

# ST CHRISTOPHER'S SYNDAL PARISH

5 DOON AVENUE, SYNDAL  
IN THE CARE OF THE PALLOTTINES

*In partnership with Holy Saviour, Vermont South*

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR A)**

**15 MARCH 2026**

**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 Fourth Sunday of Lent, also called *Laetare Sunday*, is a moment of joyful pause in the midst of our Lenten journey. Today's readings invite us to reflect on the theme of **spiritual sight** — the ability to see as God sees, beyond appearances, prejudice, and fear. In the Gospel (John 9:1–41), Jesus heals a man born blind, not only restoring his physical sight but also opening the eyes of his heart to faith. The story contrasts the man's growing clarity with the Pharisees' deepening blindness, reminding us that true vision comes from humility and openness to God's work in our lives.

This Sunday challenges us to ask:

- Where might we be spiritually blind — unable or unwilling to see God's presence?
- Do we judge by outward appearances, or do we seek to see with compassion and truth?

Are we willing to let Jesus reshape our vision, even if it disrupts our comfort? Laetare Sunday's rose-coloured vestments and lighter tone remind us that Easter joy is drawing near. Even in the desert of Lent, God's light breaks through, guiding us toward renewal.

### REGULAR MASS TIMES

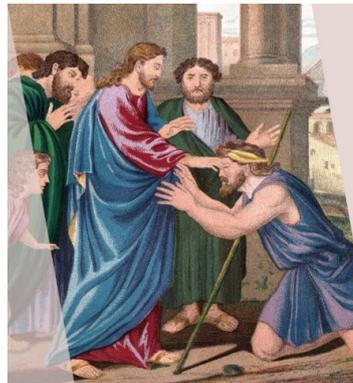
#### Next Week's Mass Times

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 A)

**1st Reading:** 1 Samuel 16:1. 6-7. 10-13

Samuel anoints David king.

**Resp Psalm:** Ps 22 R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**2nd Reading:** Ephesians 5:8-14

Live in the light.

### Gospel Acclamation:

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will have the light of life.  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Gospel:** John 9:1-41

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed,  
I saw and I believed in God.

## READINGS NEXT WEEK:

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR A)

**1st:** Ezekiel 37:12-14

**Resp Psalm:** Ps 129. R. v.7

**2nd:** Romans 8:8-11

**Gospel:** John 11:1-45

## 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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### 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

## ***Meditation Group***

***Tuesday 17 March @ 7.30pm***

***For venue contact Claire on 0423 577 676***

## **HOME MASS INVITATION**

All are warmly invited to join our Home Masses:

**Friday, 27 March | 7:30pm**

Host: Cheryl & John Hackett

Text/WhatsApp: **0407 182 916**

Please text the hosts directly if you'd like to attend.

## ***Seniors Mass @ Holy Saviour Parish***

**Wednesday 8th April - 12pm**

All are welcome to join us after mass for our Christmas break up luncheon. Contact Rose 0411 706 016

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

## **Prayer for the Synod**

### **Adsumus, Sancte Spiritus**



*We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.*

*With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;*

*Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.*

*We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.*

*Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.*

*Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.*

*All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.*

## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT**

The weekly Stations of the Cross followed by Mass during Lent will be held at **St Christopher's Church:**

Friday evenings at 6.30pm followed by mass  
March: 20, 27 (no mass)

## **ABORIGINAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS at Holy Saviour**

Wednesday 25 March following 9.15am mass.

## **2026 LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUPS**

This year's discussion groups will follow the Brisbane Archdiocese program "The Journey Home", which provides reflections on the daily Gospel readings in Lent.

We will have two programs running and we invite both Holy Saviour & St Christopher's parishioners to join;

Thursday Group Discussion: 7.30pm

19, 26 Mar

Friday Group Discussion: followed after 9:15am mass

20, 27 Mar

**Location: Holy Saviour in the Cafe area.**

These discussion groups allow parishioners from Holy Saviour & St Christopher's to share reflections during Lent and will be a great opportunity for collaboration in our ongoing partnership. Signup sheets for group participation are available from this weekend.



## **LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE AT HOLY SAVIOUR PARISH**

***Sunday 22 March @ 7pm***

This is an opportunity to experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation in a meaningful way. It is a way to grow closer to God.

We encourage you all to attend.

## ***Interested in Altar Serving ??***

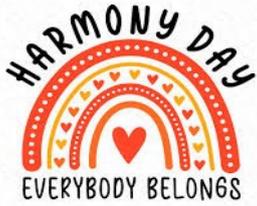
If you have received the sacrament of reconciliation and First Eucharist you can apply to serve at our Parish. Feel free to contact the parish office for further information.

T. 9802 8538 E. [secretary@syndalcatholic.org.au](mailto:secretary@syndalcatholic.org.au)

## **NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME!**

We welcome new parishioners ! Please join us for a cup of coffee/ tea after the Sunday 10.30 am Mass and do please introduce yourselves to Cynthia , our Hospitality Coordinator who will be at the New Parishioners table in the Fellowship Hall after Mass.

# OTHER NOTICES



**Harmony Day** (March 21) is a time to celebrate Australia's multiculturalism, promoting inclusiveness, respect, and a sense of belonging for all. This celebration highlights how First Nations cultures and the traditions of migrants from so many different ancestries have made Australia a great place to live. Tragic events both here in Australia and overseas have highlighted the importance of focusing on the urgency of combatting racism wherever and whenever it arises.

Harmony Week (16-20<sup>th</sup> March) - info and resources: <https://>



## HOLY WEEK

### MASS TIMES AND SERVICES AT ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH

Palm Sunday	<p><u>6:00pm (Vigil)</u> Mass</p> <p><u>8:30am and 10:30am</u> Mass</p>
Last Supper	<p><u>7:00pm</u> <i>Thursday - mass followed by adoration</i></p>
Good Friday	<p><u>9:15am</u> <i>Morning Prayers</i></p> <p><u>10:00am</u> <i>Stations of the Cross (Elevate Youth)</i></p> <p><u>3:00pm</u> <i>Passion of the Lord Service</i></p>
Holy Saturday	<p><u>9:15am</u> <i>Morning Prayers</i></p> <p><u>7:30pm</u> <i>Vigil Mass</i></p>
Easter Sunday	<p><u>8:30am and 10:30am</u> Mass</p>

## PARISH COMMUNITY DAY - 9 MAR 2026



God blessed us with a bright and sunny day for the walk and activities. The sense of community was felt and strongly seen, and it was

a heartwarming sight to see infants in arms, young children, teens and adults of all ages. The committee would like to thank all volunteers, parishioners and friends for your tremendous support of this initiative. We are truly grateful that through our united efforts, the Walkathon fundraiser has brought in an estimated net amount of \$11,000.00.  
*With deep appreciation,*



## FEAST DAYS

### TUESDAY 17TH MARCH: ST PATRICK'S FEAST DAY



On this day we honour his life, missionary work, and role in spreading Christianity on Ireland. We are given the opportunity to reflect on missionary work, trust in God and enduring impact of living a life devoted to Christ. Celebrating the feast day combines both religious devotion and cultural appreciation, honouring the saint who transformed Ireland through faith.

### THURSDAY 19TH MARCH: ST JOSEPH'S FEAST DAY



On this day we honour St Joseph, the foster father of Jesus and the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We honour his role in salvation history and his exemplary virtues of faith, hope, and charity. This feast day provides Catholics with opportunities to reflect on St Joseph's virtues of faith, humility and dedication to family and work, making him a model for Christian life.

## !! ATTENTION !!

### St Christopher's Newsletter Subscribers

It is of you may have received an email requesting that you re-subscribe to our newsletter emails sent to the following Microsoft-managed email addresses: hotmail.com, outlook.com and live.com are not all being delivered due to a current Microsoft restriction. The Archdiocese IT Support Team have been actively working to resolve this issue as a priority.

## 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

February 2026 : \$ 7,755.50

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

## 2ND COLLECTION - THANKSGIVING OFFERING

February 2026 : \$ 11,916.80

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 16 March 2026

Prayer Leader	Reader	Prayers of the Faithful	Counters
Tuesday 9.15am	John Hackett	Cheryl & John Hackett	Graham Baker, Margaret Campbell, Margaret Carr
Thursday 9.15am	Justin Tan	Flowers	
Saturday 9.15am	Mary Tan	-	
Duty	6pm	8:30am	10:30am
Sacristan	Ida Wati	Felcon Gatab	Chris De Silva
Altar Server	Shaina Chaugule, Rashwin & Radesh Lenora	Francesca & Vincenzo Purawinata	Gabriella, Raphaella & Razel Reuben
Commentator	Ronnie Poskitt	Louise Pagliaro	Austin Swamy
Reader	Andy Lim	Jack Krohn	Luciano De Biase
Eucharistic Minister	Tony Hough, Christina Sorbello	Shivanthi & Gerard Chitty	Catherine Drake, Brian Worcester, Justin Tan
Welcome Desk	-	-	Shireen Pires
Greeters	Volunteer	Susan Lee	Carol Peters
Ushers	Cathy & Beng Lee	Eunice Wong	Ethan Ghee, Angela Yap
Videographer	-	-	Louie & Julian
Music	SHINE FOR CHRIST	RECORDED MUSIC	CHRISTY'S GROUP
Morning Tea	-	Preethi & Chris De Silva, Shamalka & Family	Genny Leeworthy & Anne Liston

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

### Recently Deceased:

**Death Anniversaries:** Silvio Pagliaro, Martha Turner, Angelo Facciolo, Gary Flint, Mary Willberg, Clayton Pereira, Richard Greene, Cheryl Taylor, Fr Wendelin Lorenz SAC, Jack & Edna Worcester, Joseph Francis Hutchinson, Pauline Goodman, Leo Gavan, Myra Oswald, John Oswald, Li Pak Siong, David Forester, Darren Keane, Peter Johnston, Br Patrick Bicknell SAC, Ann Hitchins, Frank Clarke, John Spencer, Daphne Moloney, Kwan Cong San, Charlotte Nurse, Noreen Lancaster, Mary Patricia Watts, Pat Staunton, Gerard Lim, Judith Anne Byrne, Poh Har Mary Hooi, Anne Dillon, Doreen Weston, Dominic Fenech, Mary Formaini.

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