

Pilgrims of hope

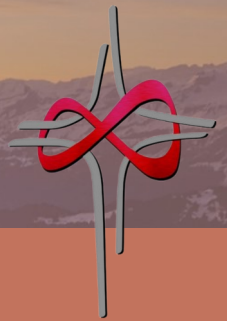
Embark on a
transformational and
spiritual journey in
this year of Jubilee



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

13 JULY 2025

WELCOME TO ST CHRISTOPHER'S
You are INVITED!

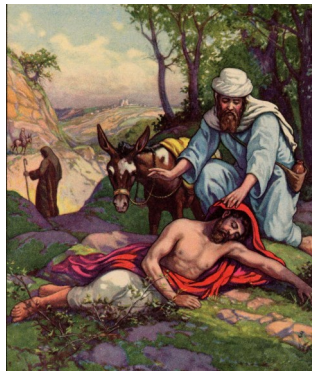


St Christopher's is a Missionary Parish of Intentional Disciples, passionate about being Christ to all, through our witness of God's love in action.

REFLECTIONS...

If there's one lesson we can take from today's readings it's that our faith is simple. Jesus patiently fields these Jesuitical questions from a lawyer cross-examining him about the two great commandments: love God and love your neighbour as yourself. It doesn't get much clearer than that. But Jesus goes on to tell a long story to underline this point: stop for everyone. It's that simple. The Good Samaritan is the only one in Jesus' story who is honouring his instincts: the commandment written not just on stone tablets or in a book in the clouds, but on our hearts. He loves his neighbour the way that he hopes others would love him. And

neighbour means
everyone, not just
family members.



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

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READINGS THIS WEEK (YEAR C)

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14
The law of the Lord is near to you.

Resp Psalm: Ps 68:14. 17. 30-31. 33-34. 36-37.
R. see v.33
(R.) Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

2nd Reading: Colossians 1:15-20
Christ is God made visible.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

READINGS NEXT WEEK

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

1st: Genesis 18:1-10

Resp Psalm: Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

2nd: Colossians 1:24-28

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

Parish Office Opening Hours:

Tuesdays & Thursdays 9am - 4pm

Fridays 9am - 4.30pm

5 Doon Ave, Syndal

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

Meditation Group

Tuesday 15 July @ 7.30pm

For Venue contact Claire on 0423 577 676

CHARISMATIC Prayer Group

Wednesday 16 July : @ 7:30pm - Cenacle Room

All are welcome ...

Rosa: 0447 111 270 / John: 0407 182 916



Bible Study: Book of Revelation
By Jeff Cavins



Facilitated by Gwen O'Brien

Thursdays at 7.30 pm in St Christopher's Cenacle.

July		August	
Thursdays	*Saturdays	Thursdays	*Saturdays
24/7/25	26/7/25		2/8/2025
31/7/25		7/8/2025	9/8/2025

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

June: 28; July: 5, 26

Zoom link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81708433156?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81708433156?pwd=aTYwN0N1cTVQZzJlZ5hWkZ6aDNoQT09)
[pwd=aTYwN0N1cTVQZzJlZ5hWkZ6aDNoQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81708433156?pwd=aTYwN0N1cTVQZzJlZ5hWkZ6aDNoQT09)

Login Code: 08433156 / Pass Code: 803022

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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

Here I Am Series: Session 2

WHO AM I TO YOU?

Saturday 26 July, 3.00pm - 5.30pm

Fellowship Hub

CATHOLIC MISSION : PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL Special Collection - 19/20 JULY 2025

Envelopes available in the narthex for you to take home.

How to donate:

- * Credit Card
- * Cash
- * QR Code or online at
- * cm.org.au/mission
- * phone on 1800 257 296



For women like Sharon, who must choose between feeding their children or selling their crops to survive, and Grace, who risked her life traveling 160km for safe childbirth, hope comes through Sr Jane and Kayula. Through sustainable farming, Sr Jane helps women provide for their families. At the Chilonga Mission Hospital, Kayula ensures mothers and babies receive the dignity and care they deserve.

This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance the vital work of the Church. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope to the people of Zambia.



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

SEA SUNDAY

This Sunday, 13 July, is Sea Sunday.

Stella Maris, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church, is asking Catholics to reflect on the lives of seafarers and the challenges they face, and to offer our support to those who are among the least visible people in the world yet are among the greatest contributors to our daily life.

In 1922, Pope Pius XI approved the first constitution of Stella Maris, known as Apostleship of the Sea. It now operates in over 300 ports across the world. Stella Maris supports seafarers in spiritual, social and material ways, including prayer, helping them contact their families and advocating in Australia and internationally for safe and fair working conditions.

For more information can be found at:
<https://www.stellamaris.org.au/>

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=ILjjVJNpoSE>

Friday 6 June: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GHk4nqOKJY0>

**** 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 !*

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 ...


Dare to Be Different Forum

Hope Lost, Hope Found

Thursday 21 August 2025

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 Food & Art from 6pm

 Formalities from 7:30pm

Eldon Hogan Performing Arts Centre (EHPAC),
Xavier College



Book your ticket here:

<https://www.trybooking.com/DCWEJ>

The Xavier Social Justice Network invites you to join us for the Dare to Be Different Forum, our annual advocacy event exploring the theme *Hope Lost, Hope Found*.

Focusing on the refugee and asylum seeker experience in Melbourne, the evening will feature courageous storytelling and meaningful dialogue, rooted in Xavier's Jesuit

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 14 July 2025

Prayer Leader	Reader	Prayers of the Faithful	Counters
Tuesday 9.15am	Mary Tan	John & Cheryl Hackett	Graham Baker Margaret Campbell Margaret Carr
Thursday 9.15am	Ronnie Poskitt	Flowers	
Saturday 9.15am	Marquetta Manokaran	Jenny Johan	
Duty	6pm	8:30am	10:30am
Sacristan	David & Erlin Tenggara	Louise Pagliaro	Robert Vecchio
Altar Server	Amy Thomas, Shaina Chaugule, Lukas Lettice	Volunteers x 2	Isaiah, Immanuel & Ignatius Png
Commentator	Grae Widarja	Phil Green	ELEVATE
Reader	Andy Lim	John Stone	ELEVATE
Eucharistic Minister	Tony Hough, Marie Murphy	Brigid Chan, Betty Robinson	ELEVATE, Harry Lim
Welcome Desk	-	-	ELEVATE
Greeters	Edna Louzado	Alvencia Winata	ELEVATE
Ushers	Catherine and Kelvin Loo	Rianny Tjung	ELEVATE
Videographer	-	-	Kevin Widarja
Music	SHINE FOR CHRIST	Joe & Bernadette Fernandes	ELEVATE
Morning Tea	-	Buddhi & Lakshitha Reginald	ELEVATE

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

Recently Deceased:

Death Anniversaries: Eileen Barker, Premawathi, Brenda Dowling, Peter Leotta, Paul Ward, Leo Francis Ryan, Mary Anthony, Nenita Ricahuerta, Adriana Micallef, Rogelio Buena, Thomas Heffernan, Michael Liddy, Fr Michael McMahon SAC, Josefina Aniban, Lucy Tan, Lorraine Hitchins, Aloyl Ludowyke, Janet Griffin, Teresa Norris, Thomas Wong, Nilda De Marin, Cath Gavin, Philip Markham, Valerie Nelson, Alphonsus DeRoza.

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