

Pilgrims of hope

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

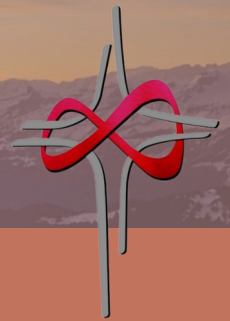


TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

31 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...

There are at least two ways we can hear Jesus' words in today's gospel. The first is as a strong challenge about social justice and 'what's in it for me', the second is more psychological.

Many of us, when we come to God at any time, try to dress ourselves up to look better than we are! This gospel reminds us that at Christ's banquet, it's not the poised and perfect who are most welcome, but the vulnerable. What does this mean for us who pray and celebrate the Eucharist? That God embraces those parts of us that are in greatest need of his love and healing – where we are poor, crippled, blind and lame. We know this is true because if Jesus is telling us to host the poor and broken at our tables, then as the perfect host he must do exactly the same with us at this Eucharistic meal as well.

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: Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29
Be humble, find favour with God.

Resp Psalm: Ps 67:4-7, 10-11. R. v.11
(R.) God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24
We are drawn to the heavenly Jerusalem.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Take my yoke upon you;
learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.

READINGS NEXT WEEK:
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(YEAR C)

1st: Wisdom 9:13-18

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

2nd: Philemon 12-17:Phlm 9-10, 12-17

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

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



ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH

FRIDAY 5th SEPTEMBER : 7.30PM—9PM

Healing Mass

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

Anointing Mass @ St Christopher's Parish

Wednesday 10 Sept at 11.30am

followed by lunch in the fellowship hub

All are welcome !

Contact Lorraine T. 9802 3183

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

CHARISMATIC Prayer Group

Wednesday 10 September : @ 7:30pm - Cenacle Room

All are welcome ...

Rosa: 0447 111 270 / John: 0407 182 916



Charles Leeworthy, our dear brother, sadly passed away on Thursday 21st August. Let us keep the Leeworthy family in our prayers. Funeral details will be advised soon.

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

Saturday 20th 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 – 5th 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

THE CATHOLIC GUY IS COMING

You have been chosen!

Join us Tuesday nights in September here at St Christopher's Parish for the launch of The Catholic Guy Ministry in Melbourne. It will be amazing. Don't miss it.

Location

St Christopher's Catholic Parish | 5 Doon Ave, Glen Waverley

Dates & Times

Starts Tuesday September 9th - 7:30pm



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:

volunteercoordina-
tor@stchristopherssyndal.com.au

CAR PARKING AT FRONT OF CHURCH ...

We kindly remind you not to park your vehicle directly in front of the church or in double lines, as this creates very limited space. In the event of an emergency, the emergency services will not be able to pass through due to the parking along Blackburn Road. We ask for your understanding and co-operation in keeping these areas clear at all times.

Thank you, Fr Jacob Alvares, SAC

OTHER NOTICES

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

The 2025 Archbishop's Campaign

This is a final reminder to complete your pledges to the 2025 Archbishop's Campaign and play your part in supporting the vital ministries that serve all in our faith community in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. The campaign calls on all the faithful to support our seminary, our retired priests, and important care and evangelisation ministries of the Archdiocese. More details about the campaign and how to make a gift are in the brochures in the pews and foyer today. I know that times are challenging but encourage you to consider giving generously to the extent you are able.

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



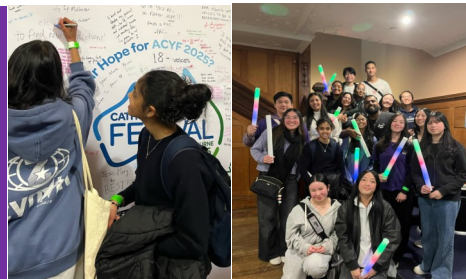
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Transformation and Growth

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 5th September
7:30-9pm



Elevate Youth at ACYF Evening

On Friday 9th August, Elevate Youth took our young people (from Year 9 through to 25 years old) to the ACYF Evening. It was an incredible experience listening to inspiring presenters share what ACYF will look like later this year. We also joined together in powerful praise and worship before the Blessed Sacrament, alongside so many other young people from across Melbourne, all gathered with the same purpose, to praise the Lord.

A highlight of the evening was hearing our very own Liz share about her experiences, which was such a proud and uplifting moment for our community.

We are filled with excitement and can't wait for ACYF from 30th November to 2nd December, it's going to be an unforgettable encounter with faith, fellowship and joy!

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 1 September 2025

Prayer Leaader	Reader	Prayers of the Faithful	Counters
Tuesday 9.15am	Angela Liew	Pauline Perrin	Joe Thomas, Juan & Justinne Agapay
Thursday 9.15am	Angela Liew	Flowers	
Saturday 9.15am	Louise Pagliaro	Fleur Bocarro	
Duty	6pm	8:30am	10:30am
Sacristan	Ida Wati	Anastasia Darmawan	Robert Vecchio
Altar Server	Volunteers x 3	Francesca & Vincenzo Purawinata	Isaiah, Immanuel & Ignatius Png
Commentator	Andy Lim	Louise Pagliaro	Austin Swamy
Reader	Ronnie Poskitt	Graham Perrin	Catherine Drake
Eucharistic Minister	Jonathan & Carrie Ng	Betty Robinson, Brigid Chan	Christine Sorbello, Cheryl Hackett, <i>Volunteer</i>
Welcome Desk	-	-	Lina Liu
Greeters	Volunteer	Volunteer	Cynthia Boudeville
Ushers	Catherine & Kelvin Loo	Volunteer	Chris De Silva Jeanette Alexander
Videographer	-	-	Dilan Cooray
Music	IGNITE	EFRATA	REJOICE
Morning Tea	-	Graham & Pauline Perrin	Volunteer

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

Recently Deceased:

Death Anniversaries: Eileen Barnes, Naomi Duff, Rex Shelley, Br. Bob Bradley SAC, Francesca Biviano, Evelyn Johnston, Maurice Ferns, Isola Pagliaro, Chris Poskitt, Norm Lauritz, Angelo Martiniello, Antonio Colla, Veronica Worcester, Doreen Brook, Iocolano Vincenza, Terry Carr, Domenica DeGennaro, Mick Ferguson, Irene & Mariano Garcia, Barbara Stanton, Herminio Ocampo, Reginald Ludekens, Luis Aniban, William Gaunt.

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