

ST CHRISTOPHER'S SYNDAL PARISH

5 DOON AVENUE, SYNDAL

IN THE CARE OF THE PALLOTTINES

In partnership with Holy Saviour, Vermont South

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

14 JUNE 2026

WELCOME TO ST CHRISTOPHER'S

You are INVITED!

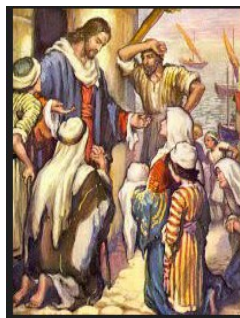
St Christopher's is a Missionary Parish of Intentional Disciples, passionate about being Christ to all, through our witness of God's love in action.

REFLECTIONS...

In today's Gospel, Jesus shares his mission to proclaim the kingdom of heaven with his disciples. The signs of the kingdom's presence consist of the work that Jesus has already been doing: the sick are cured, lepers are cleansed, demons are driven out, and the dead are raised to life. The disciples are sent to continue doing the work that Jesus has begun. This is a moment of transition in Matthew's Gospel. The focus has shifted from the ministry of Jesus to the work of the disciples and the community he has inaugurated and inspired. The Gospel reports that Jesus commissions twelve disciples. Many scholars believe that the twelve disciples symbolize the twelve tribes of Israel. It designates, therefore, continuity between Israel and the Church. Matthew also uses the word *apostle* when referring to the Twelve. The word *apostle* means "one who is sent." In this context, Matthew is calling attention to the mission that the twelve disciples are being given. They are

sent by Jesus to proclaim the kingdom of heaven in word and deed.

As Jesus sent his disciples to continue his work and mission, so too we his Disciples today, are sent by Jesus. Every member of the Church is sent by Jesus to carry on His mission. Let us attempt to do our part.



REGULAR MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 6.00 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: Exodus 19:2-6

The Lord speaks to Moses on Mount Sinai.

Resp Psalm: Ps 99:2-3. 5. R. v.3

(R.) We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

2nd Reading: Romans 5:6-11

We are justified by the blood of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near;
repent and believe the Good News!
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 9:36 - 10:8

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
only this do I seek:
to live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

1st: Jeremiah 20:10-13

Resp Psalm: Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. v.14

2nd: Romans 5:12-15

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

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<https://stchristopherssyndal.com.au/welcome-from-our-parish-priest/pages/new-parishioner-registration-form>

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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

the **GIFT**

6 session video course

a life in the Spirit course

Session 2: The Joy of the Gospel

Wednesday 17th June @7.30pm Fellowship Area

Rosa: 0447 111 270 / John: 0407 182 916

All are welcome

HOME MASS INVITATION

You are warmly invited to join our Home Masses:

Friday, 19 June | 7:30pm

(Hosts: Joyce and Jerry Yap)

☎ Text/WhatsApp: 0424 553 592

Friday, 26 June | 7:30pm

(Hosts: Susan and Nigel Lee)

☎ Text/WhatsApp: 0422 888309

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



St. Christopher's and Holy Saviour Parish Assembly, October 24, 2026

IN PREPARATION FOR THE
MELBOURNE ARCHDIOCESAN
SYNOD DECEMBER-2026

Synod Theme

**Young Discipleship
Missionary Leadership
Formation & Participation**

LISTENING, PRAYING, MISSIONARY &
WELCOMING PARISHES

ALIVE IN FAITH AND SERVICE

Fr Jacob's Reflection ...

"You Are Called — Not Just to Come, But to Serve"

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
This Sunday's Gospel presents one of the most tender and urgent moments in the life of Jesus. He looks out at the crowds — tired, scattered, like sheep without a shepherd — and His heart is moved with compassion. He does not simply preach at them or pass them by. He acts. He calls twelve ordinary men by name, gives them His own authority, and sends them: **"Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give"** (Mt 10:8).

That same gaze of Jesus rests upon our parish today. He still sees the harvest. He still looks for labourers. And He is still calling — not only the Twelve, but you.

It is tempting to approach parish life as consumers rather than co-workers in the mission of Christ. Yet the Second Vatican Council reminds us boldly that the Church is not the clergy alone — she is the entire People of God, each one baptised into a priestly, prophetic, and kingly mission. You were not baptised simply to be saved; you were baptised to serve.

"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord." — 1 Corinthians 12:4-5

Every gift you carry — your patience, creativity, compassion, love of music, organisation, or faithful prayer — is God's intentional investment in the mission of this parish. To leave them unused is to return the talent to the ground.

This Sunday we celebrate a **Day of Servant Discipleship** — an invitation to discover where the Lord is placing you in His mission. Perhaps He is calling you to the Altar, to the Ambo as a Lector, to welcoming the stranger, to accompanying the bereaved, to nurturing the young, or to the quiet faithfulness of prayer and administration. No role is too small. Every act of service is sacred. Pope Francis writes in **Evangelii Gaudium** that every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus. You have encountered that love — here, at this altar, in this community. Now let it move outward through you. The Lord looked at the crowd and felt compassion. He is looking at you today. Will you answer His call?
The Spirit has gifted you. The parish needs you. Christ is calling you.

PARISH / OTHER NOTICES

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.

SAVE THE DATE

TRIVIA NIGHT Fundraiser

Saturday 25 July : 7:00pm

Hennessy Hall

\$30pp



CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE



Catholic Theological College

Online Information Session

Explore Philosophy, Theology, and Ministry-related courses

Monday 15 June at 7pm (AEST)

Register via our website:

ctc.edu.au/information-session



Why listening matters in the Church

Listening is not a sign of weakness. In the Christian tradition, listening is an act of humility and faith. We believe that God can speak through the experiences, joys, and struggles of His people. Synodality reminds us that listening is a form of love and a path to wis-



MEMORIAL MASS @ HOLY SAVIOUR

Wednesday, 8 July - 7.00pm

All are invited

This mass is to celebrate the lives and death of loved ones.

All are welcome to stay for a cuppa after the Mass.



DID YOU KNOW?

Points of interest and Catholic lore

- Sparrows were sold in market places as inexpensive food for the poor and were a symbol of something of minimal value.
- Members of the Church who have died rather than renounce their faith are called martyrs. The word *martyr* literally means 'witness'. Throughout history, many have given their lives for the faith, and in our own time, people are still martyred because they will not swerve from their commitment to Christ.
- By the time Matthew wrote his gospel, the Church was already undergoing persecution in some areas, and Christian faith was being sorely tested.

Catholic Family Market

Sunday 21 June 2026

12.00pm–3.00pm



Join Catholic families from around Melbourne for a fun, relaxing day to come together and connect with others. The afternoon will include market stalls, food, music, a jumping castle and an animal farm for the kids. Free entry.

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

May 2026 : \$ 7,351.80

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

2ND COLLECTION - THANKSGIVING OFFERING

May 2026 : \$ 12,522.60

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 15 June 2026

Prayer Leader	Reader	Prayers of the Faithful	Counters
Tuesday 9.15am	Mary Tan	Pauline Perrin	Jack Krohn, Justinne & Juan Agapay
Thursday 9.15am	Phil Green		
Saturday 9.15am	Louise Pagliaro		
Duty	6.00pm	8:30am	10:30am
Sacristan	Paul Liew	Susan Lee	Grace Lim
Altar Server	Evana D'Silva, Kevin Saldana, Volunteer	Malone De Silva, Klarissa Ryan	Beatrice Li Rashwin & Radesh Lenora ??
Commentator	Ronnie Poskitt	Phil Green	ELEVATE
Reader	Kevin Widarja	Anne Choy	ELEVATE
Eucharistic Minister	Tony Hough, Christina Sorbello	Helen Au Yeung, Brigid Chan	ELEVATE, Brian Worchester
Welcome Desk	-	-	ELEVATE
Greeters	Cathy & Beng Lee	Eunice Wong	ELEVATE
Ushers	Volunteer	Alvencia Winata	ELEVATE
Videographer	-	-	Kevin Widarja
Music	IGNITE	Joe & Bernadette Fernandes	ELEVATE
Morning Tea		Ruchika Aggawal, Harendra	ELEVATE

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

Recently Deceased:

Death Anniversaries: Paul Owczarek (Of-char-ek), Kathleen Canavan, Wah Cheung, Cath Hallam, Richard Logan, Mary Neville, Timothy Chong, Verna Clark, John Molloy, Frank McManus, Edmundo Aquino, Olga Kunning, Paul D'Unienville, Marija Grabar, Audrey Donovan, Tom Fogarty, Fr John Hennessy SAC, Anthony Claxton, Priscilla Pruna, Regi D'Souza, Geraldine Cross, Mary Murphy, Mary Crowe, Kathleen Lawless, Agustinus Agoes Purnomo, Arthur Peters, James Norris, Regina Pereira, Murray Winnett.

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