

Pilgrims of hope

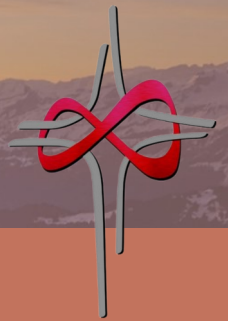
Embark on a
transformational and
spiritual journey in
this year of Jubilee



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

20 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...

Today's readings invite us to reflect on prayer. Whether our prayer be praise, contrition, thanksgiving or petition, it always recognises our need for God. In the gospel Jesus instructs us to ask for what we need. He assures us that God is more than willing to give us what we need. However, for this to happen we must turn to God and humbly acknowledge our need.

The most obvious characteristic of prayer depicted is persistence. Neither Abraham nor the man in the gospel was deterred by any obstacle. They show that it is not so much that we persist in prayer in order to change God's mind as it is that we persist in order to discover what God's mind might be.

By persevering in genuine prayer we may come to acknowledge that all things are in God's hands, and that we can rest content to leave them there, trusting that the situation will be cared for as God sees fit. It seems trite to say that God hears all prayer and sometimes the answer is 'No!' It is better to say that God respects the freedom of

people and will seldom intervene to change the way events unfold. Still, prayer can change the one who prays and also the one for whom the prayer is offered if only human need is recognised and divine solicitude is acknowledged.



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: Genesis 18:1-10
Abraham meets the Lord, is promised a son.

Resp Psalm: Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1
(R.) . The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

2nd Reading: Colossians 1:24-28
Paul finds joy in suffering.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy are they who have kept the word with a
generous heart
and yield a harvest through perseverance.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.

READINGS NEXT WEEK

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

1st: Genesis 18:20-32
Resp Psalm: Ps 137:1-3. 6-8. R. v.3
2nd: Colossians 2:12-14
Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

New to St Christopher's? Connect with Us

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

CHARISMATIC Prayer Group

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

All are welcome ...

Rosa: 0447 111 270 / John: 0407 182 916

Healing Mass

St Christopher's Church
Sunday 3 August
at 3pm with Fr Joby

NIGHT OF worship

ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH

FRIDAY 1st AUGUST : 7.30PM—9PM

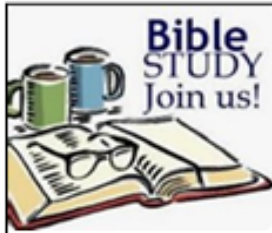
Here I Am Series: Session 2

WHO AM I TO YOU?

Saturday 26 July, 3.00pm - 5.30pm

Fellowship Hub

**** A special invitation to ALL MINISTRY LEADS and PARISHIONERS. ****



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) :

July: 26 ; August: 2, 9

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

MISSIONARIES OF HOPE

among all peoples



This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Zambia to help women overcome poverty and mothers give birth safely.

The Women's Cooperative, led by Sr Jane will provide women with the training and support required to break the cycle of scarcity, and the Chilonga Mission Hospital is determined to ensure every woman and baby receives a safe and dignified start to life.

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to be 'Missionaries of hope among all peoples', and we invite you to extend Christ's love to those in need in Zambia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/mission, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/mission



OTHER NOTICES

St Christopher's Catholic Parish Dinner Dance

11th of October 2025
7pm - Midnight

Springvale Town Hall
18 Grace Park Avenue
Springvale 3171

Music By
THE NEX GEN BAND
&
DJ

Caterers
Royal Regale Caterers
Asian Fusion Buffet
BYO Drinks

Adults \$70
Kids (5-12) \$35
Under 5 - Free

Dress Code - Smart Casual
Shades of Yellow & Orange
Raffles & Prizes

Tickets
Marquetta 0405 346 207
Shivanthi 0402 077 783
Parish Office 9802 8538



Rights of Admission Reserved

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>

Did you know?

Points of interest and Catholic lore

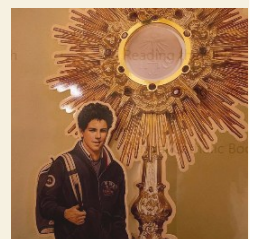
- In Jesus' time, there were many teachers who offered a spiritual path to their followers—a particular 'way'. In this text, the disciples ask Jesus to teach them his 'way' to the Father.
- We can understand the reluctance of the man in the parable to get up and help his friend if we understand the houses of the time. Animals often occupied the ground floor at night while the family spread out their sleeping mats on an overhead platform. The door was often difficult to bolt. To get up and help his friend, the man in the parable would have had to disturb his entire family and flock.

Blessed Carlo Acutis and the International Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition

St Luke the Evangelist Church, Blackburn South, and St Timothy's, Forest Hill, warmly invite you to experience the first-class relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis and the International Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition, which was put together by Carlo himself. This event will include an exciting series of talks with special guests.

For more information, you can download the flyer from the link below.

[Blessed Carlo Acutis First Class Relic and Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition](#)



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 ...

WORLD DAY OF GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

27th July 2025

World Day of Grandparents & the Elderly is observed each year on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the liturgical memorial of Sts Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

The theme is "Blessed are those who have not lost hope" (cf. Sir 14:2)



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 21 July 2025

Prayer Leader	Reader	Prayers of the Faithful	Counters
Tuesday 9.15am	John Hackett	Pauline Perrin	Alan McHenry, Genny & Charles Leeworthy
Thursday 9.15am	Justin Tan	Flowers	
Saturday 9.15am	Louise Pagliaro	Natalia Tjahjono	
Duty	6pm	8:30am	10:30am
Sacristan	Ida Wati	Felcon Gatab	Chris De Silva
Altar Server	Leader Volunteer, Rashwin & Radesh Lenora	Amy Thomas, Malone De Silva	Olivia Lettice, Gabriella, Mikaela, & Raphaella Reuben
Commentator	Ronnie Poskitt	John Stone	Catherine Drake
Reader	Mary Tan	Volunteer	Ian Darmawan
Eucharistic Minister	Andy Lim, Christine Sorbello	Shivanthi & Gerard Chitty	Justin Tan, Genny Leeworthy, John Hackett
Welcome Desk	—	—	Volunteer
Greeters	Volunteer	Mina Ierufi	Cynthia Boudeville
Ushers	Volunteer	Susan Lee	Lina Liu Shireen Pires
Videographer	—	—	Louise & Julian
Music	GRAE'S GROUP	RECORDED MUSIC	CHRISTY'S GROUP
Morning Tea	—	Shivanthi & Gerard Chitty	Sherin & Angelo Fernando

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

Recently Deceased: Rhodora Lafradez

Death Anniversaries: Thomas Wong, Monica Spillman, John McFadyen, Helena Leung, Esperanza Chavarria, Lorraine Hitchins, Leon Grosinski, Lily Kim Lean Sim, Alphonsus DeRoza, Len Dempsey, Selma Cochraine, Elsa Dicker, Sujaya de Silva, Perak Carey Pranatio, Alvin Kruger, Millie Moser, Angelina Gazzola, Gerald Duff, Paddy Duane, Keith Campbell, Bernadino Ferella, Fran Taylor, Antoinette Filipelli, Pat Heywood, Christopher Cameron.

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