

Pilgrims of hope

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

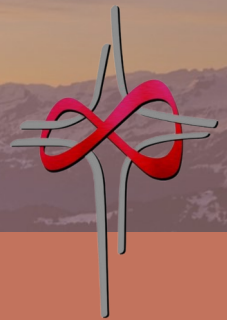


TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

12 OCTOBER 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 is a lesson in faith and reminds us that faith is sometimes found in unlikely places. Ten people afflicted with leprosy cry out to Jesus. Struck with pity, Jesus heals all ten but it is a foreigner, a Samaritan, who is the only one who returns to thank Jesus and glorify God. In the Jewish circles in which Jesus lived, Samaritans were looked down upon because of the differences between the two communities in their observance of Judaism. It is significant, therefore, that Jesus commends the Samaritan for his faith, which has been his salvation. Another lesson for us in this Gospel has to do with salvation. All ten lepers were given the same gift of healing, but in his gratitude to God for this gift, the Samaritan also found salvation. Our salvation is found in recognising the gifts we have been given and knowing to whom we must offer our thanks. If you feel like you don't fit in anywhere, call out to Jesus for help. Call out through prayer. Call out by talking to an adult who you trust. Call out by getting involved in serving other people who suffer. You'll find that God will answer your prayers. You'll find a place to fit in and friends who care. As shown by the Samaritan we all need to respect and learn from the people we think don't fit in.

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: 2 Kings 5:14-17
Naaman is cured of leprosy.

Resp Psalm: Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2
(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13
If we die with Jesus we will live with him.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
For all things give thanks to God,
because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

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(YEAR C)**

1st: Exodus 17:8-13

Resp Psalm: Ps 120. R. v.2

2nd: 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

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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Tuesdays & Thursdays 9am - 4pm

Fridays 9am - 4.30pm

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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

Meditation Group

Tuesday 21 October @ 7.30pm

For venue contact Claire on 0423 577 676

CHARISMATIC Prayer Group

Wednesday 22 October

@ 7:30pm - Cenacle Room

All are welcome ...

Rosa: 0447 111 270 / John: 0407 182 916

Anointing Mass @ St Christopher's Parish

There will be no anointing mass
on Wednesday 12 November, 2025

Carols Night Play – Actors Wanted!



We are looking for children to join this year's Carols Night play on Friday, December 5th.

- ♦ Ages 4 to Year 1: Dancing roles
- ♦ Year 2 to Year 6: Acting roles

No prior experience needed – just enthusiasm!

If your child would like to be involved, please email Elaine at elainesia83@gmail.com by Sunday, October 19th.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

2nd November, 2025

We remember those that have passed on from **1 Nov 2024 to 31 of Oct 2025**. We would like to include their names and pictures on the screen at all masses for 1st & 2nd November. If you could kindly send through the names and pictures to the parish office, that would be great. **Must be sent by 26th October, 2025 to** secretary@syndalcatholic.org.au



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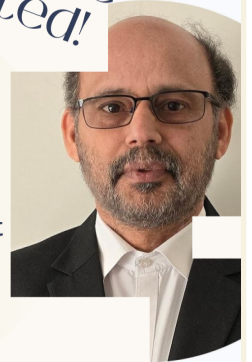
Join us every Tuesday evening
at 7.30pm

The Catholic Guy Ministry
hosted by Bruce Downes

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.

Archbishop's Pastoral Visitation

14th to 16th November, 2025



We are very pleased to announce
that Archbishop Peter A.

Comensoli will be making his

Episcopal Visitation to our parish communities of

St. Christopher's and Holy Saviour from the morning of
14th November to the afternoon of 16th November, 2025.

During his visit, the Archbishop will be meeting with our school communities, the Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Leadership Team, and Parish Finance Councils. He has also expressed a keen interest in meeting members of our Pastoral, Liturgical, Catechetical, and Outreach Committees. In addition, the Archbishop warmly welcomes all parishioners who would like to meet and have a conversation with him. He will also celebrate Mass in both of our parishes during his visit. A detailed schedule of the visitation will be published in the next parish bulletin once all arrangements are finalised. Please mark your calendars and join us in welcoming and meeting our Shepherd on this special occasion.

OTHER NOTICES

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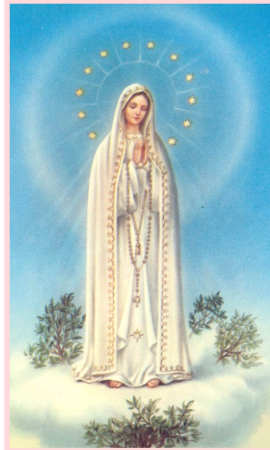
Immaculate Heart of Mary Walk

Monday 13th October 2025

Please join Danuta for a pilgrim walk to the Divine Mercy Shrine, Keysborough for peace in the world.

Meet at St Christopher's Church at 10am sharp.

There will be a Holy Mass held at 7pm at the Divine Mercy Shrine.



Refresh ...Reflect...Reconnect

Reflection Day

Saturday 18th October

St Paul's Retreat Centre

11 Nortons Lane, Wantirna South

(Off High Street before Stud Rd)

Cost \$35

<https://www.trybooking.com/DFWBY>

Join us for a spirituality uplifting, relaxing peaceful day

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



TERM 4

Elevate 2025

EVERY FRIDAY @ 6:30-8PM

10 Oct - Combined

17 Oct - Connect

24 Oct - Youth

31 Oct - Connect

7 Nov - P&W

14 Nov - Youth

21 Nov - Connect

28 Nov - Youth

5 Dec - Connect



EVERY 3RD SUNDAY

@ 10:30AM MASS

Sun. 19th Oct

Sun. 16th Nov.

Sun. 21st Dec



30 Nov to 2 Dec - ACYF!

12 Dec - Christmas Carols

19 Dec - Christmas Party



@elevateyouthgroups

Rite of Acceptance Into The Order of Catechumen

We are delighted to welcome two members of our community who wish to deepen their relationship with God and learn more about the Catholic faith.

They will participate in the Rite of Acceptance to the Order of Catechumenate during this Sunday's 10.30am mass. We offer them our prayers and best wishes as they begin their journey of faith.



Safeguarding Essentials Training Group Session

Saturday 25th October at 4.30pm at St Christopher's

At St Christopher's and Holy Family, we have a shared mission of ensuring that all within our parishes are welcomed and safeguarded from harm.

We invite all volunteers to attend upcoming **Safeguarding Essentials** interactive group training sessions delivered by our Regional Safeguarding Officer.

Safeguarding Essentials will include how to recognise, respond to, and report abuse, with a focus on protecting children and vulnerable people in our parishes. Code of Conduct Declarations can also be read and signed at this session.

Hardcopies are now available in the foyer and will be available at the sessions. Online access to the CoC is on the parish website/Safeguarding. The sessions are likely to run for about 1.15 hrs. **Please come early to allow time to complete the registration and sign the CoC declarations. Bring your WWCC/VIT with you.** A second session is planned for Wednesday 26th Nov, 7pm. Many certificates will be expiring soon after 3yrs. Contact your parish secretary to register your attendance or record your name on the sheets provided in the foyer.

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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

September 2025 : \$ 6,992.50

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

2ND COLLECTION - THANKSGIVING OFFERING

September 2025 : \$ 13,451.20

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 13 October 2025

Prayer Leaader	Reader	Prayers of the Faithful	Counters
Tuesday 9.15am	Mary Tan	Pauline Perrin	Graham Baker, Johannes & Linda Aulia
Thursday 9.15am	Ronnie Poskitt	Flowers	
Saturday 9.15am	Marqueatta Manokaran	Jennie Johan	
Duty	6pm	8:30am	10:30am
Sacristan	Ida Wati	Felcon Gatab	Chris De Silva
Altar Server	Evana D'Silva, Shaina Chaugule, Volunteer	Malone De Silva, Volunteer	Volunteer Leader, Beatrice Li, Elisha Lai
Commentator	Grae Widarja	David Whalan	ELEVATE
Reader	Justin Tan	Phil Green	ELEVATE
Eucharistic Minister	Tony Hough, Andy Lim	Shivanthi & Gerard Chitty	ELEVATE, Brian Worcester
Welcome Desk	-	-	ELEVATE
Greeters	Angelina Cubinar	Alvennia Winata	ELEVATE
Ushers	Catherine & Kelvin Loo	Volunteer	ELEVATE
Videographer	-	-	Kevin Widarja
Music	IGNITE	Joe & Bernadette Fernandes	ELEVATE
Morning Tea		Ruchika Aggrawal, Margaret Yap	ELEVATE

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

Recently Deceased: Winston Manokaran

Death Anniversaries: Anna Thurzsky, Beryl Aponso, Julie McGrath, Angela Gwynne, Valentine Debeljak, Stanley Lyons, Carl & Winifred Rawlins, Brooke Morgan-Payler, Con Crowe, Patricia Wignell, Keith Hanson, Joy King, Pat Wilson, Chai Yew Cheng, Earle de Niese, Tom Millett, Fr Roger Ryan, Jaskola Marta, Doug Cook, Les Stivala, Lillian Belleville, Nancy Natoli.

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