



ST CHRISTOPHER'S SYNDAL PARISH

5 DOON AVENUE, SYNDAL

IN THE CARE OF THE PALLOTTINES

In partnership with Holy Saviour, Vermont South

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A)

19 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...

The Easter mystagogical instruction continues. Today we reflect on life as a journey. This theme expresses well the fact that life is not static, but is a movement from one point to another. Actually, we do not so much make the journey as we join one that is already in progress. Nor are we alone on it. We have companions who share their encouragement and support, their talents and insight. Like the two disciples travelling to Emmaus, we have certain expectations which Jesus does not seem to fulfil. They did not realise that through his death he had accomplished everything. They did not realise that the Risen Lord himself was their travelling companion.

As with them, so with us. We may not see the extraordinary in the ordinary. We may not see the hand of God in our lives. Perhaps we need someone to interpret for us both the tradition and the events of life. Despite appearances, something is happening beneath what we are able to observe. God is at work beneath and within our

lives. Once we realise who this unique travelling companion really is, our hearts too will burn within us, our eyes too will be opened, and we too will look at life with the assurance of faith. Easter faith will transform our disillusionment into missionary zeal. Some of us may be called upon to give public witness, as did Peter. Most will preach with the example of our lives. All can enter this mystery as we recognise him in the breaking of the bread.

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 2:14, 22-33
Peter addresses the people on the day of Pentecost.

Resp Psalm: Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. v.11
(R.) Lord, you will show us the path of life.

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21
We are delivered through the blood of the lamb.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A)

1st: Acts of the Apostles 2:14. 36-41

Resp Psalm: Ps 22:1-6. R. v.1

2nd: 1 Peter 2:20-25

Gospel: John 10:1-10

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 21 April @ 7.30pm

For venue contact Claire on 0423 577 676

CHARISMATIC Prayer Group

Wednesday 29th April @ 7:30pm - Cenacle Room

Rosa: 0447 111 270 / John: 0407 182 916

All are welcome ...

St Christopher's

Church

Sunday 4 May

Healing Mass

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**

Good Shepherd Sunday 2026

Next Sunday we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday – the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. During this coming week, perhaps you may like to make a prayer each day for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Perhaps there is a young person you may know to pray for by name this week.

On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, pray for yourself. Pray to know if God is calling YOU to be a Priest, Religious Sister or Brother. Pray!

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.

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?pwd=aTYwN0N1cTVQZzJlU25hWkZ6aDNoQT09>

LOGIN CODE: 08433156 / **PASSCODE:** 803022

| June | | July | |
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| 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 | | |

St Christopher's Readers and Commentators Ministers of the Word Saturday 9 May

There will be an information and training session on Saturday 9 May for all of our Readers and Commentators. An email will be sent to all with further details. Stay tuned!

OTHER NOTICES

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:

Email: stctennis@gmail.com

Phone: Jack Krohn - 0433 124 473

A Spiritual Retreat for Women

*with powerful teaching and testimonies,
followed by a healing service*

Led by Anastasia Rebello and Team

Saturday 2nd May 2026 (10:00 a.m. to 16:00 p.m) St. Christopher's Parish, Syndal, 5 Doon Ave, Glen Waverly VIC 3150-Morning tea provided. BYO lunch

For further details, contact: Jane - 0421 527 468

Come, join us and experience the power of the Holy Spirit at Women Alive and make JESUS a part of your everyday life.

DOES HOLY MASS MATTER?

"Do this in memory of Me." — Luke 22:19

THE MASS — SOURCE AND SUMMIT OF OUR FAITH

The Holy Mass is not simply a Sunday obligation — it is the very heart of Catholic life. The Second Vatican Council teaches that the Eucharist is 'the source and summit of the entire Christian life' (Sacrosanctum Concilium, no. 10). At every Mass, Jesus Christ makes present His one eternal sacrifice on Calvary, offering to the Father perfect Adoration, Thanksgiving, Reparation, and Petition on our behalf. Pope John Paul II wrote simply: 'The Church draws her life from the Eucharist' (Ecclesia de Eucharistia, no. 1). To neglect Mass is to turn away from the very source of our spiritual nourishment.

WHY ARRIVE EARLY?

Arriving early is an act of faith. The church is not an auditorium — it is the House of God. Christ is truly present in the tabernacle before Mass even begins, awaiting our prayer and recollection. The Church encourages the faithful to arrive with 'proper dispositions, recollecting themselves interiorly' (GIRM, no. 45). A few quiet minutes before Mass allows our hearts to be still, to leave the noise of the world behind, and to enter truly into the sacred action we are about to celebrate.

WHY REMAIN UNTIL THE END?

The Mass is one unified act of worship — not a menu of optional parts. Leaving after Holy Communion misses the very commission God gives us. The word 'Mass' comes from the Latin Missa — 'you are sent.' The final blessing and dismissal are not a postscript; they are a sending forth. We are commissioned to carry the grace of the Eucharist into our homes, our workplaces, and our world. To leave early is to walk away from that blessing.

DOES ARRIVING LATE INVALIDATE MY MASS?

Arriving late does not automatically invalidate your Mass — God's grace cannot be reduced to a formula. However, the Church is clear: missing the Liturgy of the Word and the Offertory means one has not fully participated in the Sunday obligation (Canon 1247-1248). Traditional moral theology holds that arriving after the Offertory, without good reason, falls short of fulfilling our Sunday duty. If genuine circumstances — illness, emergency, or distance — cause lateness, God sees your good will. But as an act of love, let us strive always to give the Lord our best — arriving early, staying until the end, and bringing to Mass our full, undivided hearts.

"Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed."



WOMEN'S HEALTH EVENT

SATURDAY 16TH MAY, 2026 / 9.30am—11:30am

St Christopher's Hennessey Hall,
(morning tea provided*)

Guest Speaker: Unna Goldsworthy

Theme: Midlife Well-being: Breathwork Tools

Cost \$25 RSVP 14th May, 2026

Book Online: <https://www.trybooking.com/DLIP>

Contact: Christina Sorbello on 0408 355 527

* please indicate any dietary requirements

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 20 April 2026

| Prayer Leader | Reader | Prayers of the Faithful | Counters |
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| Tuesday 9.15am | John Hackett | Margaret Foley; Pat McCulloch; Louise Pagliaro | Alan McHenry, Jack Krohn, Carmelle Claney |
| Thursday 9.15am | Angela Liew | Flowers | |
| Saturday 9.15am | Louise Pagliaro | Natalia Tjahjono | |

| Duty | 6.30pm | 8:30am | 10:30am |
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| Sacristan | Paul Liew | Anastasia Darmawan | Grace Lim |
| Altar Server | Evana D'Silva, Shaina Chaugule, Kevin Saldana | Francesca & Vincenzo Purawinata, Klarissa Ryan | Maria-Susana & Maria Jose Valencia, Beatrice Li |
| Commentator | Andy Lim | Phil Green | Joella Fernando |
| Reader | Volunteer Required | John Stone | Ian Darmawan |
| Eucharistic Minister | Tony Hough, Ronnie Poskitt | 2 x Volunteers | Brian Worcester, John & Cheryl Hackett |
| Welcome Desk | - | - | Loretta Stapleton |
| Greeters | Edna Louzado | Sharon Gomes | Carol Peters |
| Ushers | Volunteer | Mina Ierufi | Ethan Ghee, Lyn Lam |
| Videographer | - | - | Louie & Julian |
| Music | GRAE'S GROUP | RECORDED MUSIC | CHRISTY'S GROUP |
| Morning Tea | - | Margaret Yap, Harendra | Salome Christy & Chris Nallarattam |

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

Recently Deceased:

Death Anniversaries: James Sim, Ena Heffernan, Roslyn Henshall, Rose Espiritu, Brigid & Peter McGrath, Frank Case, Olga Tyler, Mary Clarke, Marie Whitburn, Esperanza Faustino, Teresa Montebello, Budiman Wirawan, Fred Deegan, Gregory Lyons, Gwen Hough, Mary Biglan, Patrizia Santoro, Candido Buena.

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