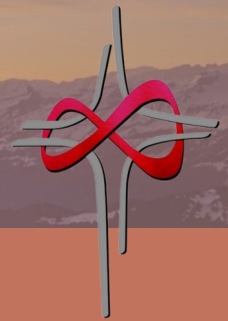


SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

27 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 invites us to reflect on the gift of prayer and our relationship with God. Today's readings teach us how to speak with God, trust Him in all circumstances, and remain persistent in prayer. These reflections help us deepen our faith and open our hearts to God's care and mercy. St. Therese of Lisieux described prayer as a surge of the heart. Prayer is more than saying words; it is opening ourselves to God. We share our joys, struggles, and hopes with the One who knows us best. Jesus calls us to address God as Father, a close and loving term. We acknowledge God's holiness and ask for his will to be done. Jesus reminds us that we can bring our needs to God, asking for our daily bread, mercy, and strength in hard times. Jesus urges his disciples to be persistent in prayer. He tells them to keep asking, seeking, and knocking. This persistence is not about changing God's mind but about building a deeper connection with Him. The readings also highlight God's mercy and care for His people. In the first reading, Abraham intercedes for the people of Sodom, trusting in God's justice and compassion. In the Gospel, Jesus shows

that we can ask God for what we need, confident in His love for us. As we reflect on these themes, we are reminded of the importance of prayer in every part of our lives. We are encouraged to trust God more fully, pray more sincerely, and rely on His love for guidance and strength. Guide us and fill us with Your love. Amen.



#### 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

### READINGS THIS WEEK (YEAR C)

**1st Reading:** Genesis 18:20-32

Abraham intercedes on behalf of Sodom.

**Resp Psalm:** Ps 137:1-3. 6-8. R. v.3

(R.) Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

**2nd Reading:** Colossians 2:12-14

God pardoned our sins through the death of Christ.

#### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit  
which makes us God's children,  
and in that Spirit we call God our Father.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 11:1-13

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and never forget all his benefits.

### READINGS NEXT WEEK

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

**1st:** Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

**Resp Psalm:** Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1

**2nd:** Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

**Gospel:** Luke 12:13-21

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### 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

## Retreat Weekend - Santhom Grove, Milgrove

*(previously known as Pallotti College)*

*(Overlooking the picturesque Yarra Valley)*

You are invited to come on a weekend of reflection and spiritual uplifting from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon

**3rd – 5<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

Cost per night: Single \$165, Double \$300.

(Day rate is also available)

(Includes Breakfast, Lunch, dinner,  
+ morning/afternoon tea and materials)

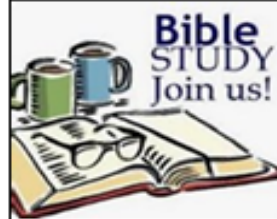
**Theme: Jesus and Mary**

Contact Rosa : 0447 111270 John : 0407 182916



**ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH**

**FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> AUGUST : 7.30PM—9PM**



**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
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) : **August: 2, 9**

**Zoom link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/817084331562>  
pwd=aTYwN0N1cTVQZzJlZ5hWkZ6aDNoQT09

Login Code: 08433156 / Pass Code: 803022

For more info: 0423643813 [gwendolineobrien@yahoo.com.au](mailto:gwendolineobrien@yahoo.com.au)



*"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](mailto:secretary@syndalcatholic.org.au)

## Beyond the Pews From Parishioners To Disciples By Paulist Evangelization Ministries

**A Faith Formation program:  
for those who seek a true life of discipleship in  
Christ, beyond the pews!**

By: Fred Choy

Duration: 11 sessions / Tuesday 7.30~9.30pm

Sessions: 19/8, 26/8, 2/9, 9/9, 16/9,  
(school hols break-2 weeks),  
7/10, 14/10, 21/10, 28/10, 4/11, 11/11

Location: Presbytery Meeting Room,  
St.Christopher's Syndal

Cost: Approx \$20/person / \*12 participants max\*

### REGISTRATION MANDATORY

Please register **before 12 August** by submitting your name and contact number to (or for inquiries):  
em@il: [discipleship@stchristopherssyndal.com.au](mailto:discipleship@stchristopherssyndal.com.au)  
Or (please TEXT) 0431 950090

## OTHER NOTICES

### PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

**Sunday 27 July @ 10.30am mass  
at St Christopher's Parish**

#### ***A Prayer for the Confirmation Candidates***

God our Father,  
We thank you for our young people  
who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.  
You call each one of them by name  
and promise that whatever happens in their lives,  
you will be with them always.  
We pray that this journey to Confirmation  
will be an opportunity for them  
to deepen their faith and renew their hope  
in you so that your love may shine  
through them to the world.  
Send your Holy Spirit upon them  
to be their helper and guide.  
Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of right judgement and courage,  
the spirit of knowledge and reverence.  
Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe  
in your presence.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

#### ***Funeral of Fr Benno***

***Date:*** Thursday 31 July, 2025

***Time:*** 10.30am Rosary  
11.00am Service

***Location:*** St Christopher's Parish, Syndal

***Refreshments:*** in the fellowship Hub

***Burial:*** Upper Yarra Public Cemetery, Westburn  
*All are welcome*



#### **!! PIETY STORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !!**

We are looking for volunteers who would be  
interested in looking after the Piety Store after the  
weekend masses.

*Please contact the office for further details.*

**T. 9802 8538 E. [secretary@syndalcatholic.org.au](mailto:secretary@syndalcatholic.org.au)**

#### **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 ...*

### ***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 in-  
spired 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>

**St Christopher's Catholic  
Parish** *Dinner Dance*

**11<sup>th</sup> 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**

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#### ***Did you know?***

- 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.

#### ***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 28 July 2025

Prayer Leaader	Reader	Prayers of the Faithful	Counters
Tuesday 9.15am	Mary Tan	Marie Murphy, Gladys Hough	Ashley D'Silva, Juan & Justinne Agapay
Thursday 9.15am	Ronnie Poskitt	Flowers	
Saturday 9.15am	Marquetta Manokaran	Natalia Tjahjono	
Duty	6pm	8:30am	10:30am
Sacristan	Paul Liew	Susan Lee	Grace & Harry Lim
Altar Server	Gabriella, Mikaela & Raphaella Reuben	Francesca & Vincenzo Purawinata	Rachel Ng, Maria-Susana & Maria Jose Valencia
Commentator	Ronnie Poskitt	Louise Pagliaro	Justin Tan
Reader	Mary Tan	Anne Choy	Lena Peh
Eucharistic Minister	Marie Murphy, Pat Barnes	Helen Au Yeung, Brigid Chan	Catherine Drake, Harry Lim, Brian Worcester
Welcome Desk	-	-	Loretta Stapleton
Greeters	Volunteer	Rianny Tjung	Carol Peters
Ushers	Catherine & Kelvin Loo	Mina Ierufi	Ethan Ghee, Shireen Pires
Videographer	-	-	Dilan Cooray
Music	IGNITE	EFRATA	REJOICE
Morning Tea	-	Preethi & Chris De Silva	Olympia & Fred John

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

**Recently Deceased:** Fr Benno

**Death Anniversaries:** Pat Thompson, Sr Margaret Atkins, Stella Gabriel, Anis Gunawan, Paul Donohue, Victor Bailey, John Moesbergen, Mary Dowd, Theresia Sumanty, Aline De Chaumont, Chen Yuk Lan, Eileen Barnes, Naomi Duff, Rex Shelley, Br. Bob Bradley SAC, Francesca Biviano, Evelyn Johnston, Maurice Ferns, Isola Pagliaro, Lawrence and Mary Alvares.

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