

Pilgrims of hope

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

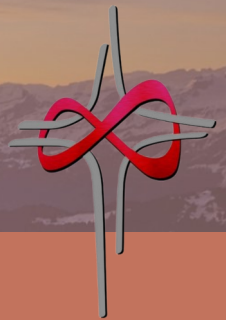


THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFULL DEPARTED (YR C)

2 NOVEMBER 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...

If we are honest we will have to admit that though we have died with Christ to sin and risen with him to new life, we do not fully die to sin. In fact, there are many times in our lives when we live in sin, when we actually cling to sin. What happens to those who die in such a state? They may not have turned completely away from the goodness of God, but they have not been faithful either. The remnants of sin cling to them, making them somewhat unfit to stand before the face of God. Are they lost? Or are they saved? In God there is mercy in abundance. Jesus is not willing to lose anyone. Therefore, the power of Jesus and the strength of his promises give us hope that even after death there is the possibility of purification and pardon. We have no idea of when this might happen or how it will happen. All we

know is that the lovingkindness of God far surpasses any infidelity of which we might be guilty. The feast of All Souls is not a feast of sadness, but one of great hope and confidence. It invites us to entrust our dead to God, because we know that they are really God's dead. We know that if we have loved them, God has loved them more. They are in God's care, and like a good shepherd God will lead them to peace.



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: Job 19:1. 23-27

My Avenger lives.

Resp Psalm: Ps 27. 1, 4, 13-14,

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation

2nd Reading: Romans 5:17-21

Grace and eternal life are greater than sin and death.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ is the first-born of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever. Amen. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 7:11-17

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I am the Resurrection and the Life, says the Lord.
Whoever believes in me, even though he dies, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will not die
for ever.

READINGS NEXT WEEK: THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA (YEAR C)

1st: Ezekiel 47:1-2. 8-9. 12

Resp Psalm: Ps 45:2-3. 5-6. 8-9. R. v.5

2nd: 1 Corinthians 3:9-11. 16-17

Gospel: John 2:13-22

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

CHARISMATIC Prayer Group

Wednesday 5 November @ 7:30pm - Cenacle Room

Rosa: 0447 111 270 / John: 0407 182 916

All are welcome ...



ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH

FRIDAY 7 NOVEMBER : 7.30PM—9PM

MEMORIAL MASS

WEDNESDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER 2025

7.00PM @ HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH HALL

All are warmly welcomed to join in the candle lighting ceremony in memory of family, friends or parishioners who have died. Please stay for a cuppa afterwards and share your memories with members of the Bereavement Group.



Wedding Anniversaries

We praise you, O God, we bless you, Creator of all things, who in the beginning made man and woman that they might form a communion of life and love. We also give you thanks for graciously blessing our family life so that it might present an image of Christ's union with the Church.

REMINDER !!

Anointing Mass @ St Christopher's Parish

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

!! THANK YOU !!

Fr Jacob would like to say Thank You to all parishioners in helping & participating in his birthday celebrations last weekend.

Save the date! Volunteers Appreciation Dinner

Friday 21st November 2025 @ 7pm mass

(followed by dinner in the fellowship hub)

We are thrilled to host the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner to express our deepest gratitude for your invaluable time and contributions to our parish. All parish volunteers are invited to join us. Please **sign up** in narthex for catering purpose by **16 November 2025** or call Shireen Pires on 0412 367 566. *Hope to see you all there !*

IMPACTERS - EAST MELBOURNE

Join us and people from all over the East Melbourne Region on Tuesday nights here at St Christopher's Parish for the launch of The Catholic Guy IMPACTERS. God is doing something powerful here! Don't miss out.

Location

St Christopher's Catholic Parish
5 Doon Ave, Glen Waverley
TUESDAYS @ 7.30 pm



THE CATHOLIC GUY
BRUCE DOWNES

[Impacters]
EAST MELBOURNE



WEEKDAY MASS TIMES : 4TH-7TH NOVEMBER

Fr Jacob will be away for a Pallotine Regional Assembly, below are the weekday masses details:

Tuesday 4th November:

9.15am Communion Service @ St Christopher's

Wednesday 5th November:

9.15am Normal Weekday Mass @ Holy Saviour

Thursday 6th November:

9.15am Communion Service @ St Christopher's

Friday 7th November:

9.15am Normal Weekday Mass @ Holy Saviour

Archbishop's Pastoral Visitation

14th to 16th November, 2025

***PLEASE NOTE THE ARCHBISHOP'S OFFICE HAS MADE SOME CHANGES TO THE VISITATION SCHEDULE ***

Saturday 15 Nov

9.15am Morning mass as per usual

10:30am - 12pm Parish Forum

ALL parishioners of St Christopher's and Holy Saviour are invited to meet with Archbishop Comensoli in St Christopher's fellowship hub.

This is an opportunity for parishioners to discuss **priorities, goals** and **challenges**. ***We do encourage all to attend.***

6pm Holy Mass at Holy Saviour

Sunday 16 Nov

8:30am Holy Mass at St Christopher's

10:30am Solemn Mass at St Christopher's

12pm Meet with the youth of St Christopher's & Holy Saviour

Please mark your calendars and join us in welcoming and meeting our Shepherd on this special occasion.

OTHER NOTICES

Christmas home visit Caroling

12th December

Hosts and Singers Needed!

We're spreading Christmas cheer through song! This year, we will be having the home visit caroling on the 12th December, Friday evening.

We are looking for parishioners to open their homes for our caroling group (spots are first come, first serve!) and for more people to join the caroling group itself.

If you'd like to host or sing, please contact Angela Huang 0415660426, or email angelaviola88@gmail.com. Let's make this season joyful together!

Carols Night singers wanted!

All welcome (including kids!)

Practice date and time:

Sunday, 23 November, 12-1 pm / Sunday, 30 November, 12-1 pm
Thursday, 4 December, 6:30-8:30 pm (Dress rehearsal)
Friday, 5 December, 6:30 pm- Carols' night performance

To sign up, please email Angela Huang on angelaviola88@gmail.com or text 0415660426 by **2nd November**.

Safeguarding Essentials Training Group Session

**Wednesday 26th November
at 7pm at St Christopher's**

We invite all volunteers to attend the second ***Safeguarding Essentials*** interactive group training session 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 on the parish website/Safeguarding.

Contact the parish secretary to register your attendance or **record your name on the sheets provided in the foyer**.
St Christopher: 9802 8538,
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CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE 2025

The season of giving is fast approaching, and so is our annual Christmas Giving Tree!

The tree will be on display in the Narthex
on the following dates:

Narthex: November 15 & 16 & November 22 & 23, 2025

After prayerful reflection, our Outreach Committee has chosen to extend our generosity beyond our local community. We will be supporting two life-changing programs for children and young people in need, run by the Salesian Priests of Don Bosco in Murunkan, a rural village in the Mannar District of Sri Lanka: ***Don Bosco School of Excellence, Don Bosco Boys' Home***

This year, rather than collecting physical gifts, we are asking for a donation of \$25 for each child.

More details of the process and how to donate will be provided in next weekend masses.

Your donation will help provide essential support and care to vulnerable children in these programs.

Together, let us be the light of hope this Christmas, across borders and into the hearts of those who need it most.

**** We will have a poster in the Narthex and for further information, please contact Shivanthi Chitty on 0402 077 783**

THE BETHANY WAY : INTRODUCTORY RETREAT

'At the feet of Jesus: on retreat with Mary, Martha and Lazarus'

Saturday 8 November 2025, 12noon-4pm, Catholic Leadership Centre, East Melbourne

All are invited to this **free** retreat opening anew key passages of Scripture relating to Jesus' relationship with the family at Bethany. Discover Bethany, and your relationship with Jesus Christ, with reflective talks and plenty of time for personal prayer. The retreat will introduce you to The Bethany Way, a new immersive formation offering in 2026. Learn more and register

<https://melbournecatholic.org/bethanyway>

Registrations are essential and close on 3 November, 2025

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 3 November 2025

Prayer Leader	Reader	Prayers of the Faithful	Counters
Tuesday 9.15am	John Hackett	Paula Eales	Kate Foley, John Corin, Pauline Perrin
Thursday 9.15am	Justin Tan	Flowers	
Saturday 9.15am	Louise Pagliaro	Elvira Dlima	
Duty	6pm	8:30am	10:30am
Sacristan	David & Erlin Tenggara	Felcon Gatab	Pius Tang
Altar Server	Evana D'Silva, Rashwin & Radesh Lenora	Malone De Silva, Francesca & Vincenzo Purawinata	Vincent Ng, Betrice Li, Raziel Reuben
Commentator	Kevin Widarja	Alvennia Winata	Justin Tan
Reader	Austin Swamy	John Stone	Luciano De Biase
Eucharistic Minister	Andy Lim, Tony Hough	2 x Volunteers Required	John & Cheryl Hackett, Brian Worcester
Welcome Desk	-	-	Loretta Stapleton
Greeters	Volunteer	Susan Lee	Carol Peters
Ushers	Cathy & Beng Lee	Volunteer	Ethan Ghee, Chris De Silva
Videographer	-	-	Jerome Tan
Music	CANTATE	Joe & Bernadette Fernandes	TRINITY
Morning Tea	-	Shivanthi & Gerard Chitty	Marie & Gamini Fernando

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

Recently Deceased:

Death Anniversaries: Enid Datanarayana, Frank O'Rourke, Sheila Edebohls, Muriel Gardener Igoe, Pat Krohn, Evars Cirups, Valentine D'Souza, Ladelina Demeterio, Jim Hegan, Peggy O'Shannassy, Ben Martanata, Des Said, Mark Atkinson, Dexter Arboleda, Brigid Keeley, Nic Chosich, Rita Davies, Bossuet Dias, John Gill, Peh Thiam Chye, Stanilas Le Guen, John Joseph McMillon.

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