ST CHRISTOPHER'S SYNDAL PARISH

5 DOON AVENUE, SYNDAL

IN THE CARE OF THE PALLOTTINES

In partnership with Holy Saviour, Vermont South

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) — *25 OCTOBER 2026*



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...

Our religious tradition is founded on love. Actually, life itself is grounded in love. We may not always feel this love, but if we allow ourselves to reflect on life, we will realise this truth. We have been called into being by God's love; and we will only be happy if we live in that love. Thus, when we are directed to love God and love one another, we are not being asked to do something contrary to our nature. Rather, we are being told to live in accord with that nature. We come from God who is love, and so it is in our very nature to love and to be loved.

We may sometimes think that it is easier to love God than to love others. It may actually be just the opposite. Other people are tangible. We can see and hear them, interact with them. Their influence in our lives can permeate our consciousness. That is not the way it is with God. Like Moses on the mountain, we can only see the traces of divinity as God passes by (see Ex 33:23).

However, we show that we love God in the way we love our neighbour.

Love, the foundation of the reign of God, is contagious. When we love others, the reign of God spreads throughout the world. The compassion that we show toward others is a form of evangelisation. It proclaims much louder than any words that the reign of God has been established.

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 22:20-26
Treat all people with generosity.

Resp Psalm: Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2
(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10
The Thessalonians have become a model for others.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

READINGS NEXT WEEK:
ALL SAINTS (YEAR A)

1st: Revelation 7:2-4. 9-14
Resp Psalm: Ps 23:1-6. R. see v.6
2nd: 1 John 3:1-3
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

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

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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

Wednesday 4 Nov @ 7:30pm Cenacle Room

Rosa: 0447 111 270 / John: 0407 182 916

All are welcome …



ALL SOULS DAY
2 NOVEMBER 2026
Mass times:
9.15am @ Holy Saviour
and
7.00pm @ St Christopher's



MEMORIAL MASS
WEDNESDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER 2026
7.00PM @ HOLY SAVIOUR

All are warmly welcomed to join in the candle lighting ceremony in memory of family, friends or parishioners who have died.

Please stay for a cuppa afterwards and share your memories with members of the Bereavement Group.

SAVE THE DATE

Friday 27 November
Combined Reachout Mass & Volunteers Appreciation Evening

Friday 4 December
Christmas Concert

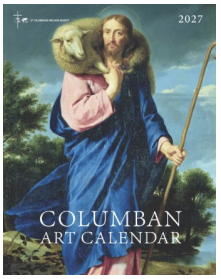
Sunday 6 December
Advent Penitential Service

More details for the above will follow.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2027 NOW AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

$10 per calendar

Located in the Narthex.
Envelope provide for cash payments.



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE FOR THE DECEASED

In the Catholic tradition, November is traditionally a month of remembrance of the dead.

The month begins with the Solemnity of All Saints on 1 November and the Commemoration of the All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day), on 2 November.

In Australia, the Church has consistently encouraged prayers for the faithful departed and during November, a list of the names of the dead is usually placed in the church so that the community can remember them in prayer.

Feel free to add your loved one's names in the Remembrance Book located in the Church.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY—26 OCTOBER

As Father Jacob celebrates his birthday on 26 October, the greatest gift we can offer him is the support of our prayers.

We invite all parishioners to take a few moments this week to thank God for Father's ministry and to ask for his continued strength, health, and joy in serving our community.

Commemoration of the 40th Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Peace held in Assisi on 27th October 1986 .

The 27th October marks the 40th anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Peace in Assisi. In 1986, Pope John Paul II invited world religious leaders to come to Assisi to fast and pray for peace. This was a milestone in interreligious dialogue that communicated a powerful symbolic message to the world – the spirit of prayer and non-violence. Christians, Jews, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, Jains, Sikhs, Zoroastrians, leaders of African and American Traditional Religions and of Shinto took part in this event. His Eminence, George Jacob Cardinal Koovakad, prefect for the Dicastery for Inter-religious Dialogue, remarked that the 27 October 1986 was a turning point in the history of interreligious dialogue, becoming a lasting symbol of the Church's commitment to promoting social justice, moral well-being, peace and freedom for the benefit of all. His Eminence acknowledged that the anniversary will be commemorated in Assisi on 27 October 2026 in the presence of the Holy Father. He extended an invitation to each local Church community to find appropriate ways to commemorate this historic milestone.

PARISH / OTHER NOTICES

REFRESH AND REDISCOVER: OPEN RCIA SESSIONS FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

Would you like to refresh and deepen your knowledge of the Catholic faith? This year we are opening selected sessions of the RCIA programme to the whole parish under the title **Refresh and Rediscover**.

These welcoming sessions are an ideal way to improve your understanding of key Catholic teachings, ask questions, and rediscover the beauty of our faith alongside the RCIA community. No prior knowledge is required and everyone is warmly invited.

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All sessions take place at:

7:30 pm on Thursday evenings in the Fellowship Hub at St Christopher's Parish, Syndal.

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Dates and topics:

* Thursday 29 October 2026 — Eucharist and the Mass
* Thursday 5 November 2026 — Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick (with practical demonstration)
* Thursday 12 November 2026 — Holy Orders and Matrimony
* Thursday 3 December 2026 — Christian Models, Catholics & Mary (Mary as Apostle)
* Thursday 21 January 2027 — Christian Morality & Christian Decision Making
* Thursday 4 February 2027 — Catholic Values & Virtues, Christian Communities and Differences

Just come along — no registration needed.

For more information contact Justin Tan (justin@tuenproductions.com) or the Parish Office on 9802 8538.

Please note: any minors attending must be accompanied by a parent or carer.

JAM, HONEY & CHILLI OIL FUNDRAISER

St Christopher's School Parents Association

Pantry staples for your home, meaningful support for our school... win-win! All proceeds will go towards putting up a shade sail and improving the friendship garden for our kids.

Please select the first option 'N/A' for the 'Grade' selection on the form.

Place as many orders for yourself, friends, and family here before 22 October . Online order form: https://form.jotform.com/262488146845065

Please see flyer on the noticeboard for further information

Christmas Day Community Lunch

Dear Parishioners,

Christmas is a time for family, friendship and togetherness. Yet, for some people, Christmas Day can be a lonely time, especially when family or friends are not nearby.

Our **St Christopher's Parish Community** is hosting a **Christmas Day Community Lunch**, and we warmly invite anyone who may otherwise be spending Christmas Day alone to join us.

You are not alone,
you are part of our parish family!

Come and enjoy a relaxed and joyful Christmas celebration with friendly people, a delicious meal, good conversation and festive cheer. **Children are most welcome too.**

There is **no cost, no pressure and no expectation** – simply come as you are and share the joy of Christmas with us.

Help Us Share the Joy of Christmas

To make this celebration possible, we warmly invite parishioners who are able to make a **generous donation** towards the cost of the Christmas lunch and arrangements.

Your generosity will help us create a welcoming Christmas celebration where everyone can experience the warmth, joy and hospitality of our parish community.

Please send your contribution to:
ST CHRISTOPHERS CATHOLIC CHURCH
BSB: [633000]
Account Number: [210603015]
Reference: Christmas Lunch

Please make your contribution **by 10 December.**

Cash donations are also gratefully accepted at the **Parish Office.**

Come and celebrate Christmas with us – because everyone deserves a place at the Christmas table.

With every good wish and blessing,
Fr Jacob Alvares, SAC,
Parish Priest
For: St Christopher's Parish and Outreach Team

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

September 2026 : $ 8,043.60

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

2ND COLLECTION - THANKSGIVING OFFERING

September 2026 : $ 13,190.35

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 26 October 2026

Prayer Leader	Reader	Prayers of the Faithful	Counters
Tuesday 9.15am	Mary Tan	Mary Murphy, Gladys Hough	Jack Krohn, Carmelle Claney David & Helen Whalan
Thursday 9.15am	Ronnie Poskitt		
Saturday 9.15am	Louise Pagliaro		

Duty	6.00pm	8:30am	10:30am
Sacristan	David & Erlin Tenggara	Susan Lee	Grace & Harry Lim
Altar Server	Lukas Lettice, Rashwin & Radesh Lenora	Olivia & Cameron Lettice, Benjamin Ho	Vincent Ng, Elisha Lai, Adrian Win
Commentator	Grae Widarja	David Whalan	Milleni Fernando
Reader	Christina Sorbello	Graham Perrin	Jessica Fernando
Eucharistic Minister	Ronnie Poskitt, Tony Hough	Shivanthi & Gerard Chitty	Genny Leeworthy, Catherine Drake, Brian Wocester
Welcome Desk	-	-	Huong Ho
Greeters	*Volunteer*	*Volunteer*	Cynthia Boudeville
Ushers	Cathy & Beng Lee	*Volunteer*	Angela Yap, Shoba Fernandes
Videographer	-	-	Olivia Lettice
Music	RENEWED	EFRATA	REJOICE
Morning Tea	-	Virginia Quek, Margaret Yap	Salome Christy, Chris Nallaratnam

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

Recently Deceased:

Death Anniversaries: John Harrison, John Dalton, Lionel De Silva, Sean Gavan, Ron Dicker, Kevin Speer, Eileen Murphy, Patricia Hogan, Lee Hun Po, Alma Thiele, Hazel Raftis, Elma Dinora Escobar, Adele Makarucha, George Davies, Kath Dean, John McMahon, Marie Claire Raso, Raymond Kueh, Beryl Scully, Dolly Thomas, Michael Ng, Arthur Azevedo.

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