. We are told that the law of God, which appears to be so lofty, is really very close to us, in

our mouths and in our hearts. Following the law results in a way of living that is inspired and informed by love, love of God and love of others, even, and perhaps especially, those whom we are not inclined to love.



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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READINGS THIS WEEK (YEAR C)

1st Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14
The Lord will prosper Jerusalem.

Resp Psalm: Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. v.1
(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

2nd Reading: Galatians 6:14-18
Paul boasts of the cross of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you.

Alleluia!

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

READINGS NEXT WEEK

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

1st: Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Resp Psalm: Ps 68:14. 17. 30-31. 33-34. 36-37.
R. see v.33

2nd: Colossians 1:15-20

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

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

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!

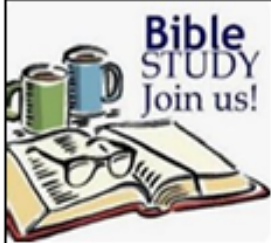
Funeral of Kathleen (Kath) Chosich

Date : Thursday 10 July 2025

Time : 10.30 am Rosary;

11am Mass (refreshments afterwards)

Location: St Christopher's Church



Bible Study: Book of Revelation

By Jeff Cavins



Facilitated by Gwen O'Brien

Thursdays at 7.30 pm in St Christopher's Cenacle.

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

August	
Thursdays	*Saturdays
	2/8/2025
7/8/2025	9/8/2025

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

June: 28; July: 5, 26

Zoom link:

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"We exist to serve the people of God, enabling the Gospel of Jesus Christ to come alive in our community"

Would you like to explore the Catholic Faith?

The team of RCIA welcomes participants to join the 2025 program starting on

~ Thursday 21 August 2025 ~



RCIA Co-ordinator: Alison Trudgett

Queries and registration via Parish Secretary

Phone: 9802 8538

Email: secretary@syndalcatholic.org.au



Pope Francis calls us to be "Missionaries of hope among all peoples", extending Christ's love to those in need.

So please give generously to support St Jane Kaputa at the Women's Cooperative and Chilonga Mission Hospital in Zambia.

Please give generously ...

In two weeks, we'll share with you the story of two inspiring missionaries, Sr Jane and midwife Kayula, who are helping to lift women like Sharon out of poverty and provide life-saving care to mothers like Grace and their newborn babies.

You have the opportunity to partner with this life-giving work, as your prayers and support are crucial in ensuring these programs can move forward.



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OTHER NOTICES



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 (6th-13th 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

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=GHk4nqOKJY0>

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 ...

Wedding Anniversaries

We praise you, O God, we bless you, Creator of all things, who in the beginning made man and woman that they might form a communion of life and love. We also give you thanks for graciously blessing our family life so that it might present an image of Christ's union with the Church.

A hearty welcome back to Fr Jacob

*"God, in His wisdom,
has gifted you and called you ...*

*In this time, this place ...
To care for His people .."*

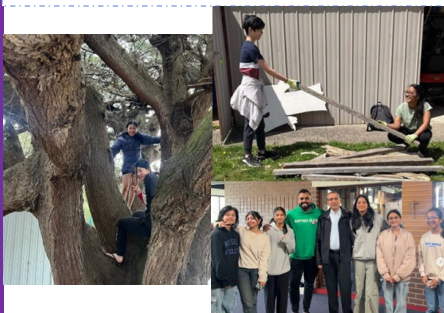
**** MORNING TEA VOLUNTEERS WANTED ****

We are on the look out for the **8.30am** morning tea volunteers. If you have a passion to serve your community and in making a positive impact to your fellow parishioners, we would love to hear from you.

Feel free to contact Preethi directly on 0434 670 972 or via email to preethidesilva18@gmail.com. *Thank you !*

ELEVATE IS ON

BREAK!



Alpha Youth:

We've just wrapped up our Alpha Youth series — and wow, what a journey! Our young people explored faith from new perspectives, tackled some big, thought-provoking questions, and grew so much along the way.

Elevate Connect:

This past term, our Connect crew dug deep into Bible study. We hope all our amazing over-18s were inspired by God's Word and found fresh ways to live it out every day.

Praise & Worship:

Last Friday was something special! We shared an incredible night of praise and worship, with powerful music and a moving testimony that touched so many hearts. It was also beautiful to see so many parishioners make the most of our prayer teams.

What's Next

Elevate is officially back in Term 3, kicking off with Connect on **25th July**. And don't forget — we have our next Youth Mass on **20th July**. We can't wait to see you there!

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

June 2025 : \$ 8,261.90

Supports the Parish Priest, Supply Priests, Priests of the Archdiocese and Archbishop's fund

2ND COLLECTION - THANKSGIVING OFFERING

June 2025 : \$ 13,437.00

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 7 July 2025

Prayer Leader	Reader	Prayers of the Faithful	Counters
Tuesday 9.15am	Volunteer Required	Margaret Foley, Pat McCulloch, Louise Pagliaro	Joe Thomas, Johannes & Nancy Aulia
Thursday 9.15am	Justin Tan	Flowers	
Saturday 9.15am	Louise Pagliaro	Natalia Tjahjono	
Duty	6pm	8:30am	10:30am
Sacristan	Paul Liew	Anastasia Darmawan	Grace Lim & Harry Lim
Altar Server	Volunteers x 3	Olivia Lettice, <i>volunteer</i>	Vincent Ng, Chrislyn & Celine Wawolangi
Commentator	Kevin Widarja	Louise Pagliaro	Ian Darmawan
Reader	Tony Hough	Jon Chavarria	Luciano De Biase
Eucharistic Minister	Pat Barnes, Ronnie Poskitt	Marie Murphy, Graham Perrin	John Hackett, Cheryl Hackett, Brian Worcester
Welcome Desk	-	-	Shireen Pires
Greeters	Amy Noto	Eunice Wong	Carol Peters
Ushers	Volunteer	Eunice Wong	Ethan Ghee Jeanette Alexander
Videographer	-	-	Jerome Tan
Music	CANTATE	Joe & Bernadette Fernandes	TRINITY
Morning Tea	-	Virginia Quek, Brigid Chan	Anne & Sujth Heenatimulla

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

Recently Deceased: Kathleen Chosich

Death Anniversaries: Guy Noyaux, Tasman Hough, Sulantina Widjaja, Alicia Fernando, Mari Schepski, Bernadette Soen Sim Mooi, Ruby Lauritz, Betty Hommell, Neal Brooks, Lina Butler, Emmanuel Candappa, Doug Corin, Jack Manley, Ron Bradbury, Irene Teo, Isabel Brown.

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