

ST CHRISTOPHER'S SYNDAL PARISH

5 DOON AVENUE, SYNDAL
IN THE CARE OF THE PALLOTTINES

In partnership with Holy Saviour, Vermont South

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

27 SEPTEMBER 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 every life there is a struggle between obedience and disobedience, and this struggle takes various twists and turns. At times we are willing to conform to regulations set from the outside, and at times we are not. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation. Those who are fundamentally righteous sometimes fall from grace, and people considered evil to the core sometimes reform their lives. What ultimately counts are not the promises made, but the actions taken. We are called to discipleship, and there may well be urgency in this call, but it is an invitation that is to be accepted freely. As is the case with life itself, options are placed before us all the way along the road. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation. However, the invitation always remains open to us, because God's desire for our acceptance is persistent and enduring. The real choice set before us

today is the imitation of Christ. The specific characteristic of Christ today is his humility. Since demanding one's rights can undermine the loving quality of community, Jesus' humility is offered for our imitation. It is very clear that whichever aspect of discipleship we examine, some aspect of community is also present. To be a disciple of Jesus is to follow him humbly as a member of a believing community.

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: Ezekiel 18:25-28

Those who turn away from sin shall live.

Resp Psalm: Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Jesus humbled himself to the point of death.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Remember your word to your servant, O
Lord, by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

READINGS NEXT WEEK: TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

1st: Isaiah 5:1-7

Resp Psalm: Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7

2nd: Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

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

PRAISE AND WORSHIP CANCELLED

Please take note that there will be **NO**
First Friday Praise and Worship on
Friday 4th October.

Thank you for your understanding.

CHARISMATIC Prayer Group

Wednesday 7 Oct @ 7:30pm Cenacle Room

Rosa: 0447 111 270 / John: 0407 182 916

All are welcome ...

Seniors Mass @ Holy Saviour Parish

Wednesday 14 Oct - 12pm

Followed by lunch - please bring a plate to share.

Coffee/tea will be provided. **All are welcome !**

Contact Rose 0411 706 016

Mass intentions Those who would like a mass
intention to be offered up during mass, please
contact the parish office.

Mass Offering of min. \$10 welcome.

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FR JACOB ANNUAL LEAVE DATES

Please note that Fr Jacob will be away for his
annual leave from **Monday 12 October to Friday
20 November inclusive.**

For any pastoral matters, feel free to contact Fr
Jacob prior to him leaving.

We wish him a safe and happy journey.

St Christopher's Tennis Club's excellent *en tout cas* courts
are now available for casual bookings - use the Booking
button at [https://play.tennis.com.au/
stchristopherssyndaltennisclub](https://play.tennis.com.au/stchristopherssyndaltennisclub).

Cost is just \$10 per hour per court for a special introductory
period. Lights are available using \$2 coins - six coins per
hour. *Come and try!*

Beyond the Pews From Parishioners To Disciples

By Paulist Evangelistic Ministries

A Faith Formation program:
**for those who seek a true life of discipleship in
Christ, beyond the pews!**

By: Fred Choy

For: Catholics

When: Thursday 7.30pm~9.30pm

Oct 8, 15, 22, 29; Nov 5, 11, 19, 26;

Dec 3, 10, 17

Where: Presbytery, St. Christopher's, Syndal

Cost: \$20 pp / * 12 pax max *

REGISTRATION MANDATORY

Please register **by 1 October** by submitting your
name and contact number to (or for inquiries):

(Pls TEXT ONLY – I'll call back) 0431 950090

e: discipleship@stchristopherssyndal.com.au

September 29 is the Feast of Archangels

St. MICHAEL



O Glorious St. Michael
the Archangel, come to
the aid of man, whom
Almighty God made in
His own image and
likeness and redeemed
at a great price from the
tyranny of satan.

St. GABRIEL



O Glorious St. Gabriel,
as you announced to
Mary, the Mystery of the
Incarnation, we beseech
you, intercede for us at
the Throne of Mercy in
our present necessities.

St. RAPHAEL



O Glorious St. Raphael,
heal the many
infirmities of my soul
and the ills that afflict
my body and the great
grace of purity to
prepare me to be the
temple of the Holy
Spirit. Amen.

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PARISH / OTHER NOTICES

Reflection ... Fr Jacob

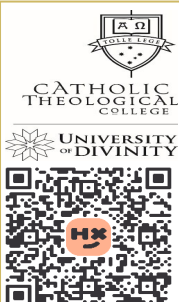
In what areas of my life is God calling me to a deeper conversion?

Jesus' parable of the two sons is directed not first at obvious sinners, but at religious people who believed that their correct answers secured their place before God. Both sons hear the Father's command: "*Son, go out and work in the vineyard today*" (Matthew 21:28). One says no, yet later goes. The other says yes, but remains where he is. The decisive question is not which son spoke more respectfully, but which one entered the Father's will through concrete obedience. Jesus' warning that "*tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the Kingdom of God before you*" (Matthew 21:31) overturns religious complacency. Those who seemed furthest from holiness recognized their need, received John's call, and changed. The danger for the outwardly devout is more subtle: we may confuse familiarity with faithfulness, correct language with surrender, or religious practice with communion with God. Conversion therefore reaches deeper than the correction of one habit. It concerns the centre from which we live. The Catechism calls interior repentance "*a radical reorientation of our whole life, a return, a conversion to God with all our heart*" (CCC 1431). This return is not self-invention. It is grace. God does not merely demand that we become better; in Christ, he comes to seek, forgive, heal, and make us new. "*God must give man a new heart,*" the Catechism teaches (CCC 1432). Where, then, does the Lord expose the distance between my spoken yes and my actual life? It may appear in a prayer that has become routine, a relationship I refuse to reconcile, an attachment I protect, a hidden judgment, indifference to the poor, or a vocation I keep postponing. Conversion asks not only, What have I done wrong? It also asks, What love have I withheld? Where have I resisted the grace that would make me more fully alive? The vineyard is the place where the Father's love becomes mission. We do not work to earn God's favour; we work because his mercy has already called us. The Son who perfectly says yes to the Father draws us into his own obedience. Through the Holy Spirit, our reluctant hearts can become free hearts. That freedom does not deny the cost of discipleship. It receives the cross as the place where self-will is purified, and love learns to give itself without calculation. This freedom serves others humbly. This week, let us bring one honest resistance before Christ. In prayer, Scripture, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, let us ask for the grace not merely to regret, but to turn and go. The Kingdom belongs to those who trust the mercy that changes them.

112TH WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES SUNDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 2026

The theme for this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees is "Even Just One of These Children." To help celebrate this special day, the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office (ACMRO), an agency of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, has developed online resources including liturgies for primary and secondary schools, homily notes, prayers of intercession, stories, and interviews.

Resources available at: <https://acmro.catholic.org.au/wdmr/2026>



2026 Knox Public Lecture
Thursday 22 October at 7:00 pm
"Synodality: Global and Local"

**Presented by Most Reverend Patrick
O'Regan DD Archbishop of Adelaide**

Booking: Scan the QR code or go to [2026 Knox Lecture](https://2026knoxlecture.org.au)

Enquiries: ☎: +613 9412 3333 | 🌐: ctc.edu.au

Pray with Pope Leo XIV: One Million Children Praying the Rosary

From 1-7 October, *Aid to the Church in Need* invites you to join with Pope Leo XIV and Catholics worldwide for the *One Million Children Praying the Rosary* prayer campaign, for peace and unity in the world. Families, parishioners, prayer groups, and schools are all encouraged to register to take part! For free Rosary resources and to register, please scan the QR code or visit:

[www.acninternational.org/
millionchildrenpraying](https://www.acninternational.org/millionchildrenpraying)

"When one million children
pray the Rosary, the world
will change." - Saint Padre
Pio



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

August 2026 : \$ 6,457.10

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

2ND COLLECTION - THANKSGIVING OFFERING

August 2026 : \$ 12,401.70

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 28 September 2026

Prayer Leader	Reader	Prayers of the Faithful	Counters
Tuesday 9.15am	Phil Green	Paula Eales	Ashley D'Silva, Carmelle Claney, David & Helen Whalan
Thursday 9.15am	Ronnie Poskitt		
Saturday 9.15am	Louise Pagliaro		
Duty	6.00pm	8:30am	10:30am
Sacristan	Paul Liew	Susan Lee	Grace & Harry Lim
Altar Server	<i>Leader Required,</i> Naomi Thomas, Klarissa Ryan	Lukas Lettice, Benjamin Ho	Evana D'Silva, Beatrice Li, Elisha Lai
Commentator	Ronnie Poskitt	Graham Perrin	Cinzia Camorani
Reader	Austin Swamy	Anne Boudeville	John Hackett
Eucharistic Minister	Kevin & Grae Widarja	Marie Murphy, Brigid Chan	Harry Li, Genny Leeworthy, Catherine Drake
Welcome Desk	-	-	Margaret Yap
Greeters	Cathy & Beng Lee	<i>Volunteer</i>	Deanna Gutermann
Ushers	<i>Volunteer</i>	Rianny Tjung	Angela Yap, Chris De Silva
Videographer	-	-	Olivia Lettice
Music	IGNITE	EFRATA	REJOICE
Morning Tea	-	Buddhi & Lakshitha Reginald	Mary Trinita & Jerome Terrance

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

Recently Deceased: Gertrude Lea Montenegro

Death Anniversaries: John Foley, Martin Gleeson, Ivan Erick Echave, John Gavan, Elayn Seery, Ellen Taylor, Peter Savedra, Sr. Bernadette Greene, Isabel Joseph, Ethel Samon, Mollie Weir, Bill Foley, Noel O'Connor, Vern Gazaly, Stephanie-Ann Clifford, Ralph De Wilde, George Whittle, Mary Lazaroo, Rudy Manix, David Mendes, Noel McFadyen, Aroki-asamy John, Beppo Pagliaro, Ronald Ford, Lucy D'Souza, Esme Borg, Peter Charles Clothier, Amelia Dallatomasina.

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