



# ST CHRISTOPHER'S SYNDAL PARISH

5 DOON AVENUE, SYNDAL

IN THE CARE OF THE PALLOTTINES

In partnership with Holy Saviour, Vermont South

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (YEAR A)**

**29 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...

On Palm Sunday, we wave our palms and cry "Hosanna!" — joining the jubilant crowd that welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem not as a conquering warrior on a warhorse, but as a humble king riding on a donkey. It is a moment of great paradox: a triumphal entry that leads, with quiet purpose, directly to a cross. Palm Sunday opens the most sacred season of our Christian year — Holy Week. In one sweeping liturgy, we move from the joy of the procession to the somber reading of the Passion. The same crowd that shouts praises will, within days, cry "Crucify him!" This jarring contrast is not accidental. It holds up a mirror to our own hearts, revealing how quickly human devotion can waver when the cost of faithfulness becomes real. Yet Christ walks this road knowingly, willingly, and lovingly. He does not turn back. Every step toward Jerusalem is a step taken for us — for our healing, our forgiveness, our salvation. The palms we hold are more than festive branches; they are a silent

pledge to follow Him not only in moments of celebration, but through confusion, sorrow, and sacrifice. Holy Week now stretches before us as a sacred invitation. We are called to enter it fully — to sit with Jesus at the table on Holy Thursday, to stand at the foot of the Cross on Good Friday, and to keep watch at the tomb in hope. For those who walk with Christ through suffering will never walk alone — and Easter morning awaits all who do not lose heart.

### REGULAR 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: Isaiah 50:4-7

Despite rejection, Isaiah does not abandon his call.

### Resp Psalm: Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

### 2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Jesus made himself lowly and was exalted.

### Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

### Gospel: Matthew 26:14 – 27:66

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

## READINGS NEXT WEEK:

### EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (YEAR A)

1st: Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43

Resp Psalm: Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

2nd: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: John 20:1-9

## 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

## Seniors Mass @ Holy Saviour Parish

Wednesday 8 April - 12pm

Followed by lunch - please bring a plate to share.  
Coffee/tea will be provided.

**All are welcome !**

Contact Rose 0411 706 016

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

## CHARISMATIC Prayer Group

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April @ 7:30pm - Cenacle Room  
Rosa: 0447 111 270 / John: 0407 182 916

**All are welcome ...**

## !! OFFICE CLOSURE !!

The Parish Office will be **closed** from Good Friday and will re-open 9am Thursday 9th April.

## ATTENTION ..

There will be **no First Friday Adoration** this Friday 3rd April.

There will be **no Healing Mass** with Fr Joby this Sunday 5th April.

## 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.

## 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.

## CHRISM MASS—MASS OF THE OILS

**All are welcome** to join Archbishop Comensoli and all priests in our Archdiocese to bless the oils that are going to be used in the sacraments in the year ahead.

**Will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday 31st of March at 10am**



## 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>

## 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.

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## OTHER NOTICES

### HOLY LAND COLLECTION -GOOD FRIDAY

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on **Good Friday, 3 April**. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing.

Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday and please keep them in your prayers.

*Thank you.*

### Did you know?

- The words of Jesus from the cross in this text are in Aramaic, the language Jesus spoke.
- The name Barabbas literally means son (*bar*) of the father (*abba*). Here the crowd chooses the false son while condemning the true Son.
- This Sunday is also known as 'Palm Sunday' and commemorates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Celebrations similar to those carried out in churches today were being held in Jerusalem as early as the fourth century.
- The narratives of the passion of Jesus—the arrest, trial, crucifixion and death—are the earliest strands of what came to be written down as the gospels.
- Since the fourth century, the site now marked by the Church of the Holy Sepulchre has been revered as the site of Calvary.

### ST CHRISTOPHER'S TENNIS CLUB EVENT

**Sunday 3rd of May.**

**Family Doubles (Adult & Child) Round Robin Tournament**

This tournament will be a Fast4 doubles round robin and is open to all playing standards. Each team must consist of one child and one relative (parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle or cousin). It will be a fun day with plenty of matches, a great atmosphere, and a chance to win prizes.

**LOCATION: ST CHRISTOPHER'S TENNIS CLUB**

**FORMAT: FAMILY DOUBLES (ADULT/CHILD) FAST4 ROUND ROBIN**

**DATE: SUNDAY 3RD MAY**

**TIME: 12:30PM—4:PM (BBQ LUNCH FROM 11:45AM)**

**COST: \$10.00 PER TEAM**

\* Tournament is open to Members & Non-Members of the club

\* Entries close: April 28th

\* We have limited capacity, with entries capped at 16 pairs, so be sure to secure your spot early!

\* There will be prizes for the winners, as well as a free BBQ lunch on the day. SCTC will also be offering discounted club memberships to all participants.

Entry form at this link:

<https://forms.gle/abn5czM7EFSGpBr39>

Any queries, please don't hesitate to contact:

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**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**

**Palm Sunday**  
28–29 March 2026

As Project Compassion 2026 comes to a close, we thank you for your generous support throughout Lent. This year, we shared the stories of four inspiring people whose lives are being uplifted through your compassion.

Your support is helping them overcome challenges and build stronger futures. There is still time to donate! Together, we can continue nurturing hope and empowering communities facing poverty and injustice.



**UNITE  
AGAINST  
POVERTY**  
this Lent

**Please donate today.**

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

**Or online at:** [www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate](http://www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate)

**Or by calling:** 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

### WE ARE HIRING—YOUTH LEADER !

Dear Parishioners,

This is to inform you that our Youth Pastoral Coordinator Mr. Louis Shu, has resigned from his position. He will continue to serve in this role until the end of this month. We are now seeking a suitable candidate for this position. Interested applicants are invited to apply by 5th April. Please submit your application to Fr. Jacob Alvares via email: [jacob.alvares@cam.org.au](mailto:jacob.alvares@cam.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

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 30 March 2026

Prayer Leader	Reader	Prayers of the Faithful	Counters
Tuesday 9.15am	John Hackett	Marie Murphy, Gladys Hough	Jack Krohn, David Whalan, Brian Incigneri
Thursday 9.15am	Mary Tan	Flowers	
Saturday 9.15am	Morning Prayers (no mass)	-	
Duty	7.30pm	8.30am	10.30am
Sacristan	Paul Liew	Anastasia Darmawan	Pius Tang
Altar Server	Malone D'Silva, Raphaella & Raziell Reuben, Klarissa Ryan, Daniela Ho	Francesca Purawinata, Daniela Ho, Volunteer	Vincent & Rachel Ng, Klarissa Ryan
Commentator	Christina Sorbello	Alvennia Winata	Catherine Drake
Reader	Austin Swamy	Phil Green	Gwen O'Brien
Eucharistic Minister	Ronnie Poskitt, Pat Barnes	Marie Murphy, Volunteer	Justin Tan, 2 x volunteers
Welcome Desk	-	-	Margaret Yap
Greeters	Cynthia Boudeville	Eunice Wong	Cynthia & Anne Boudeville
Ushers	Rianny Tjung, Ethan Ghee, Catherine & Kelvin Loo	Eunice Wong	Angela Yap, Lyn Lam
Videographer	-	-	Dilan Cooray
Music	IGNITE	EFRATA	REJOICE
Morning Tea	-	Ruchika Aggrawal, Lyn Lam	Anne & Sujith Heenatimulla

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

### Recently Deceased:

**Death Anniversaries:** John Beddoe, Brian Gleeson, Sheila Bradbury, Ray Monagle, Tom Griffiths, Paul Montebello, Mauritsz (Robin) Cannon, Paddy Howard, Christina Maria Ida Wirioatmodjo, Eddy Stack, Christina Nymere, Carmel O'Brien, John Fyfield, Anna Anzalone, Lanny Kurnia, Dorothea Jordan, Paul Mitchell, Prof Charles Senarath, Ivy Bong, Francesco Piccolo, Gerald Hegarty, George Robinson, Patricia Carr, Mary Formaini, Egon Tabery, Peter Nehill, Carmel O'Shannassy, Daphne Cooney.

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