



ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH

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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

25 / 26 July 2026

Pray with us

St Christopher's Church

MONDAY

Holy Rosary 9.00am
Communion Service 9.30am
Italian Charismatic Prayer Group (after Mass)

TUESDAY

Holy Rosary 9.00am
Mass 9.30am
Italian Rosary (after Mass)

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY

Holy Rosary 9.00am
Mass 9.30am

FRIDAY

Holy Rosary 9.00am
Mass 9.30am
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6.30pm
(First Friday of each month)

Reconciliations

Every Friday after 9.30am Mass.

Anointing of the sick

First Friday of the month following 9.30am Holy Mass and as requested.

SATURDAY

Mass 5.00pm

SUNDAY

Mass (Italian) 8.30am
Mass (English) 10.30am

St Augustine's Church

SUNDAY

Mass 9.00am



The Feast of St Christopher July 25

Christopher was a popular saint who lived in the 3rd century AD. St. Christopher's story symbolizes spiritual strength, humility, and service to others.

His act of carrying Christ across the river mirrors the Christian call to bear one another's burdens and to recognize Christ in all. This story also reminds the faithful of God's presence in life's journeys, physical and spiritual.

Despite questions about his historical existence, the Church values St. Christopher as a model of faith and perseverance. His legendary acts continue to inspire Christians to trust in God's providence, especially when navigating challenges.



PLEASE PRAY FOR: Recently Deceased:

Giovanna (Joan) Borg
Ricardo Ayvaz

All anniversaries at this time:

Floris Barriga
Quirino Debono
Anna and Nicola Crivelli
Giuseppa Zuccala



Exploring the word

The Treasure of God's Wisdom

On the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, the readings help us see what is truly valuable. They remind us that wisdom, faith, and God's kingdom are worth more than anything else we could ever own. These gifts bring life, joy, and strength when we seek them with open hearts.

In the first reading, Solomon shows us what it means to ask for the right thing. Instead of power or wealth, he asks God for wisdom to guide his people well. God is pleased with his request and grants him understanding greater than anyone before or after.

The Gospel continues this theme by showing that the kingdom of heaven is like hidden treasure or a pearl worth everything. Jesus tells us that when we see its worth, nothing else compares. On the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, we are reminded to seek what lasts forever, not what fades away.

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FIRST READING

1 Kings 3:5.7-12

A reading from the first book of the Kings.

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response:

***Lord, I love your
commands.***

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold. **R.**

Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live
for your law is my delight. **R.**

That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways. **R.**

Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. **R.**

SECOND READING

Romans 8: 18-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 13: 24-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



Synodality requires humility

Walking together means recognising that no one has all the answers. Synodality invites humility—from leaders and from communities—so that the Spirit can guide us beyond our limitations.

Congratulations

To the children from St Christopher's primary school who are celebrating their first Holy Communion with us this weekend.

May this sacred day be the start of a lifetime of blessings and love.

All Welcome

We warmly invite all parishioners to join us for a cup of coffee following the **9.00 AM Mass** at **St Augustine's Church** on the **26th of July**. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect, share fellowship, and strengthen our community ties.



Tea and Coffee will be provided, please bring a plate to share!

Liturgy Workshop

On Saturday, 15 August, we will be holding our Liturgy Workshop from 10.00am to 2.30pm. Whether you are currently involved in ministry or would like to become more involved in the life of the Church, we warmly invite you to join us. Please add your details to the sign-up sheet if you will be joining us as morning tea and lunch will be provided.

WE ARE Called VOCATIONS EXPO

ACU Campus Ministry and Vocations Melbourne invite you to come and explore what life looks like in Catholic Religious Orders, Diocesan Priesthood, and Married life. Hear from speakers who will share what answering a call looks like, what challenges lie ahead and the many joys you find along the way.

SATURDAY 1 AUGUST

9AM-1PM

**GREG CRAVEN CENTRE,
LEVEL 7, ST TERESA OF KOLKATA BUILDING,
ACU MELBOURNE**



*with Archbishop
Peter Comensoli*



Free event

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 26 July 10.00am
Coffee and Morning tea
(St Augustine's Church)

Sunday 9 August 11.30am
Coffee and Morning tea
(St Christopher's Church)

Friday 14 August 7.00pm Vigil
mass for the Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
(St Christopher's Church)

Saturday 15 August 10.00am
Liturgy Workshop
(St Christopher's Church)

15 – 16 August Archbishop's
Campaign collection weekend

Friday 28 August 7.00pm
St Helena Mass
(St Christopher's Church)

Saturday 29 August 5.00pm
Children's Mass
(St Christopher's Church)

Sunday 30 August 2.00pm
St Helena Mass
(St Christopher's Church)

**All parish school children,
You Are Invited!**

Join us for a special Children's Mass and take an active part in the liturgy. Grow in faith, build confidence and develop your public speaking skills while sharing your gifts with our parish community.

You can...



Be a Reader

Become one of our 8 readers! You'll receive support & practice sessions at 4:30pm each Saturday before the 5pm Mass.



Serve at the altar

Get involved in the Mass by becoming an altar server, lector or collector, or by helping in the offertory procession.



Sing or play in the choir

Share your voice through the choir, student-led hymns and age-appropriate music during Mass.



Or simply attend!

Come along, celebrate and be part of our parish community.



**Saturday
29th Aug**



5:00 pm



**St Christopher's Church,
34 Roberts Road, Airport West**



PIZZA

**for everyone
after mass!**



Sign up
with your classroom teacher or at the school office

Everyone is welcome. We can't wait to see you there!



Parents are encouraged to support your child's participation



St Christopher's Airport West



In 2026, the **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly** falls on **Sunday, July 26**, which coincides with the feast of **Saints Joachim and Anne**, the grandparents of Jesus Christ.

Pope Leo XIV has chosen the theme **"I will not forget you" (Isaiah 49:15)** to highlight God's unwavering love for every person, even in the frailty of old age, and to offer comfort and hope to grandparents and elderly individuals, especially those who feel lonely or forgotten.

Instituted by **Pope Francis in 2021**, this day celebrates the vital role of older adults in families and society, emphasizing intergenerational connection and the value of their wisdom and experience. It encourages families, communities, and ecclesial groups to recognize the elderly as a **precious presence and blessing**, fostering solidarity, companionship, and care.

PARISH FINANCES (week ending 19 July 2026)

Thanksgiving: \$ 532.52

Presbytery: \$ 375.82

Please find your new thanksgiving envelopes in the church foyer

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