



ST CHRISTOPHER'S SYNDAL PARISH

5 DOON AVENUE, SYNDAL

IN THE CARE OF THE PALLOTTINES

In partnership with Holy Saviour, Vermont South

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

28 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...

Today we are faced with the cost of discipleship, but we are also comforted by the promise of the providence of God. Baptism is for us both death and life. Through it we enter into Christ's death and we die to lives of selfishness and sin. Through it we rise with Christ to a new life freed from everything that previously held us down. As glorious as this new life might be, it requires death to our old ways of living, and this is always difficult.

The cost of discipleship cuts right to the core of our beings, it lays bare the very structures of kinship. Baptism recreates us as children of God; through it we are given a new life and born into a new family. The bonds of discipleship are now even stronger than the bonds of blood. Discipleship requires our very lives. As disciples we can no longer put ourselves first. We must be willing to spend ourselves and to be spent, to serve others in the day to

day unfolding of life. We may find such commitment very demanding, but that is part of the cost of discipleship. God promises that if we lose our lives in this way, we will really gain them. If we are unselfish in the way we share ourselves with others, we will be enriched through our generosity. If we spend ourselves and are spent in our service of others we will be filled with blessings unimaginable.

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: 2 Kings 4:8-11. 14-16
Elisha promises a son to an influential woman.

Resp Psalm: Ps 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2
(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

2nd Reading: Romans 6:3-4. 8-11
We are baptized into Christ's death.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy people.
Praise God who called you out of darkness and
into his marvellous light.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his
holy name.

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

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

1st: Zechariah 9:9-10

Resp Psalm: Psalm 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14 R. v.1

2nd: Romans 8:9.11-13

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

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<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

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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 4: Unwrapping God's gift.

Wednesday 1 July @7.30pm Fellowship Area

Rosa: 0447 111 270 / John: 0407 182 916

All are welcome

*St Christopher's
Church*

Sunday 5th July

Healing Mass

Funeral of William Hanson

Date: Friday 3rd July, 2026

Held at: St Christopher's Parish

Time: 10.30am funeral mass

Refreshments: Fellowship Hub

Burial: 1.30pm - Boxhill Cemetery Mausoleum



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

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 welcome to stay for a cuppa after the Mass.

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 this
weekend of 26/27 June .

This annual worldwide appeal allows Catholics to
donate directly to the Pope for humanitarian aid and the
operational support of the Holy See.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday Mass

Sunday 5 July 2026, 11.00am

St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne

NAIDOC Week Mass

Sunday 12 July 2026, 11.00am

St Francis' Church, 326 Lonsdale St, Melbourne

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

Saturday

27th

August

Thursday

Saturday

6th

8th

13th

15th

20th

22nd

July

Thursday

Saturday

16th

18th

23rd

25th

30th

1st August

September

Thursday

Saturday

3rd

5th

17th

19th

Brother Jacob Yang SVD

For the month of July, we welcome Br Jacob Yang of the Society of the Divine Word. Br Jacob is a Seminarian from Boxhill who will be residing at St Christopher's Presbytery for his pastoral experience. Please welcome him when you see him.

Fr Jacob's Reflection ...

How am I responding to Christ's call in my life?

To be a disciple means to place Christ at the centre of our lives. Jesus does not ask for a part of our heart; He asks for our whole heart. He must come before our comfort, our plans, our fears, and even our attachments. This does not mean loving our family less, but loving Christ first so that every other relationship is purified and strengthened by His love.

St Paul in the second reading reminds us that through Baptism we have died and risen with Christ. This means that Christian discipleship is rooted in a new life. We are no longer to live for sin, selfishness, or worldly values, but for Christ. Every day we are called to die to pride, anger, unforgiveness, and self-centredness, and to rise with Christ in love, humility, mercy, and faithfulness.

So how can I respond to Christ's call in my life as a Christian? I respond to Christ's call:

when I make time for prayer and place Him first in my day;
when I carry my daily crosses with patience and trust in God;
when I show love and hospitality to those in need;
when I forgive, even when it is difficult; when I live my Baptism faithfully through holiness, charity, and service; when I witness to Christ in my family, workplace, parish, and community.

Discipleship is not about doing extraordinary things, but about doing ordinary things with extraordinary love for Christ. Even a small act—a listening ear, a helping hand, a cup of cold water offered in love—has great value in the eyes of God. May this Sunday renew in us the desire to follow Jesus more closely. May we have the courage to take up our cross each day, the generosity to welcome Christ in others, and the faith to live as true disciples in the world.

For in giving our lives to Christ, we do not lose them; rather, we discover their deepest meaning and joy.

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

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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 29 June 2026

Prayer Leader	Reader	Prayers of the Faithful	Counters
Tuesday 9.15am	Mary Tan	Angela Chin	Alan McHenry, Carmelle Claney, David Whalan
Thursday 9.15am	Ronnie Poskitt		
Saturday 9.15am	Louise Pagliaro		
Duty	6.00pm	8:30am	10:30am
Sacristan	Ida Wati	Susan Lee	Chris De Silva
Altar Server	Shaina Chaugule, Klarissa Ryan, Naomi Thomas	2 x Volunteers	Vincent & Rachel Ng, Elisha Lai, Beatrice Li
Commentator	Christina Sorbello	Jack Krohn	Austin Swamy
Reader	Justin Tan	Jon Chavarria	Lena Peh
Eucharistic Minister	Tony Hough, Pat Barnes	Shivanthi & Gerard Chitty	Genny Leeworthy, Harry Lim, Volunteer
Welcome Desk	-	-	Loretta Stapleton
Greeters	Volunteer	Eunice Wong	Amy Noto
Ushers	Volunteer	Rianny Tjung	Jeanette Alexander, Volunteer
Videographer	-	-	Dilan Cooray
Music	IGNITE	EFRATA	REJOICE
Morning Tea	-	Buddhi & Lakshitha Reginald	Anne & Sujith Heenatimulla

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

Recently Deceased: William Hanson

Death Anniversaries: Alicia Fernando, Mari Schepski, Kath Chosich, Bernadette Soen Sim Mooi, Ruby Lauritz, Betty Hommell, Neal Brooks, Lina Butler, Emmanuel Candappa, Doug Corin, Jack Manley, Ron Bradbury, Irene Teo, Isabel Brown, Eileen Barker, Premawathi, Brenda Dowling, Peter Leotta, Paul Ward, Leo Francis Ryan.

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