ST CHRISTOPHER'S SYNDAL PARISH

5 DOON AVENUE, SYNDAL

IN THE CARE OF THE PALLOTTINES

In partnership with Holy Saviour, Vermont South

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE (YEAR A) *22 NOVEMBER 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...

We have now come to the end of the liturgical year, the point that marks the transition from one period to another. Today we see that the kingdom of God is inclusive. Its embrace is as comprehensive as is the embrace of God. Criteria for membership are not based on obedience to the commandments or on conformity to ritual obligation, but on the bonds of love and concern. What we do for others, we do for Christ, because Christ is identified with those in need. We very seldom see the face of the glorified Christ in the faces of the needy; it is more often the face of the disfigured Christ that is turned to us. We see his fear and his shame, his brokenness and sense of loss. As difficult as it may be to look into such eyes, it is precisely the needy with whom Christ is identified. Having entered into the frailty of human nature, identified himself with the needy, and handed himself over to death, in the end Christ will have conquered all. It is a curious kingdom that he has won, a kingdom of the weak rather than the strong. He has turned the standards of the world upside down. He has shown that it does not take strength to ignore or to exploit the needy, but it does take strength to overcome our own selfishness in order to serve them. The kingdom that Christ hands over to God is a kingdom of love and care.

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 34:11-12. 15-17
The Lord will rescue his sheep.

Resp Psalm: Ps 22:1-3, 5-6, R. see v.1
(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28
When all has been subjected to Christ,
all will be one in Him.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

READINGS NEXT WEEK: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B)
1st: Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8
Resp Psalm: Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19 R. v.4
2nd: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

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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
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

Sunday 29 November | 10.30am Mass

Our parish community warmly invites **all children and their families** to join us for a special Children's Mass as we celebrate and give thanks for our children. We acknowledge our children as God's precious gift to our parish and thank them for the joy, faith and enthusiasm they bring to our community.

- **Special Children's Blessing**
- **Lolly Packs for all children**

Come along and celebrate with us as we pray, sing and give thanks together.
Everyone is Welcome!
We look forward to seeing you there.

Anointing Mass @ St Christopher's Parish

Wednesday 2nd Dec at 11.30am

All are welcome to join us after mass for our Christmas break up luncheon.
Contact Lorraine T. 9802 3183

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

CHARISMATIC Prayer Group

Wednesday 2 December @ 7:30pm Cenacle Room
Rosa: 0447 111 270 / John: 0407 182 916
All are welcome …

ADVENT DISCUSSION GROUPS 2026

Commencing 26 November 2026
(Program runs for four weeks)



Join us for our Advent Discussion Groups using the Brisbane Archdiocese resource;
" Take the Way of the Heart"

- **Thursdays, 7pm** (from 26 Nov), **and**
- **Fridays, 10am** after Morning Mass (from 27 Nov)

Location: Holy Saviour Café/Foyer
Booklet cost: $5.00

***Sign-Up** sheets available at both Holy Saviour and St Christopher's narthex/foyer.

Enquiries: Connie; 0402 859 749, Selena: 0416 656 223

.. Everyone is welcome ..



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Sunday 6 December - 7pm at St Christopher's

We invite you to pray, reflect and receive the sacraments to properly prepare our minds and hearts for the joyous celebration of Christmas. In the penitential aspect of this season of preparation, we are called to repent and convert so as to make room for Christ. Please take advantage of this opportunity to prepare well for Christmas.

ANOINTING MASS and CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Wednesday, 9 December at 12 noon
@ Holy Saviour
All are welcome to attend.
A light luncheon will be provided.
For catering purposes,
RSVP to Rose 0411 706 016 by **6th December**.

HARK! THE PARISHES SING CHRISTMAS CONCERT

St Christopher's and Holy Saviour parishes are joining together to present a Christmas concert, ***"Hark! The Parishes Sing,"***

Friday, 4 December 2026 | 7–9 pm
St Christopher's Hennessy Hall.

Featuring musicians of all ages from both parishes, this special evening is a wonderful opportunity to invite friends and family to celebrate the joy of Christmas together, enjoy an evening of music and fellowship, and get to know our parish community in a relaxed and fun atmosphere. ***Everyone is welcome!***

!! MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !!

Sign up sheet located at welcome desk. Volunteers needed to assist with set up, clean up, welcome of guests and other ad-hoc duties throughout the event. Thank you !!

st christopher's christmas caroling

St Christopher's Caroling Group will be spreading Christmas cheer by visiting homes and nursing homes on **Saturday, 12 December, from 2–5 pm.** If you would like to join the singing group or invite our carolers to visit your home, **please contact the parish office: syndal@cam.org.au**.
We look forward to sharing the joy of Christmas through song!



PARISH / OTHER NOTICES



We warmly invite you to join us in celebrating
Jesus' Birthday,
if you find yourself spending Christmas Day on your own or far from family and friends. Children welcome.
Let's share a joyful meal in good company with lots of festive cheer.

WHEN 25th of December (Christmas Day) at 12 Noon
WHERE St Christopher's Catholic Parish Hennessy Hall
5 Doon Avenue, Syndal Victoria 3150
R S V P
by 5 of December, 2026
via Text ONLY to Maria (0419340308)
RSVP ONLY, Strictly NO WALK INs

CHRISTMAS LUNCH DONATIONS WELCOME

Please send your contribution to:
ST CHRISTOPHERS CATHOLIC CHURCH
BSB: [633000] **Account Number:** [210603015]
Reference: Christmas Lunch
Cash donations are also gratefully accepted at the Parish Office.

*** WORKING BEE ***

Saturday 5 Dec : 10am - 12.30pm
We need as many volunteers as possible to assist with cleaning the church in preparation for Christmas.
No need to sign up or register, just show up in the Narthex!
Your time and effort will be greatly appreciated !!

CHRISTMAS CARDS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE in the Narthex ..



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE 2026

Tree Display Dates 2026 in the Narthex
November 21 & 22; November 28 & 29 December 5 & 6

St. Christopher's Parish warmly invites you to participate in our annual **Christmas Giving Tree** initiative! This year, our **Outreach Committee** is extending its generosity to four missions supported and run by the Bangalore **Pallottine Mission Secretariat in India,** assisting children and families in Gujarat, Silvassa and Karnataka.

The final number of children to support is **185**. The Outreach Committee is inviting parishioners to **donate $25 per child.**

Your contribution will help provide essential school supplies and food parcels to children and their families this Christmas.

How to Participate:

1. **Take a Christmas tag(s) from the Giving Tree.**
2. **Bring the tag(s) to one of our volunteers stationed near the Christmas Tree to donate.**
   **** Tag(s) not to be taken home before donating***
3. **Payment via cash and/or EFTPOS accepted ($25 per child)**
4. **Take home your personalised Christmas tag(s) as a keepsake.**

Your generosity will bring joy, hope and encouragement to children and families in need. Thank you for sharing the spirit of Christmas through your kindness. Thank you, and God bless! For further information, *please contact Shivanthi Chitty on 0402 077 783*

Thank you, and God bless!

APPRECIATING YOUR UNIQUE GIFTS

A FUN MORNING OF RELAXATION & REFLECTION
Personal Growth Day (Marg Attwood)
Saturday 28th November 2026
9:30am—12:30pm
St Paul's Retreat Centre
Cost $25.00
RSVP 25th November
https://www.trybooking.com/DQKFN

Refresh. Reflect. Reconnect
Waverley Women's Network

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

October 2026 : $ 6,632.95

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

2ND COLLECTION - THANKSGIVING OFFERING

October 2026 : $ 11,797.95

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 23 November 2026

Prayer Leader	Reader	Prayers of the Faithful	Counters
Tuesday 9.15am	Mary Tan	Cheryl & John Hackett	Genny Leeworthy David & Helen Whalan
Thursday 9.15am	Ronnie Poskitt		
Saturday 9.15am	Louise Pagliaro		

Duty	6.00pm	8:30am	10:30am
Sacristan	Ida Wati	Susan Lee	Grace & Harry Lim
Altar Server	Gabriella, Raphaella & Raziel Reuben	Klarissa Ryan, Daniela Ho, Benjamin Ho	CHILDREN'S CHOIR
Commentator	Mary Tan	Phil Green	CHILDREN'S CHOIR
Reader	Ronnie Poskitt	Alvennia Winata	CHILDREN'S CHOIR
Eucharistic Minister	Pat Barnes, Marie Murphy	Brigid Chan, Helen Au Yeung	Harry Lim, Catherine Drake, Volunteer
Welcome Desk	-	-	Margaret Yap
Greeters	*Volunteer*	*Volunteer*	CHILDREN'S CHOIR
Ushers	Cathy & Beng Lee	*Volunteer*	CHILDREN'S CHOIR
Videographer	-	-	Phil Eales
Music	GRAE'S GROUP	RECORDED MUSIC	CHILDREN'S CHOIR
Morning Tea	-	Graham & Pauline Perrin	CHILDREN'S CHOIR

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

Recently Deceased: Marija Oblak

Death Anniversaries: Walter Andrew, Fr Kelvin Kenny SAC, Dorothy Lyons, Agnes Worcester, Percy Worcester, Catherine Byrne, Beatrice Cozzio, Gregory D'Souza, Rita Howley, Felix Arnaldo Marin Gonzalez, Somarathna Wijethunga , Alan Jenkins, Dominic Dixon, Ko Ming Fong, Pat Davis, Mickey Webb, Tom Murray, James Sorensen.

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