

Pilgrims of hope

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

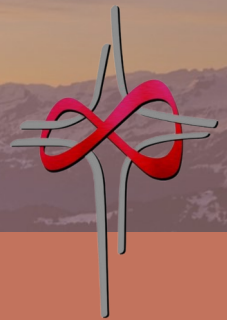


TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

28 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...

Both the reading from the prophet Amos and the gospel narrative pointedly condemn the lifestyles of the rich. It is not wealth itself, but the complacency and the disregard for others that it too frequently generates, that is denounced. Biblical covenant is a communal concept. It emerges from a society that insists on mutual responsibility. Today's readings invite us to consider the covenant bond we have with others. How do we measure up? The fundamental image of God reveals mercy and compassion. However, we cannot disregard the fact of judgment. Amos pronounces a woe against his own people; Abraham declares that there is an unbridgeable chasm between the saved and the condemned. Paul speaks here of the appearance of the Lord Jesus Christ who will bring judgment when he comes. Judgment will be determined not primarily in terms of our obedience to law, but in view of our fidelity to covenant commitment.

Righteousness is a covenant term. It is a quality of God that is shared with us by means of our covenant bond. Paul admonishes Timothy, and us, to pursue this righteousness, along with devotion, faith, love, patience and gentleness. Some of these virtues focus on our relationship with God, but most of them are directed toward our relationship with others. Those who are less fortunate are our sisters and brothers. If we take lightly our covenant obligations and allow them to languish at our gates, we will have only ourselves to blame when we find ourselves facing the harsh judgment of God.

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

READINGS THIS WEEK (YEAR C)

1st Reading: Amos 6:1. 4-7

Woe to the complacent.

Resp Psalm: Ps 145:6-10. R. v.2

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Fight the good fight.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

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

1st: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

Resp Psalm: Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

2nd: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Gospel: 1 Peter 1:25

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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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 3rd OCTOBER : 7.30PM—9PM



Seniors Mass @ Holy Saviour Parish

Wednesday 8 October - 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 ****

CHARISMATIC Prayer Group

Wednesday 8 October

@ 7:30pm - Cenacle Room

All are welcome ...

Rosa: 0447 111 270 / John: 0407 182 916

Funeral of Giuseppina (Pinuccia) Hopkins

Date: Monday 29th September 2025

Time: 10.45am Rosary; 11.00am Service

Location: St Christopher's Parish, Syndal

Refreshments: Fellowship hub

Burial: Private Service

All are welcome

Let's keep the Hopkins family in our prayers.

Death Notice ...

We are sorry to inform that Marie Clivaz and John Foley have recently left for their eternal home. Let us keep them and their families in our prayers. Funeral details will be provided in due course.



THE CATHOLIC GUY
BRUCE DOWNES

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Join us every Tuesday evening
at 7.30pm

The Catholic Guy Ministry

hosted by Bruce Downes

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

**!! CALLING NEW ALTAR
SERVERS !!**



**Training Session for new altar servers
is on this**

**Saturday 4th October at 12pm at
St Christopher's Parish.**

To register, please contact the office via email:

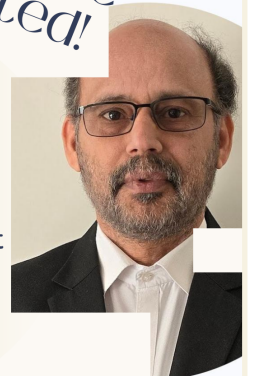
secretary@syndalcatholic.org.au

**** 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. ****

We are celebrating Fr Jacob

**Cheers
to 60
Years!**

**You are
invited!**



**Join us for a grand celebration at
St Christopher's Parish**

Sunday 26 October, 2025

after 10.30am mass

Fellowship Hub

For any food contributions, please indicate what you would like to contribute on the list located in the narthex.

OTHER NOTICES

Worship Night & Adoration

Friday, 3 October 2025
7:30 - 9:30PM

St Christopher's Parish
5 Doon Avenue, Glen Waverley VIC 3150



Fr. Eka Tanaya SJ
Guest Speaker

The Challenges of Knowing

An Ignatian Attempt to Integrate Intellectual Understanding and Heartfelt Experience of The Divine

Fr. Eka is a Jesuit priest and teacher currently serving in New Zealand. He has taught in Catholic schools in Adelaide, Melbourne, and Auckland, and has also served in parish ministry, pastoral care, and spiritual direction in Australia and the USA. He holds degrees in Commerce, Finance, Theology, and Education.

Praise & Worship by HOLY TRINITY COMMUNITY

Children's Ministry & Children's Liturgy

We are taking a break during the school holidays. Sessions will resume on Sunday 12 October, 2025



Save the Date

Refresh...Reflect...Reconnect

Reflection Day

Saturday 18th October

10am to 2pm

St Paul's Retreat Centre

7mins from Glen Shopping Centre

Off High Street before East Link & Stud Rd at

11 Nortons Ln, Wantirna South

Cost \$35.00



Join us for a spirituality uplifting, relaxing peaceful day

You will experience meditation, Women's Ministry inspirational presentations, Mindful Walk and delicious lunch



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PLEASE INDICATE

DIETARY

REQUIREMENTS

Book Online via Trv

CRAFTY LADIES GARAGE SALE

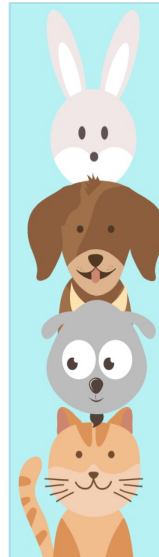
The Crafty Ladies are having a HUGE downsizing Garage Sale at 81 Galahad Crescent Glen Waverley, on Saturday 11th October from 8am. We are selling off surplus fabric and haberdashery items for an absolute song! There is a wide range of cotton fabric, plus some fleecy and Polar fleece. Along with sewing threads, embroidery thread, zips and elastics were sure you'll find something useful. So mark the date in your diary and tell your friends as well. Any enquiries Deb Burt 0400601401.

Tennis Club's Annual General Meeting

Will be held this Sunday 28 September at 11.45am.

Followed by a BBQ

All Tennis Club members and parishioners are most welcome.



PET BLESSING

In honour of the feast day of Saint Francis of Assisi, patron Saint of Animals and the environment, we invite you to bring your pets for a special blessing.

Sunday 5 October @ 12pm

Safeguarding Essentials Training and Code of Conduct Declaration

St. Christopher's is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and adults at risk.

A reminder to all volunteers about ensuring that you have a Working With Children Check (WWCC), have signed a Code of Conduct Declaration (CoC) and have completed the Safeguarding Essentials Training (SET). The SET and CoC have an expiry of three years and many of the original certificates for volunteers who completed these early in the process will start to expire soon.

There is currently an issue with the CAM notifications to individuals re these expiries so please log in and check your expiry if you completed these certificates back in 2022.

You can complete the training module, as well as signing the CoC Declaration, by going to the Archdiocese website -

www.safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org *

This link is also available on the new parish website under Safeguarding.

(* Electronic link attached)

Safeguarding Essentials Group Training Sessions are being planned for Sat 25th Oct at 4.30pm and on Wed 26th Nov at 7pm if you would prefer to attend these sessions. Further information will follow.

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 29 September 2025

Prayer Leader	Reader	Prayers of the Faithful	Counters
Tuesday 9.15am	Mary Tan	Margaret Foley, Pat McCulloch, Louise Paglirao	Mary & Charles Seong, Brian Incigneri
Thursday 9.15am	Ronnie Poskitt	Flowers	
Saturday 9.15am	Marquetta Manokaran	Fleur Bocarro	
Duty	6pm	8:30am	10:30am
Sacristan	Paul Liew	Anastasia Darmawan	Robert Vecchio
Altar Server	Olivia, Lukas & Cameron Lettice	Francesca & Vincenzo Purawinata	Isaiah, Immanuel & Ignatius Png
Commentator	Ronnie Poskitt	Phil Green	Ian Darmawan
Reader	Austin Swamy	Jon Chavarria	Lena Tay
Eucharistic Minister	Johnathan & Carrie Ng	Brigid Chan, Helen Au Yeung	Catherine Drake, Christine Sorbello, <i>Volunteer</i>
Welcome Desk	-	-	Margaret Yap
Greeters	Edna Louzado	Sharon Gomes	Anne Boudeville
Ushers	<i>Volunteer</i>	Rianny Tjung	Chris De Silva, Shireen Pires
Videographer	-	-	Dilan Cooray
Music	SHINE FOR CHRIST	EFRATA	REJOICE
Morning Tea	-	Buddhi & Lakshitha Reginald	Deepa Gurusinghe, Angela Yap

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

Recently Deceased: John Foley, Marie Clivaz

Death Anniversaries: Ellen Taylor, Peter Savedra, Sr. Bernadette Greene, Isabel Joseph, Ethel Samon, Mollie Weir, Bill Foley, Noel O'Connor, Vern Gazaly, Stephanie-Ann Clifford, Ralph De Wilde, George Whittle, Mary Lazaroo, Rudy Manix, David Mendes, Noel McFadyen, Arokiasamy John, Beppo Pagliaro, Ronald Ford, Lucy D'Souza, Esme Borg, Peter Charles Clothier, Amelia Dallatomasina, Desmond Norris, Victoria Demajo, Anthony Cini.

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