

# Pilgrims of hope

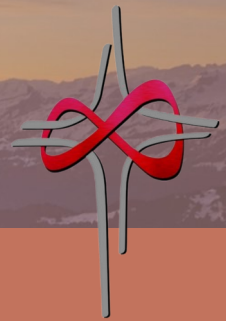
Embark on a  
transformational and  
spiritual journey in  
this year of Jubilee



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

**17 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...

Today's gospel reminds us that the message of Christianity is not always a popular one. Sometimes we are called upon to speak a hard message; a challenging message; a confronting message. The message of the gospel frequently confronts our popular culture and accepted social practice. It often contradicts the expedient decisions of our political leaders. There is a responsibility on us to speak the hard message of the gospel even at the risk of unpopularity and even in the face of threat. The Christian heroes of our time are those who call leaders to measure up to the demands of the gospel.

### 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:** Jeremiah 38:4-6. 8-10  
King Zedekiah saves Jeremiah from the well.

**Resp Psalm:** Ps 39:2-4. 18. R. v.14  
(R.) Lord, come to my aid!

**2nd Reading:** Hebrews 12:1-4  
Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus.

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John 10:27

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

With the Lord there is mercy;  
in him is plentiful redemption.

## READINGS NEXT WEEK

### TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

**1st:** Isaiah 66:18-21

**Resp Psalm:** Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15

**2nd:** Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

**Gospel:** Luke 13:22-30

### 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 20 August @ 7.30pm**

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

### **CHARISMATIC Prayer Group**

**Wednesday 27 August : @ 7:30pm - Cenacle Room**

**All are welcome ...**

Rosa: 0447 111 270 / John: 0407 182 916

### **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  
Or (please TEXT) 0431 950090

### **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 Thinh 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)**

### **Pallottine Cenacle Prayer Feast of Mary, Mother and Queen of the World. Patron of Pallottine Priests in Australia.**

**Time: Thursday 22nd August, 7.30 p.m.**

**Venue: St Andrew's Catholic Church,  
Clayton South (cnr Springs & Bunney Rds)**

**Come pray with us ..**

**We invite you to stay, chat and share a light supper.**

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**(avail to view via Zoom (\* Zoom start may be a little later)**

**[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88594966001?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88594966001?pwd=csozfjoanlqjOluYMPtUFGMZJpwYpt.1)**

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**Meeting ID: 885 9496 6001 Passcode: 631773**

### **Year of the Jubilee Pilgrimage to St Macartan's Church (4 Drake Street, Mornington, Victoria 3931)**

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2025**

**10.30am - 5.00pm**

**(Meet at St Christopher's at 10.30am)**

#### **Programme:**

- \* Mass, Confession, Tea & Fellowship
- \* Please register on the sheets in the Narthex
- \* Carpooling can be arranged

## 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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).

### **\*\* DINNER DANCE - VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED \*\***

We are looking for volunteers to help out at the dinner dance on 11th October. We are looking for willing hands and hearts to assist with washing and packing glassware after dinner and tidying up at end of the evening.

Kindly contact Shireen on 0412 367 566 or  
via email:

[volunteercoordinator@stchristopherssyndal.com.au](mailto:volunteercoordinator@stchristopherssyndal.com.au)

### **\*\* ATTENTION \*\***

Next week, there will be a Clergy Conference running from Tuesday to Friday where Fr Jacob will be attending. Masses will be running as per normal.

### **Acknowledgment of Country -**

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land of the Kulin Nation. We pay our respect to them and their cultures.

### **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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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 2025 Archbishop's Campaign**

is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a one time or monthly pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Brochures with more information can be found around the church. Donations can be made via the QR code, via the supplied campaign envelopes or anonymously via cash directly into the collection plate during the campaign weekends.



# 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 18 August 2025

Prayer Leader	Reader	Prayers of the Faithful	Counters
Tuesday 9.15am	John Hackett	Margaret Foley, Pat McCulloch, Louise Pagliaro	Alam McHenry, Margaret Carr, Margaret Campbell
Thursday 9.15am	Justin Tan	Flowers	
Saturday 9.15am	Louise Pagliaro	Jennie Johan	
Duty	6pm	8:30am	10:30am
Sacristan	Paul Liew	Felcon Gatab	Pius Tang
Altar Server	Gabriella, Mikaela & Raphaella Reuben	Francesca & Vincenzo Purawinata	<i>Volunteer Leader</i> Maria-Susana & Maria Jose Valencia
Commentator	Mary Tan	John Stone	Catherine Drake
Reader	Andy Lim	David Whalan	Luciano De Biase
Eucharistic Minister	Ronnie Poskitt, Pat Barnes	Helen Au Yeung, Graham Perrin	<i>Volunteer,</i> Brian Worcester, Justin Tan
Welcome Desk	-	-	<i>Volunteer</i>
Greeters	Angelina Cubinar	Mina Ierufi	Cynthia Boudeville
Ushers	<i>Volunteer</i>	Rianny Tjung	Anne Boudeville Chris De Silva
Videographer	-	-	Louie & Julian
Music	GRAE'S GROUP	RECORDED MUSIC	CHRISTY'S GROUP
Morning Tea	-	Pauline and Graham Perrin	Sheron & Angelo Fernando

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

### Recently Deceased:

**Death Anniversaries:** Thomas Morton, Jean Hill, Kevin Murray, Mary Rowe, Eric Robin Donovan, Leina Bardsley, John & Esmay Clements, Terry O'Brien, Simon Yap, Kevin Blizzard, Aleksandra Lotocki, Patrick Greene, Clem Naughton, Anne Liew, Doreen Gleeson, Brian Schaefer, Catherine (Kit) Moar, Gwen Pearce, Phoebe Ludowyke, Gabriel Silvapulle, Fr Mark Nugent CP, Vin Walsh, Margaret Ferguson, Solita Chavarria, Joseph Phang, Petrus Krisologus Widarja.

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