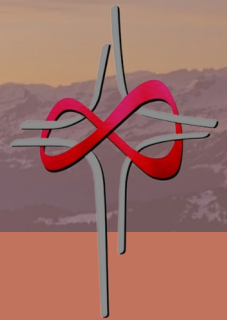


THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS (YEAR C)

14 SEPTEMBER 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 we concentrate on the power of the cross in our lives. It is the ultimate demonstration of the nature of God. Christ gave of himself even to death on the cross. This is characteristic, not only of the man Jesus, but of the Godhead. Creation is the first example of divine emptying; redemption is the ultimate example. Unlike Good Friday when we stand before the stark cross and mourn the death of our innocent messiah, today we stand before the glorious cross and praise God for God's incomprehensible goodness toward us. God's graciousness is poured out indiscriminately, prodigally as only profound love can be given. Such is the nature of our God, and the cross is the symbol of this nature. Jesus compares the pole in the wilderness on which was fixed the serpent to the cross which becomes the source of our healing. It was through the cross



that Jesus conquered sin and death and won for us access to God. It is through the cross that we die to sin and rise to new life in Christ. As painful as life's crosses may be, they serve to transform us. It can be our hope in the midst of pain and suffering and brokenness, because it promises to carry us into new life. Through the goodness of God, which has been poured out for us, we have been granted eternal life. It is incomprehensible to think that death is the way to life, but that is the message of this feast. The cross, which is a sign of shame and misery, is now a symbol of glory and exaltation.

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:

<https://stchristopherssyndal.com.au/welcome-from-our-parish-priest/pages/new-parishioner-registration-form>

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READINGS THIS WEEK (YEAR C)

1st Reading: Numbers 21:4-9
The Israelites are delivered from the fiery serpents.

Resp Psalm: Ps 77:1-2. 34-38. R. v.7
(R.) Do not forget the works of the Lord!

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11
Paul acknowledges Jesus as Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you,
because by your cross you have redeemed the world.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 3:13-17

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

When I am lifted up from the earth,
I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord.

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

1st: Amos 8:4-7

Resp Psalm: Ps 112:1-2. 4-8. R. see vv.1. 7

2nd: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

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 16 September @ 7.30pm

For venue contact Claire on 0423 577 676

CHARISMATIC Prayer Group

Wednesday 24 September : @ 7:30pm - Cenacle Room

All are welcome ...

Rosa: 0447 111 270 / John: 0407 182 916



THE CATHOLIC GUY

Join us every Tuesday evening
at 7.30pm

The Catholic Guy Ministry
hosted by Bruce Downes



Charles Vernon Leeworthy

Rosary

Date: Sunday 14th August, 2025

Time: 7pm

Location: St Christopher's Parish, Syndal

Funeral

Date : Monday 15th August, 2025

Time : 11.00am Service

Location: St Christopher's Parish, Syndal

Burial: 1.15pm at Springvale

Refreshments: Springvale Cemetery Function Room



!! CALLING NEW ALTAR SERVERS !!

Once again, we are calling for **new altar servers** who have already received their First Holy Communion. There will be a **Training Session on Saturday 4th October at 12pm at St Christopher's Parish.**

To register, please contact the office via email:
secretary@syndalcatholic.org.au

**** Your participation as an Altar Server is special. When you serve the priests and deacons, you serve the people of God, and above all, you serve Christ. ****

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

Parish Retreat - 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 to 5th October 2025

All are welcome!

Cost per night: Single \$165, Double \$300 (Day rate available)

(Incl. breakfast, lunch, dinner, + morning/afternoon tea & materials)

Theme: Jesus and Mary

Contact Rosa : 0447 111 270 John : 0407 182 916

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

Zane Isaac Rego



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

God bless you always.

Sri Lankan Food Fest!



Sunday 14th Sept

after the 8:30 am & 10:30 am masses

Delicious takeaway lunch packs & snacks!

Perfect to take home and enjoy with family & friends!

EFTPOS or Cash payments acceptable

****Calling for more helping hands from our Sri Lankan community**

OTHER NOTICES

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



Rights of Admission Reserved

PIETY STALL

St Christopher's Piety Store :

We have an eclectic range of religious items to purchase.

Available after mass in the Narthex.

SALT—Youth Recollection

STEADFAST AS LIGHT & TRUTH

A Youth Recollection for grades 5-12

FRIDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER, 2025

9.45AM—3.30PM

St Christopher's Catholic Church

Fees: \$20 (lunch provided)

Contact: Alfani 0433 403 838

Register by 19 Sept 2025



WE ARE A
SAFE, HOPE-FILLED
AND WELCOMING
CHURCH



Safeguarding Sunday—14 Sept 2025

Safeguarding Sunday, a day to focus on our responsibility to protect and care for those who are vulnerable and cannot speak for themselves. We are called to be a safe, welcoming and hope-filled church. Whether it's through prayer,

support, or direct action, we are invited to participate in God's work of justice.

Parish volunteers can be part of this direct action through their understanding and commitment to meeting safeguarding requirements.

- WWCC, PC (if required)
- Safeguarding Essentials Training and Code of Conduct
- Safeguarding Information for volunteers (on parish website)

Refer to the parish website for further Safeguarding information and resources.

Important Dates

Elevate Youth: 19th of Sept

Youth Mass: 21st of Sept



elevate
YOUTH

❖ Elevate Youth Bulletin ❖

This past Friday, our Over 18s group gathered to dive into the powerful topic of Spiritual Warfare. Together, we explored the reality of the ongoing battle within us and around us, and how we can draw strength through the sacramental life, daily prayer, fasting, and repentance to weaken the enemy's power and grow closer to Christ.

Exciting News for All Youth (14–25)

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) is happening from 30 November to 2 December 2025! Join over 10,000 young Catholics from across Australia for an incredible time of worship, talks, prayer, and praise. This is an opportunity you don't want to miss! If you're keen to come along, please reach out to one of the Elevate Youth leaders. We'll also be running fundraisers to help cut down the cost for all our youth, so stay tuned and get involved!

Let's journey together, grow in faith, and prepare our hearts for this amazing encounter with God!

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

August 2025 : \$ 6,834.10

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

2ND COLLECTION - THANKSGIVING OFFERING

August 2025 : \$ 14,528.40

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 8 September 2025

Prayer Leader	Reader	Prayers of the Faithful	Counters
Tuesday 9.15am	Mary Tan	Anne & Fred Choy	Alan McHenry, Johannes & Nancy Aulia
Thursday 9.15am	Ronnie Poskitt	Flowers	
Saturday 9.15am	Louise Manokaran	Jennie Johan	
Duty	6pm	8:30am	10:30am
Sacristan	David & Erlin Tenggara	Felcon Gatab	Chris De Silva
Altar Server	Evana D'Silva, Shaina Chaugule, Volunteer	Francesca & Vincenzo Purawinata	Volunteer Leader Chrislyn & Celine Wawolangi
Commentator	Tony Hough	Jon Chavarria	ELEVATE
Reader	Christina Sorbello	Graham Perrin	ELEVATE
Eucharistic Minister	Christine Sorbello, Marie Murphy	Shivanthi & Gerard Chitty	ELEVATE, Justin Tan
Welcome Desk	-	-	ELEVATE
Greeters	Volunteer	Mina Ierufi	ELEVATE
Ushers	Volunteer	Alvennia Winata	ELEVATE
Videographer	-	-	Kevin Widarja
Music	SHINE FOR CHRIST	Joe & Bernadette Fernandes	ELEVATE
Morning Tea	-	Shivanthi & Gerard Chitty	ELEVATE

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

Recently Deceased:

Death Anniversaries: Ted Hallinan, Maude Forrest, Harrison Weymouth, Audrey De Visser, Alejandra Gatab Guillima, Stella Hill, Kevin Altman, Eileen Sorenson, Arturo Piccolo, Pauline Case, Teresa Eng, James Igoe, Elaine Carroll, Gary Tan, Violet Brideson, Harry Zickert, Elsie Cook, Antonio D'Angelo, Dixie Wise, Amy Planck, Monico Demeterio III, Anthony Brittain, Ernest Dixon, Zofia Rychlik.

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