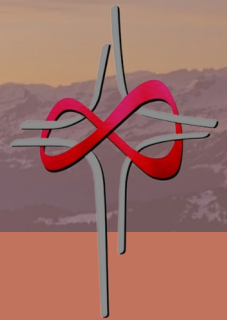


THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA (YEAR C)

9 NOVEMBER 2025

WELCOME TO ST CHRISTOPHER'S You are INVITED!

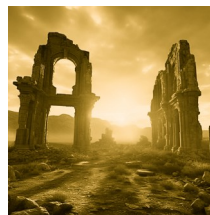


St Christopher's is a Missionary Parish of Intentional Disciples, passionate about being Christ to all, through our witness of God's love in action.

REFLECTIONS...

The basilica of St John Lateran is the cathedral of Rome, the mother church of all Roman Catholic churches. The temple was the place on earth where God dwelt amid the people. It was God's presence, not the worship performed there, that made it a sacred site. There is something incarnational about this presence of God. It is manifested in the concrete, in something with shape and character. Still, as important as the temple may be, it is only a building. Paul insists that we are the temple of God; we are the manifestation of God in the world today. The Spirit of God dwells in us, making the believing community the living temple of God. Today's readings offer us two pictures of the temple of God, two characterisations of the community of believers. In one, the temple has become a marketplace, and the community is preoccupied with the business of the world. In Ezekiel, we see water from the temple transforming everything in its path. As water

flowed from the temple in Ezekiel's vision, so grace flows from the temple that is the people of God. Which image more closely characterises the community of which we are a part? Are we able to transform the wilderness of our world into a place that is teeming with life? Is the community truly the presence of God in the world today? Or is the temple simply a place where ritual is performed but the concerns of God take second place to the affairs of the world?



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

The water from the temple brings life.

Resp Psalm: Ps 45:2-3. 5-6. 8-9. R. v.5
(R.) The waters of the river gladden the city of God.

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

You are God's temple.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord,
that my name may remain in it for all time.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 2:13-22

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Be built up like living stones,
into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood.

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

1st: Malachi 3:19-20

Resp Psalm: Ps 97:5-9. R. see v.9

2nd: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

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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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

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.



REMINDER !!

Anointing Mass @ St Christopher's Parish

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

Meditation Group

Tuesday 18 November @ 7.30pm

For venue contact Claire on 0423 577 676

CHARISMATIC Prayer Group

Wednesday 19 November @ 7:30pm - Cenacle Room

Rosa: 0447 111 270 / John: 0407 182 916

All are welcome ...

Advent
The Season of Hope and Expectation



Afternoon Tea in Advent

Saturday 4 p.m. : Nov 29 (Cenacle),
Dec 6, 13, 20 (Fellowship Hub)

Booking/Inquiries: Fred Choy
discipleship@stchristopherssyndal.com.au
or Presbytery: 98028538

An hour of guided reflection on the themes of Advent, over cakes, bakes, tea and coffee, in a friendly and relaxed setting. Bring your friends or family – anyone who's not familiar with Hope, Peace, Joy and Love – and share what these themes mean to Christmas.

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



Archbishop's Pastoral Visitation 14th to 16th November, 2025



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.

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 !*

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.

Good Samaritans - Bacolod Mission Typhoon Tino

Typhoon Tino has caused considerable damage to the area in Bacolod where the Good Samaritan Sisters run their feeding program and where many of the workers at the Centre live. Please remember them in your prayers as they try to rebuild.

Any contribution or donation would be most welcome.

Feel free to contact Katrina for further details on 0425228388.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE 2025

The Giving Tree will be on display in the Narthex on the following dates:

November 15 & 16 & November 22 & 23, 2025

Please take a moment to look at the **donation process** on the notice boards and follow the instructions provided.

Volunteers will be available to assist with donations at **each Mass** on these weekends.

As mentioned, please bring **cash or your card** for your donation.

Thank you for your generosity and support in bringing Christmas joy to those in need. God Bless.

Your donation will help provide essential support and care to vulnerable children in these programs at Don Bosco School of Excellence and Don Bosco Boys' Home, Murunkan Sri Lanka

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

For further information, please contact Shivanthi Chitty on 0402 077 783

Thank you from the Lawrenson Family

On behalf of The Lawrenson family, we would like to thank the Parishioners and community of St Christophers Parish in attending Jims's funeral service at Holy Saviour Parish. Such love and care has been showered down upon us.

Feeling very blessed, Rose.

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.**

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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

October 2025 : \$ 8,017.00

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

2ND COLLECTION - THANKSGIVING OFFERING

October 2025 : \$ 14,240.50

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 10 November 2025

Prayer Leader	Reader	Prayers of the Faithful	Counters
Tuesday 9.15am	Mary Tan	Margaret Foley, Pat McCulloch, Louise Pagliaro	Mary & Charles Seong Genny Leeworthy
Thursday 9.15am	Ronnie Poskitt	Flowers	
Saturday 9.15am	Marquetta Manokaran	Jennie Johan	
Duty	6pm	8:30am	10:30am
Sacristan	Paul Liew	Susan Lee	Chris De Silva
Altar Server	Olivia Lettice, Klarissa Ryan, Volunteer	Malone DeSilva, Amy Thomas Francesca & Vincenzo Purawinata	Olivia & Lukas Lettice, Vincent & Rachel Ng, Beatrice Li
Commentator	Tony Hough	Louise Pagliaro	ELEVATE
Reader	Andy Lim	Phil Green	ELEVATE
Eucharistic Minister	Marie Murphy, Christina Sorbello	Shivanthi & Gerard Chitty	ELEVATE, Catherine Drake
Welcome Desk	-	-	ELEVATE
Greeters	Volunteer	Mina Ierufi	ELEVATE
Ushers	Volunteer	Volunteer	ELEVATE
Videographer	-	-	Kevin Widarja
Music	SHINE FOR CHRIST	Joe & Bernadette Fernandes	ELEVATE
Morning Tea	-	Lyn Lam, Margaret Yap	ELEVATE

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

Recently Deceased: Ugo Dallatomasina

Death Anniversaries: Avril Regan, Umberto Petterlin, Val Flipo, Elizabeth Serle, Bill Jeffrey, Yodley Fernandez, Gary Stewart, Patrick Nicholl, Vincent Gifford, Gerald McKenna, Anne De Roza, Nuala Smyles, Thomas Yau, Lesley Beale, Filomena Salvatore, Brian Phelan, Marion McKenzie, Amy Phelan, Ippolito De Gennaro, Kathleen Richards, Dorothy Dias, Howard Harrison, Brian Clothier, Lil Griffiths, Judy O'Dwyer.

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