



ST CHRISTOPHER'S SYNDAL PARISH

5 DOON AVENUE, SYNDAL

IN THE CARE OF THE PALLOTTINES

In partnership with Holy Saviour, Vermont South

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

21 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...

The demands of discipleship can be very difficult. The strength that is needed to continue on the chosen path despite its hardships can come only from God. We live in a world that desperately needs to hear the call to conversion, but it is a world that is subject to the death that entered it through the sin of Adam. Those who answer the call of God may have to face the hostility of this world, because their values and their commitment to righteousness threaten its moorings. To commit oneself to the reign of God is to challenge the reign of the world, and this can make one very unpopular. In the midst of this suffering we can find strength in the promises of God, and we believe that God is faithful to these promises. Only half of today's picture is bleak. The other half is radiant with hope. Paul assures us that the gracious gift that God offers us is far greater than the transgressions brought on by sin. This gracious gift is Jesus Christ himself. The gift exceeds anything for which we might have

hoped. He is the comfort that will carry us through our disappointments. He is the strength that will enable us to endure the misunderstanding and hardship that come with discipleship. We are called to acknowledge him before the world, and we are promised that if we do, he will acknowledge us before God. There is light even in the midst of darkness. There is hope even in the midst of suffering.

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: Jeremiah 20:10-13

The Lord is with Jeremiah.

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

(R.) Lord, in your great love, answer me.

2nd Reading: Romans 5:12-15

As sin entered the world through one man, so through one man are we saved.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The eyes of all look to you, Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(YEAR A)**

1st: 2 Kings 4:8-11. 14-16

Resp Psalm: Ps 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2

2nd: Romans 6:3-4. 8-11

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

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

the **GIFT**

6 session video course: a life in the Spirit course

Session 3: The Gift of the Spirit

Wednesday 24 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, 26 June | 7:30pm

(Hosts: Susan and Nigel Lee)

☎ Text/WhatsApp: 0422 888309

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

GUIDED ADORATION FIRST FRIDAY MASS

3rd July, 2026

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Come spend an hour with me ...

Anointing Mass @ St Christopher's Parish

Wednesday 8th July at 11.30am

followed by lunch in the fellowship hub *All are welcome !*

Contact Lorraine T. 9802 3183

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

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.



*St Christopher's
Church
Sunday 5th July
Healing Mass*

Funeral of William Hanson

Funeral details will be confirmed this coming week and will be published in next weekend's bulletin



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

SAVE THE DATE!
Alpha STARTS HERE ON...
Wednesday 15th July

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

26/27 JUNE 2026

There will be a special third collection at all masses on the weekend of 26/27 June (the weekend closest to the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul). This annual worldwide appeal allows Catholics to donate directly to the Pope for humanitarian aid and the operational support of the Holy See.

PARISH / OTHER NOTICES

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)

June

Thursday

4th
18th
25th

Saturday

6th
20th
27th

August

Thursday

6th
13th
20th

Saturday

8th
15th
22nd

July

Thursday

16th
23rd
30th

Saturday

18th
25th
1st August

September

Thursday

3rd
17th

Saturday

5th
19th

World Refugee Day 2026 A Million Stories

Each year on 20 June, the world celebrates World Refugee Day (WRD). WRD honours refugees who have been forced to flee their homes and promotes solidarity with them in pursuit of a "world where refugees are welcomed."

Pope Leo XIV invites us to unite in prayer and action to respond to the urgent challenges faced by displaced people amid war, climate crises, and economic inequality. He urges us to renew our commitment to peace, dignity, and shared responsibility. The Church encourages us to welcome, promote, accompany, and integrate those who knock on our doors. Resources available at: <https://acmro.catholic.org.au/wrd>

ST CHRISTOPHER'S PRESENTS

Trivia Night

**SATURDAY 25TH JULY
6:30 PM (7PM START)**

TEAM UP & WEAR YOUR AFL COLOURS
FOR ULTIMATE TRIVIA FUN

SILENT AUCTION | GAMES | RAFFLE
(BRING CASH/EFTPOS AVAILABLE)

Hennessy Hall - 5 Doon Avenue, Syndal
BYO FOOD & DRINKS

TICKETS - \$30 pp

FOR TICKETS AND INFO CONTACT
PREETHI 0434 670 972 TEXT ONLY
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Ministry Fair 2026 Update, **SMALL STEPS .. BIG IMPACT!!!**

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Ministry Fair on 13th & 14th June 2026. It was buzzing with energy, excitement, and a shared passion for serving our community.

Thank you to all the Ministry Leaders and their teams for their hard work and support in showcasing their ministries with creativity and enthusiasm. Every booth had fantastic informative conversations. From our Children's ministry & Choirs to Hospitality, Liturgy, Operations & much, much more, there was something for everyone! We had a wonderful turnout and several families explored different ways to get involved. Faith met action with 84 parishioners signing up to serve in various ministries or to join our numerous programmes. We are incredibly grateful for your enthusiasm and willingness to step forward and support our St. Christopher's community so thank you very much for signing up.

If you Missed the Fair, it's not too late! You can still sign up via the forms in the narthex or by emailing syndal@cam.org.au or by calling our Volunteer Management Coordinator Shireen Pires on 0412367566. Let us Connect, Grow & Serve Together! **"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."** — 1 Peter 4:10

Thanks, and kind regards Shireen Pires,
Volunteer Management Coordinator.

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 22 June 2026

Prayer Leader	Reader	Prayers of the Faithful	Counters
Tuesday 9.15am	John Hackett	Marie Murphy & Gladys Hough	Kate Foley, John Corin, Pauline Perrin
Thursday 9.15am	Justin Tan		
Saturday 9.15am	Phil Green		
Duty	6.00pm	8:30am	10:30am
Sacristan	David & Erlin Tenggara	Anastasia Darmawan	Harry Lim
Altar Server	Lukas Lettice, Rashwin & Radesh Lenora	Leader Volunteer, Daniela Ho	Maria Jose Valencia, Josiah Paiva, Klarissa Ryan
Commentator	Tony Hough	John Stone	Joella Fernando
Reader	Ronnie Poskitt	Jack Krohn	Ian Darmawan
Eucharistic Minister	Jonathan & Carrie Ng	Graham Perrin, Marie Murphy	Justin Tan, John Hackett, Catherine Drake
Welcome Desk	-	-	Margaret Yap
Greeters	Edna Louzado	Sharon Gomes	Volunteer
Ushers	Catherine & Kelvin Loo	Mina Ierufi	Angela Yap, Chris De Silva
Videographer	-	-	Louie & Julian
Music	GRAE'S GROUP	RECORDED MUSIC	CHRISTY'S GROUP
Morning Tea	-	Volunteer, Jason Chia	Salome Christy & Chris Nallararatnam

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

Recently Deceased: William Hanson

Death Anniversaries: Kathleen Reese, Shirley Margaret Matusch, Georgina Pasamonte, Sales D'Souza, Eustachio Zacardi, Ida Gabriel, Jade D'Souza, Kam Mooi, Raymond Hurley, Peter Bradbury, Frank Matusch, Guy Noyaux, Tasman Hough, Rhodora Lafradez, Sulantina Widjaja, Ethelinda Cornejo.

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