

# Pilgrims of hope

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

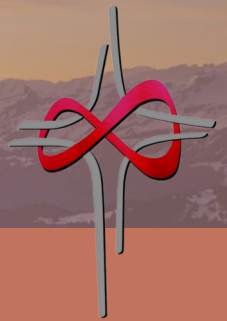


**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)**

**24 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...

The vision of a disciple must be the vision of God. Disciples must see with wide angled lenses that enable them to recognise that God offers the grace of salvation to all. When we are so sure of ourselves, we can easily fall into the error of being as sure of the moral failure of others as well. The gospel warns us against such judgment. Women and men are gathered into the community of the saved, primarily because others have been sent out to get them. The psalm refrain is the command to go out to the whole world. The first reading describes God sending fugitives back home to get their relatives. People come from all over because someone is sent to get them. Today that command is directed to us. We are the ones who are being sent out to bring others to God. Unfortunately there are many people who do not believe that they are fit to be

evangelisers. They may think that the work that they do or the lives that they live do not lend themselves to the task of spreading the good news of the gospel. They do not realise that all Christians are called and sent. This is not an option; it is a responsibility.



#### 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:** Isaiah 66:18-21

The Lord will gather all people to see his glory.

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

(R.) Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

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

The Lord disciplines those he loves.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord  
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

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

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;  
you bring forth bread from the earth  
and wine to cheer the heart.

#### READINGS NEXT WEEK:

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
(YEAR C)**

**1st:** Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29

**Resp Psalm:** Ps 67:4-7. 10-11. R. v.11

**2nd:** Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

**Gospel:** Luke 14:1. 7-14

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

*All are welcome ...*

Rosa: 0447 111 270 / John: 0407 182 916



**ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH**

**FRIDAY 5<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER : 7.30PM—9PM**

## Healing Mass

**St Christopher's Church**  
**Sunday 7 September at 3pm with Fr Joby**

### Funeral of Shelagh Maureen Gleeson

**Date:** Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2025

**Time:** 11.00am Service

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

**Burial:** 1.15pm at Springvale

**Refreshments:** 2pm Springvale Clarence Reardon Rooms

*Let's keep the Gleeson family in our prayers.*

*All Are Welcome!*



## CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

**Emmaus Jnr, Holy Saviour & St Christopher's**  
**Confirmation Candidates**  
will be **confirmed** on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August** at **St Patrick's Cathedral**.

As our community prepares these children for Confirmation, let us pray that this journey to Confirmation will be an opportunity for these children 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.



## 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!**

## 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

## 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

## !! SRI LANKAN FOOD FEST—VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED !!

We are looking for Sri Lankan families who would be willing to contribute to the food preparation for our upcoming Sri Lankan Food Fest in September. Please contact Preethi on 0434 670 972 or [preethidesilva18@gmail.com](mailto:preethidesilva18@gmail.com).



## OTHER NOTICES

The Syndal Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank most sincerely all our extremely generous benefactors who contributed to our Winter Appeal. We raised just under \$3000, which was a tremendous result in view of the many calls on the generosity of our parishioners at this time. These funds will enable us to help the individuals and families who, in difficult times call on us for assistance. Thank you again!

### **\*\* 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)

### 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



Rights of Admission Reserved

## Transformation and Growth

With: Louie Shu

Join us for a night of praise and worship as we listen to  
Louie's experience in Rome for the Jubilee of Youth

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September  
7:30-9pm

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 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.

#### 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 25 August 2025

Prayer Leaader	Reader	Prayers of the Faithful	Counters
Tuesday 9.15am	Mary Tan	John & Cheryl Hackett	Graham Baker, 2 x Volunteers required
Thursday 9.15am	Ronnie Poskitt	Flowers	
Saturday 9.15am	Marquetta Manokaran	Natalia Tjahjono	
Duty	6pm	8:30am	10:30am
Sacristan	David & Erlin Tenggara	Susan Lee	Grace & Harry Lim
Altar Server	Olivia, Lukas & Cameron Lettice	Volunteers x 2	CHILDREN'S CHOIR
Commentator	Kevin Widarja	David Whalan	CHILDREN'S CHOIR
Reader	Mary Tan	Anne Choy	CHILDREN'S CHOIR
Eucharistic Minister	Christine Sorbello, Andy Lim	Shivanthi & Gerard Chitty	Catherine Drake, 2 x Volunteers
Welcome Desk	-	-	Volunteer
Greeters	Amy Noto	Sharon Gomes	CHILDREN'S CHOIR
Ushers	Volunteer	Alvennia Winata	CHILDREN'S CHOIR
Videographer	-	-	Phil Eales
Music	RENEWED	RECORDED MUSIC	CHILDREN'S CHOIR
Morning Tea	-	Ruchika Aggrawal, Harendra	CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

**Recently Deceased:** Shelagh Maureen Gleeson, Charles Leeworthy, Chandrika Subasinghe

**Death Anniversaries:** Ellen Briggs, Ted Incigneri, Zofia Dziedzic, Josephine Miller, Lee Siew Tuan, Domenico Centofanti, Teodoro Tuazon, Juan Tuazon, Regino Cancio, Neville Saker, Aileen Landy, Sr Carmen OSB, Pang Peng Mun, Les Donohoe, David Smith, Joseph McInerney, Stella Mildred Gabriel, 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.

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