

# Pilgrims of hope

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

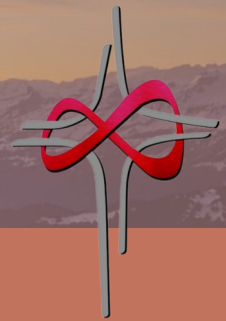


## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

## 10 AUGUST 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 middle of Ordinary Time we discover a theme normally associated with the end of the liturgical year and the season of Advent – vigilance in anticipation of the return of the master. This vigilance demands that we live lives of faith. We do not know when God will open the door of our existence and call us into a deeper realisation of the sacred dimension of life itself. Vigilance is a characteristic of a Christian at all times, for all times. We must be ever vigilant. While we live in the expectation of the coming of God in the future, we also live now in the presence of God. This means that God is present with us now, as a companion in our lives. It also means that this presence is the context within which our lives unfold. However, until all things are brought to fulfilment, we live in this presence by faith. Faith and hope are intimately joined. As believers we are called to trust in the promises of God, even when what is promised seems impossible. We are assured that we will be blessed, but we can never be sure of the exact nature of the blessing.

In faith, we put our trust in God and then carry out our responsibilities. In faith we wait for the Lord, who is our help and our shield, not really knowing under what guise he will come to us. Faith is both the cost of living as a disciple and the reward.



### 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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**St Vincent de paul:**  
T. 1800 305 330 (M-F 10am-3pm)

### READINGS THIS WEEK (YEAR C)

**1st Reading:** Wisdom 18:6-9

In the destruction of their foes, God called them and made them glorious.

**Resp Psalm:** Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R. v.12  
(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

**2nd Reading:** Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19  
The power of faith.

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

You know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 12:32-48

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,  
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

### READINGS NEXT WEEK

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

**1st:** Jeremiah 38:4-6. 8-10

**Resp Psalm:** Ps 39:2-4. 18. R. v.14

**2nd:** Hebrews 12:1-4

**Gospel:** John 10:27

### 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 13 August** : @ 7:30pm - Cenacle Room

*All are welcome ...*

Rosa: 0447 111 270 / John: 0407 182 916

## **Seniors Mass @ Holy Saviour Parish**

**Wednesday 13 August - 12pm**

Followed by lunch - please bring a plate to share.

Coffee/tea will be provided.

**All are welcome !**

Contact Rose 0411 706 016

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

## **Meditation Group**

**Tuesday 20 August @ 7.30pm**

**For venue contact Claire on 0423 577 676**

**This Sunday we celebrate the  
Sacrament of Baptism of**

**Rose Mae McGee**



*May this sacred occasion mark the beginning of a beautiful and fulfilling spiritual journey.*

*God bless you always.*

## **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

## **THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - SOLEMNITY MASS**

@ ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH

FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

MASSES

9:15AM AND 7.30PM



## **Installation of Fr Jacob Alvares as Parish Priest of Holy Saviour & St Christopher's**

Sunday 31 August, 10.30am Mass

at St Christopher's

Presiding Bishop: Bishop Tinh Nguyen

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Join us for morning tea afterwards ...

◇ Please bring a plate to share (Finger food only)

**ALL ARE INVITED!**



**"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)**



## OTHER NOTICES

### 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

### New Parishioners Welcome!

We would like to invite our new parishioners to an informal gathering on **Sunday 24th August** after the 10.30am mass in the Fellowship Hub for morning tea and then to the **Cenacle Room** for a **session at 11.45am**.

This session is to welcome you to our family, get to know each other, introduce the various ministries and answer any questions you may have about our Church.

We encourage you to attend by contacting our Hospitality Co-ordinator Cynthia via email

[cboudev@gmail.com](mailto:cboudev@gmail.com).

### Vale Bishop Peter Elliott

With deep sadness, we Bishop Peter Elliott died peacefully on Wednesday 6th August in Box Hill Hospital. We invite all the faithful to pray for the repose of his soul, and for comfort of his family, friends, brother priests, and all who mourn his passing.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon him.  
May he rest in peace. Amen.*

### **!! 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)**

### St Christopher's Church 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 0432 828 675  
Shivanthi 0402 077 783  
Parish Office 9802 8538**



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Your generous gift supports  
ministries across the Archdiocese  
—bringing the Good News to life  
not only in word, but in action.

Thank you.



**THE  
ARCHBISHOP'S  
CAMPAIGN  
2025**



[melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign](http://melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign)

**The Archbishop's Campaign will begin next weekend. We encourage you to think about what a vibrant faith community means for you and your family, and to consider making a personal and recurring monthly gift to support the vital ministries that serve all in our Archdiocese.**

**From next week, you will notice posters and campaign envelopes with tear-off pledge cards around the church.**

### 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

July 2025 : \$ 8,426.75

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

## 2ND COLLECTION - THANKSGIVING OFFERING

July 2025 : \$ 16,422.00

*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 11 August

Prayer Leaader	Reader	Prayers of the Faithful	Counters
Tuesday 9.15am	Mary Tan	Paula Eales	Kathryn Foley, Pauline Perrin, John Corin
Thursday 9.15am	Ronnie Poskitt	Flowers	
Saturday 9.15am	Marquetta Manokaran	Elvira Dlima	
Duty	6pm	8:30am	10:30am
Sacristan	Ida Wati	Louise Pagliaro	Chris De Silva
Altar Server	Olivia Lettice, Rashwin & Radesh Lenora	Volunteers x 2	Vincent Ng, Chrislyn & Celine Wawolangi
Commentator	Andy Lim	Phil Green	ELEVATE
Reader	Austin Swamy	Jon Chavarria	ELEVATE
Eucharistic Minister	Marie Murphy, Christine Sorbello	Betty Robinson, Volunteer	ELEVATE, Genny Leeworthy
Welcome Desk	-	-	ELEVATE
Greeters	Volunteer	Sharon Gomes	ELEVATE
Ushers	Volunteer	Susan Lee	ELEVATE
Videographer	-	-	Kevin Widarja
Music	CANTATE	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:** Bishop Peter Elliott

**Death Anniversaries:** Theresa Powell, Margaret Ho & Cecilia Ho, Anthony Kh'ng, John Brennan, Miroslav Fraczak, Vincent Hitchins, Antoinette Emmanuel, Kumar Amarasekara, David Anthony, Vincenza D'Angelo, Michael Hogan, Kum Eng Chiam, Mary Whelan, Hoch Teah Ng, Lorraine Corin, Marjorie Martin, Jessie Chan, Vladislav Trpak, Kevin Hough, James North-Coombes, Margaret Kelly, Peter Li, Joe Seery, Guiseppe Pulvirenti, Tindara Giliberto, Bela Biro, Particia Behan, Sr Genevieve Jeffrey PBVM, Imelda Doyle, Akos Budai, Br John Philis SAC, Helen Lauritz.

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