

# Pilgrims of hope

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

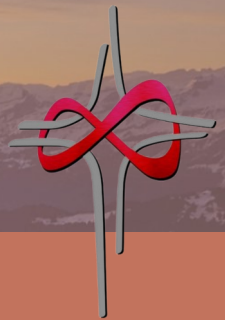


THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

16 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 Day of the Lord was believed to be the time when God would come in majesty and power to set all things right. We must remember that the descriptions in today's readings are metaphoric or symbolic in nature. As with all metaphors or symbols, we miss something of their profound meaning if we merely understand them literally. It is not helpful to relate elements of the description with particular aspects of the contemporary world. Belief in the Day of the Lord is a way of testifying to our faith in the righteousness of God. Although the narrative readings for today concentrate on the disruptions that will accompany the coming of God, they also contain hints of the salvation that will finally arrive. Malachi speaks of the sun of justice that comes with healing rays; Luke promises that the faithful disciples will escape without a hair of their heads being destroyed. Just as the descriptions of the upheavals should not be understood literally, neither should these descriptions. It may be that the faithful followers of Jesus will suffer terrible agonies. The point here is that even in the midst of their pain, they will be protected. The healing rays of justice and the rescue of the lives of the upright are references to salvation. God does not come at the end to condemn, but to save.

#### 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:** Malachi 3:19-20

Evildoers will be destroyed;  
those who fear God will be saved.

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

(R.) The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

**2nd Reading:** 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Work hard and earn your keep.

#### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see;  
your redemption is near at hand.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 21:5-19

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

To be near God is my happiness,  
to place my hope in God the Lord.

#### READINGS NEXT WEEK: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (YEAR C)

**1st:** 2 Samuel 5:1-3

**Resp Psalm:** Ps 121:1-5. R. see v.2

**2nd:** Colossians 1:12-20

**Gospel:** Luke 23:35-43

#### 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

## 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 ...**



## 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.**

## Funeral of Ugo Dallatomasina

**Date:** Wednesday 19 November 2025

**Time:** 10.30am Rosary; 11am Service

**Location:** St Christopher's Parish, Syndal

**Burial:** Burwood Cemetery

**Let us keep the Dallatomasina family in our prayers..**

## 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



## Warm Welcome

We are very blessed and honoured to have Archbishop Peter Comensoli among us today. His presence is a source of great joy and inspiration. Let us warmly welcome Archbishop Peter to our community.



## St Christopher's Annual Christmas Luncheon

arrival 1130am - Lunch from 12 Noon

**Bookings available** \*no walkins

**Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> December 2025** Hennessey Hall

Contact Loretta - 0493 478 233 or

[christmasluncheon25@gmail.com](mailto:christmasluncheon25@gmail.com)

by 15<sup>th</sup> December

Calling for **VOLUNTEERS** !

For setup on the day ..

Contact Loretta 0493 478 233



## !! CHRISTMAS CARDS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE !!

Beautifully curated Pack of 5 Christmas  
Cards ready to purchase for only

**\$5.00 per pack of 5 Cards**

Located in the Narthex.



## 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

The joy will swell,  
the songs will soar.



Come celebrate at  
**Carols Night!**

Friday, 5th December 2025

7:00PM

St. Christopher's Catholic Church

### 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 on*

### Upcoming Events

**Saturday 15 Nov** Parish Forum with the Archbishop (10.30am - 12pm in the Church. Refreshments at 10am in the Fellowship Hub.)

**Friday 21 Nov** Volunteers Appreciation Evening (Mass at 7pm followed by dinner in the Fellowship Hub. Please register on the sheets in the Narthex.)

**Friday 5 Dec** Carols Night (7.30pm in the Church)

**Sunday 7 Dec** Advent Reconciliation at 7pm @ St Christopher's Parish

**Saturday 20 Dec** Working Bee/Church Cleaning - 10am to 12pm. Meet in the Narthex on the day.

### Safeguarding Essentials Training Group Session

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> 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. 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.** Contact the parish secretary to register your attendance or **record your name on the sheets provided in the foyer.** St Christopher's: 9802 8538, [secretary@syndalcatholic.org.au](mailto:secretary@syndalcatholic.org.au)

#### 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 17 November 2025

| Prayer Leader        | Reader                     | Prayers of the Faithful                | Counters                                             |
|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Tuesday 9.15am       | John Hackett               | John & Cheryl Hackett                  | Graham Perrin,<br>Carmelle Claney,<br>Betty Robinson |
| Thursday 9.15am      | Justin Tan                 | Flowers                                |                                                      |
| Saturday 9.15am      | Louise Pagliaro            | Fleur Bocarro                          |                                                      |
| Duty                 | 6pm                        | 8:30am                                 | 10:30am                                              |
| Sacristan            | Ida Wati                   | Anastasia Darmawan                     | Pius Tang                                            |
| Altar Server         | Shaina Chaugule, Volunteer | Malone De Silva, Daniela Ho, Volunteer | Rachel Ng, Beatrice Li, Josiah Paiva                 |
| Commentator          | Mary Tan                   | Phil Green                             | Joella Fernando                                      |
| Reader               | Tony Hough                 | Anne Choy                              | Catherine Drake                                      |
| Eucharistic Minister | Jonathan & Carrie Ng       | Brigid Chan, Graham Perrin             | Brian Worcester, Justin Tan, Genny Leeworthy         |
| Welcome Desk         | -                          | -                                      | Shireen Pires                                        |
| Greeters             | Amy Noto                   | Volunteer                              | Cynthia Boudeville                                   |
| Ushers               | Catherine & Kelvin Loo     | Alvennia Winata                        | Angela Yap, Jeanette Alexander                       |
| Videographer         | -                          | -                                      | Louie & Julian                                       |
| Music                | GRAE'S GROUP               | RECORDED MUSIC                         | CHRISTY'S GROUP                                      |
| Morning Tea          | -                          | Virginia Quek, Harendra                | Marie & Gamini Fernando                              |

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

**Recently Deceased:**

**Death Anniversaries:** Sr. Andrea Hutchinson, Eunice Lee, Lloyd Kolden, Josephine Gurusinghe, Alec Grove, Beverley Daly, Reg Cook, Mauricette Le Guen, Walter Andrew, Fr Kelvin Kenny SAC, Dorothy Lyons, Agnes Worcester.

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