



ST CHRISTOPHER'S SYNDAL PARISH

5 DOON AVENUE, SYNDAL

IN THE CARE OF THE PALLOTTINES

In partnership with Holy Saviour, Vermont South

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

5 JULY 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 readings for today engage us in a reflection on the nature of the Trinity, as well as the ways that we are enriched by each of the divine Persons. The gospel acknowledges the sovereignty of God. This is followed immediately by mention of the handing over of all things to Jesus, making him a kind of vice-regent of God. Paul speaks of the Spirit, clearly a divine reality, but different from Jesus and the one called God. According to Paul, this Spirit is the Spirit of Jesus and the Spirit of God, implying that somehow both Jesus and God claim the Spirit. It is this Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead, and it is this same Spirit who dwells in Christians.

The grace of this Triune God touches our lives in some ways that are tangible and other ways that demand faith. The most tangible manifestation of God is Jesus himself. God has been revealed to us through this Jesus. While Jesus was a tangible person, our accepting of him as the manifestation of God requires faith, and this faith is no easier today than it was at the time of Jesus himself.

The overriding disposition of these readings is humility. Jesus, the human manifestation of the divine, is meek and humble, and the true disciple is called to be humble. A second disposition is placed before us – grateful praise. In the psalm we praise and bless God; we extol God's holy name. In Jesus we have known the tender touch of God, and we are grateful.

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: Zechariah 9:9-10
Rejoice O Zion.

Resp Psalm: Psalm 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14 R. v.1
(R.) I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.

2nd Reading: Romans 8:9.11-13
Life in the Spirit brings life everlasting.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and
earth; you have revealed to little ones the mys-
teries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

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

1st: Isaiah 55:10-11

Resp Psalm: Psalm 64:10-14 R. Lk 8:8

2nd: Romans 8:18-23

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

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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

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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

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

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

All welcome to stay for a cuppa after the Mass.



CHARISMATIC Prayer Group

Wednesday 22 Jul @ 7:30pm Cenacle Room

Rosa: 0447 111 270 / John: 0407 182 916

All are welcome ...

Wedding Anniversaries

We praise you, O God, we bless you, Creator of all things, who in the beginning made man and woman that they might form a communion of life and love. We also give you thanks for graciously blessing our family so that it might present an image of Christ's union with the Church.

Pope Leo appoints Archbishop Comensoli to Dicastery for Evangelisation

Pope Leo XIV has appointed Archbishop Peter A Comensoli to the Dicastery for Evangelisation, Section for Fundamental Questions regarding Evangelisation in the World. The appointment was announced on Saturday 27 June 2026.

CHARISMATIC Prayer Group

the **GIFT**

5 session video course: a life in the Spirit course

Session 5: Encountering God's Spirit

Wednesday 8 July @ 7.30pm Fellowship Area

Rosa: 0447 111 270 / John: 0407 182 916

All are welcome

Is there more to life than this



To learn more about Alpha, visit **alpha.org.au**

Alpha is a safe space to explore life, purpose and the Christian faith, ask questions and share your point of view. Alpha is free and everyone is welcome.

Where? St Christopher's Church, (Fellowship Hub)

Starts? Wednesday 15 July at :00PM (runs for 10 weeks)

Contact: Catherine Drake/Shireen Pires

Parish Office: 9802 8538



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

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday Mass

Sunday 5 July 2026, 11.00am

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

Theme: 'Walking together in Christ: 40 years on!'

On the first Sunday of July each year, the Catholic Church in Australia celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. On this day, we gather as one to honour and celebrate the rich cultural heritage and spirituality of our First Nations peoples, and the contributions they make the life of the



NAIDOC Week Mass

Sunday 12 July 2026, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

St Francis' Church, 326 Lonsdale St, Melbourne

Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria warmly invites you to the 2026 NAIDOC Mass at St Francis' Church. Marking the end of NAIDOC Week (5-12 July), the Mass is an opportunity to come together and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

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)

July	Thursday 16th; 23rd; 30th
	Saturday 18th; 25th; 1st August
August	Thursday 6th; 13th; 20th
	Saturday 8th; 15th; 22nd
September	Thursday 3rd; 17th
	Saturday 5th; 19th



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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PARISH OFFICE CLOSED MONDAYS

The Parish Office will be closed every Monday from this week onwards. New Parish Office Hours as follows:

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays; 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Wednesdays: 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES—NEWS SETS

Envelopes ready to collect from the Narthex from this weekend. Please ensure to collect your envelopes.

MASS FOR MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday 12 July 2026, 11.00 am, St Patrick's Cathedral

Married couples and their families are cordially invited to join us as we celebrate the gift of marriage and family. Couples who register and are celebrating the following anniversaries—5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 or 40 years and above—will receive a commemorative certificate. Please register for your spot by Tuesday 7 July.

[Register here.](#)

Fr Jacob's Reflection ...

A Reflection for the Celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples

This Sunday, as we honour and celebrate the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, we pause with grateful hearts to acknowledge the First Peoples of this land. We give thanks to God for their rich cultures, deep wisdom, enduring faith, and profound connection with creation—a connection that reminds us that the earth is God's precious gift entrusted to all of us.

As a Church, this celebration invites us not only to remember the past but also to renew our commitment to walking together in the spirit of the Gospel. We recognise with sorrow the pain, injustice, and suffering experienced by many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples through the years. While we cannot change history, we can choose how we respond today. Christ calls us to be people of compassion, reconciliation, and hope.

Jesus reached out to those who were forgotten, excluded, and wounded. He listened before He spoke, healed before He judged, and loved without conditions. As His disciples, we are invited to do the same. Walking together means listening with open hearts, learning from one another, respecting the dignity of every person, and recognising the unique gifts that First Nations peoples bring to our Church and our nation.

Reconciliation is not simply a word; it is a way of living. It begins in our hearts, grows through our relationships, and bears fruit in our actions. We stand for the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples whenever we reject prejudice, speak up for justice, support opportunities for equality, and create parish communities where everyone is welcomed, valued, and respected as members of God's family.

May this celebration inspire us to become pilgrims of hope, building bridges rather than barriers, and fostering a Church where every voice is heard and every culture is cherished. Through the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church, may we continue to walk together in faith, trusting that the Holy Spirit is leading us towards a future marked by justice, healing, and lasting peace.

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

June 2026 : \$ 7,556.70

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

2ND COLLECTION - THANKSGIVING OFFERING

June 2026 : \$ 11,507.10

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 6 July 2026

Prayer Leader	Reader	Prayers of the Faithful	Counters
Tuesday 9.15am	John Hackett	Paula Eales	Graham Barker, Margaret Carr, Margaret Campbell
Thursday 9.15am	Mary Tan		
Saturday 9.15am	Justin Tan		
Duty	6.00pm	8:30am	10:30am
Sacristan	Paul Liew	Mary Seong	Pius Tang
Altar Server	Mikaela, Raphaella & Raziel Reuben	Malone De Silva, Klarissa Ryan	Chrislyn & Celine Wawolangi, Volunteer
Commentator	Grae Widarja	David Whalan	Jessica Fernando
Reader	Christina Sorbello	Alvencia Winata	Julian Tan
Eucharistic Minister	Jonathan & Carrie Ng	Betty Robinson, Brigid Chan	Catherine Drake, Brian Worcester, Genny Leeworthy
Welcome Desk	-	-	Shireen Pires
Greeters	Amy Noto	Alvencia Winata	Carol Peters
Ushers	Volunteer	Susan Lee	Angela Yap, Cynthia Boudeville
Videographer	-	-	Jerome Tan
Music	CANTATE	Joe & Bernadette Fernandes	TRINITY
Morning Tea	-	Shivanthi & Gerrad Chitty	Sherin & Angelo Fernando

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

Recently Deceased:

Death Anniversaries: Mary Anthony, Nenita Ricahuerta, Adriana Micallef, Rogelio Buena, Thomas Heffernan, Thomas Heffernan, Michael Liddy, Fr Michael McMahan SAC, Josefina Aniban, Lucy Tan, Lorraine Hitchins, Aloyl Ludowyke, Janet Griffin, Teresa Norris, Thomas Wong, Nilda De Marin, Cath Gavin, Philip Markham, Valerie Nelson, Thomas Wong, Monica Spillman, John McFadyen, Helena Leung, Esperanza Chavarria, Lorraine Hitchins, Leon Grosinski, Lily Kim Lean Sim, Alphonsus DeRoza.

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