



ST CHRISTOPHER'S SYNDAL PARISH

5 DOON AVENUE, SYNDAL

IN THE CARE OF THE PALLOTTINES

In partnership with Holy Saviour, Vermont South

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A)

12 APRIL 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...

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY. On this Second Sunday of Easter, the Church joyfully proclaims what the Resurrection has confirmed for all time: God's mercy is not a distant sentiment — it is a living Person. In the Gospel of John, the Risen Lord does not return to His frightened disciples with reproach or blame. He enters through locked doors and offers the one thing they need most: *"Peace be with you."* This is the first word of Divine Mercy — not judgment, but peace. Thomas, whose honest doubt the Gospel tenderly preserves, is not cast aside — he is invited closer. Jesus shows him His wounds. This is the heart of Divine Mercy: a God who bears the scars of human sin and suffering, and makes them the very doorway to faith. Thomas's cry, *"My Lord and my God!"* is the response of every soul that encounters the mercy of Christ. What does this say to our world today? Ours is a world fractured by war, displacement, rising poverty, and a crisis of loneliness. People carry wounds of rejection, guilt, and despair — feeling unworthy of love or beyond forgiveness. Into every such heart, the Risen Christ comes again, showing His wounds and whispering: *"Peace be with you."* The Divine Mercy devotion, with its rays of red and white

flowing from the Heart of Christ, is not mere piety — it is a prophetic sign for our age. As a Church, we are commissioned — as the disciples were — to be channels of this mercy: in our families, in our parishes, and in the broken corners of our society. The words of St. Faustina ring as urgently today as ever: *"Jesus, I trust in You."* May we not only pray these words, but live them — becoming mercy for every wounded person we meet.

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: Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47
Life of the early disciples.

Resp Psalm: Ps 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24. R V.1
(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9
Current trials lead to rejoicing when Christ again
appears.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
You believe in me, Thomas,
because you have seen me;
happy those who have not seen me,
but still believe! Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:19-31

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A)

1st: Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33

Resp Psalm: Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. v.11

2nd: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

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

CHARISMATIC Prayer Group

Wednesday 15th April @ 7:30pm - Cenacle Room
 Rosa: 0447 111 270 / John: 0407 182 916
 All are welcome ...

BIBLE STUDIES

Practical Solutions for Sanctifying
 Everyday Circumstances

James An 11-part bible study featuring Jeff cavins

Bible Study by Jeff Cavins and facilitated by Gwen O'Brien

St Christophers Parish - Cenacle Room

Thursdays at 7:30pm

(repeat on Saturdays from 10:00am—11:30am via zoom)

ZOOM LINK

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81708433156?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81708433156?pwd=aTYwN0N1cTVQZzJIU25hWkZ6aDN0Q0T09)
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June		July	
Thursday	Saturday	Thursday	Saturday
4th	6th	16th	18th
18th	20th	23rd	25th
25th	27th	30th	1st August

August		September	
Thursday	Saturday	Thursday	Saturday
6th	8th	3rd	5th
13th	15th	17th	19th
20th	22nd		

What is a Synod?

A Synod is a moment when the Church deliberately pauses to listen, pray, and discern together. It is not simply a meeting or a conference, but a spiritual process rooted in faith that the Holy Spirit continues to guide the Church today. In a Synod, we ask not only "What do we think?" but more importantly, "What is God asking of us at this moment in our mission?"



Those who would like a mass intention to be offered up during mass, please contact the parish office.

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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.



THANK YOU!

Caritas Australia sincerely thanks you for your generous support of Project Compassion this Lent.

If you still have your Project Compassion box or donation envelope at home, please return it next week at Mass. Every contribution, no matter the size, helps to bring hope and opportunity to people experiencing poverty and injustice.

Together, we are *Uniting Against Poverty* and walking alongside vulnerable communities as they build stronger, more sustainable futures.



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

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

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

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

SRI LANKAN NEW YEAR

SUNDAY 19TH APRIL

All are welcome to celebrate after 10.30am mass for morning tea in the fellowship hub.



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/bn5czM7EFSGpBr39>

Any queries, please don't hesitate to contact:

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FEAST OF JESUS DIVINE MERCY Sunday

I am the King of Mercy!
On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy.
THE SOUL THAT WILL GO TO CONFESSION AND RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION SHALL OBTAIN COMPLETE FORGIVENESS OF SINS AND PUNISHMENT.
On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flows are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet.

O Jesus, have mercy!
Embrace the whole world and press me to Your Heart...
O Lord, let my soul repose in the sea of Your unfathomable mercy.
Jesus, I Trust in You!
(Diary, 699, 371, 327)

Did you know?

Points of interest and Catholic lore

- The period from Easter to Pentecost is known as 'the Great Fifty Days' and is an integral part of the Lent-Easter-Pentecost cycle.
- There is an ancient tradition that St Thomas preached the Gospel as far east as India.
- In Aramaic, the language spoken by Jesus, the

Permanent Diaconate Information Session 2 May 2026

The annual May Information session has been scheduled. The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and the 50s, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. It is an ordained ministry of service. The information session is open to **everyone interested in learning more about the permanent diaconate**. If you have attended any previous session, you are also welcome to attend this session. It is an opportunity to further discern your vocation. Wives most welcome. The session will be on Saturday morning, 2nd May and will be in person. If you are interested email Deacon Kevin Pattison Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au with full name and parish, but **if you forget, then just turn up** on Saturday morning. All are welcome.

Event Date: Saturday 2 May 2025, 10.00am-11.30am

Venue: Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne

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

March 2026 : \$ 7,831.40

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

2ND COLLECTION - THANKSGIVING OFFERING

March 2026 : \$ 13,983.00

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 13 April 2026

Prayer Leader	Reader	Prayers of the Faithful	Counters
Tuesday 9.15am	John Hackett	Paula Eales	Graham Baker, Margaret Campbell, Margaret Carr
Thursday 9.15am	Angela Liew	Flowers	
Saturday 9.15am	Louise Pagliaro	Elvira D'Lima	
Duty	6.30pm	8:30am	10:30am
Sacristan	Ida Wati	Mary Seong	Harry Lim
Altar Server	Radesh and Rashwin Lenora 1 x Volunteer	3 x Volunteers Required	Chrislyn & Celine Wawolangi, Elisha Lai
Commentator	Volunteer	David Whalan	ELEVATE
Reader	Austin Swamy	Alvennia Winata	ELEVATE
Eucharistic Minister	Marie Murphy, Pat Barnes	Helen Au Yeung, Brigid Chan	ELEVATE, Christina Sorbello
Welcome Desk	-	-	ELEVATE
Greeters	Volunteer	Rianny Tjung	ELEVATE
Ushers	Catherine & Kelvin Loo	Eunice Wong	ELEVATE
Videographer	-	-	Kevin Widarja
Music	SHINE FOR CHRIST	Joe & Bernadette Fernandes	ELEVATE
Morning Tea	-	Jason Chia, Gregoy Cardoz	SINHALESE NEW YEAR MORNING TEA

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

Recently Deceased:

Death Anniversaries: Joan Gill, Doris Davies, Peter Hall, Edward Ekanayake, William Maslen, Eileen Godfrey, Lise Merle, Brenton Leeworthy, John Whitburn, Michelle Lappin, Rita Fernando, Winifred Martin, Sofia Brzozowska, Martha de Souza, Br Barry Hall SAC, Sarah Rose, Nan Rodriguez, John Barry Cowan, Danny Lee, Christopher Incigneri, Bernice McMahon, Rodney Simpson, Jo Raccui, Fr Lorenz Wendelin, SAC, Lionel Rogers, Roma Mees, Norah O'Connor, Helen Curren.

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