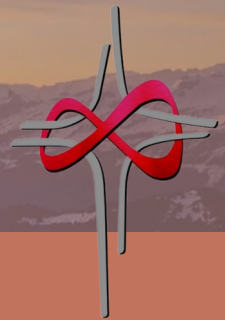


**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A)**

**30 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...

On this first Sunday of Advent, we celebrate the beginning of a new liturgical season in the church. In the coming days and weeks we will remember and give thanks for the birth of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour. Our focus is on God's gift of the divine presence incarnate in Jesus; yet the gospel talks of his second coming and tells us to be vigilant at all times and to



#### 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

pray. So Advent has a double meaning. We celebrate the birth of Christ, and we wait in hope for his return at the end of time. God's incarnation, or presence in Jesus, is a beautiful mystery to contemplate at this time of the year. Jesus's experience of God, his unity with the Creator, is part of the message he wanted to share with all of us, not just in words but in our own experience. Jesus invites us to experience that oneness, that unity of spirit, he had with God. He saw this divine spark in the people he met. It did not matter if they were male or female, Jew or Gentile; all have God in them and are worthy of love and respect. Advent is a time to celebrate in a particular way the God present in each of us.

### 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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T. 1800 305 330 (M-F 10am-3pm)

### READINGS THIS WEEK (YEAR A)

#### 1st Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

All nations shall stream to the mountain of the Lord.

#### Resp Psalm: 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9. R. see v.1.

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

#### 2nd Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Live honourably, the day of the Lord is near.

#### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

#### Gospel: : Matthew 24:37-44

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall  
yield its increase.

### READINGS NEXT WEEK:

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A)

1st: Isaiah 11:1-10

Resp Psalm: Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17. R. cf. v.7

2nd: Romans 15:4-9

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

### Parish Office Opening Hours:

Tuesdays & Thursdays 9am - 4pm

Fridays 9am - 4.30pm

5 Doon Ave, Syndal

### 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 3rd December @ 7:30pm - Cenacle Room

Rosa: 0447 111 270 / John: 0407 182 916

*All are welcome ...*

## Anointing Mass @ St Christopher's Parish

Wednesday 3rd Dec at 11.30am

All are welcome to join us after mass  
for our Christmas break up luncheon.

Contact Lorraine T. 9802 3183

**\*\* there will be NO 9.15am Mass \*\***



*St Christopher's Church  
Sunday 7 December  
at 3pm Fr Joby*

*Healing Mass*

## ANNOINTING MASS & CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

**Wednesday, 10 December at 12 noon**

**@ Holy Saviour**

All are welcome to attend. A light luncheon will be  
provided. For catering purposes,

RSVP to Carmel 0428 203 501 or Rose 0411 706 016  
by **5th December**.

## 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



## ACYF Launch and WYD Cross Reception & Pilgrimage Walk 30 November

Join us at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 30 November as  
we welcome over 6,000 young pilgrims to Melbourne. Let us  
come together to share in their joy and offer a warm  
Melbourne welcome.

### Program:

- \* 1:30 pm - Melbourne Catholic Festa
- \* 2:30pm - Reception of the WYD Cross & Icon
- \* 3:00 pm - Pilgrimage Walk (5km to MCEC - ticketed  
pilgrims only; 3km return option available)



## ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

**Sunday 7 December - 7pm at St Christopher's**

During Advent, we invite you to pray, reflect and receive the  
sacraments to properly prepare our minds and hearts for the  
joyous celebration of Christmas. In the penitential aspect of  
this season of preparation, we are called to repent and con-  
vert so as to make room for Christ. Please take advantage of  
this opportunity to prepare well for Christmas.

*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](mailto: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.

**!! CHRISTMAS CARDS AVAILABLE  
FOR PURCHASE !!**

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



**The joy will swell,  
the songs will soar.**



**Come celebrate at  
Carols Night!**

**Friday, 5th December 2025  
7:00PM**

**St. Christopher's Catholic Church**

## OTHER NOTICES



**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**  
**St Christopher's Church**

**Christmas Eve Masses - Tue 24 Dec**  
6.30pm Carols - 7pm Mass  
11.30pm Carols - Midnight Mass

**Christmas Day Mass - Wed 25 Dec**  
10am

**New Years Eve - Tue 31 Dec**  
10.30pm (followed by supper)

**New Years Day - Wed 1 Jan**  
10am



### ST CHRISTOPHER'S TENNIS CLUB CHRISTMAS BBQ

Parishioners are invited to St Christopher's Tennis Club end of year BBQ function at the clubrooms on Sunday 7 December, 5:30 for 6pm. Food provided, BYO drinks. Vegetarian options available.

Please RSVP for catering to [jackgkrohn@gmail.com](mailto:jackgkrohn@gmail.com).

Any questions, please contact Jack Krohn, St Christopher's Tennis Club President on 0433 124 473.

### CALLED AND GIFTED CHARISM DISCERNMENT - 2 DAY WORKSHOP

**ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH, HENNESSY HALL**

**FRIDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2026 (7.30PM - 9.00PM)**

**SATURDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2026 (9.45AM - 5.00PM)**

Cost: \$10 per person (includes lunch and afternoon tea)

**SIGN UP NOW!** Sign-up sheets in the Narthex or email Mary Tan ([mary@tuenproductions.com](mailto:mary@tuenproductions.com)), giving your full name and mobile number & dietary requirements. If you are interested but cannot make it for this session, please also email Mary Tan and let her know, as we are planning for a second run of the 2 Day Workshop.

Refer to the workshop flyer in the Narthex for full details.

1. How can I be more enriched in my Christian life?
2. Which church ministry should I serve in?
3. Why am I more drawn to certain church ministries?
4. Why do some people serve with so much joy and energy?

### PARISH COMMUNITY DAY MONDAY 9 MARCH 2026 (9AM - 3PM)

An exciting new initiative ...

- Inter-generational, fun, something for everyone!  
Joining efforts to fund raise for **OUR Parish!**

**Jumping castle, Petting zoo,  
Walking trail (1.5km, 3km & 4.5km),  
Line Dancing, Zumba & Fitness sessions,  
Coffee Truck & Free Sausage Sizzle!!!**

**Lock the date in your calendars and look out for more details in mid Jan !**

### \*\* WORKING BEE \*\*

**Saturday 20 Dec : 10am - 12pm**

We need as many volunteers as possible to assist with cleaning the church in preparation for Christmas.

No need to sign up or register, just show up in the Narthex! *Your time and effort will be greatly appreciated !!*



### Elevate Youth at ACYF 2025

This Sunday to Tuesday, our Elevate Youth will be heading off to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF), a powerful national gathering that brings together thousands of young people from all over the country to celebrate their faith, deepen their relationship with Christ, and connect with other Catholic youth communities. ACYF is packed with inspiring keynote speakers, live worship, engaging workshops, and the opportunity to celebrate Mass with bishops from across Australia. One of the most exciting aspects of ACYF is the chance for our young people to experience the wider Church in action, seeing that they are part of something much bigger than just their local parish. Please keep our youth and leaders in your prayers as they embark on this meaningful journey of faith, growth, and community.



### 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 1 December 2025

| Prayer Leader        | Reader                                     | Prayers of the Faithful           | Counters   |
|----------------------|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| Tuesday 9.15am       | John Hackett                               | Marie Murphy & Gladys Hough       | Volunteer Supervisor Required,<br>Johannes & Nancy Aulia |
| Thursday 9.15am      | Angela Liew                                | Flowers                           |  |
| Saturday 9.15am      | Louise Pagliaro                            | -                                 |  |
| Duty                 | 6pm  | 8:30am                            | 10:30am  |
| Sacristan            | Paul Liew                                  | Susan Lee                         | Harry Lim  |
| Altar Server         | Evana D'Silva, Klarissa Ryan,<br>Volunteer | Lukas, Olivia and Cameron Lettice | Leader Volunteer,<br>Elisha Lai, Beatrice Li             |
| Commentator          | Grae Widarja                               | David Whalan                      | John Hackett   |
| Reader               | Mary Tan                                   | Graham Perrin                     | Lena Peh   |
| Eucharistic Minister | Jonathan & Carrie Ng                       | 2 x Volunteers Required           | Genny Leeworthy, Christina Sorbello, Brian Worcester     |
| Welcome Desk         | -  | -                                 | Volunteer  |
| Greeters             | Volunteer                                  | Mina Ierufi                       | Cynthia Boudeville                                       |
| Ushers               | Volunteer                                  | Rianny Tjung                      | Anne Boudeville  |
| Videographer         | -  | -                                 | Dilan Cooray   |
| Music                | IGNITE                                     | EFRATA                            | REJOICE  |
| Morning Tea          | -  | Pauline & Graham Perrin           | Genny Leeworthy,<br>Anne Liston                          |

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

**Recently Deceased:**

**Death Anniversaries:** Thomas Barnes, Jessie Tuckett, Ida Prokop, Claire Dreaver, Javier Buena, Maureen Duffy, Angelo Sorbello, John Duffy, Helen Owens, Colin Gavan, Marge Beddoe, Brian Osborne, James Mulcahy, Edith Mulcahy, Patrick Ward, Stephen McMahon, Mary Knapp, Thomas Seong, Mari Heland, Eva Dragicevic, Rose Novotny, Lau Song Tai, Alice D'Souza.

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