



ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH

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St Christopher's Church

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Principal: Catherine Steere

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

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

01 / 02 August 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

Support Us

Thank you for your generosity toward our parish: physically, spiritually and financially. If you are not a regular contributor, we invite your support. Tap and Go machines are available at the weekend Mass in the church foyer.

Direct Deposits can also be made:

St Christopher's Church

CDF Bank (NAB)

BSB 083 347

Account 716 209 715

Presbytery

CDF Bank (NAB)

BSB 083 347

Account 666 212 720

St Augustine's Church

BSB 083 347

Account 448 864 907

Every donation is a true blessing!

The parish relies solely on your support. We receive no funding from external sources or the archdiocese. We thank you for your ongoing support which enables us to continue the work of the Gospel.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Recently Deceased:

John Marcus Leyden, Joseph Borg
Mario Naccarelli

All anniversaries at this time:

Yolanda Bufalino, Vito Briganti, Maree Velten,
Gary Hassett, Family Guido Quattrucci, Family
Salvatore Germani, Fr Giovanni Raccanello, Fr Bruno
Carrera, Angelo & Assunta Cinelli, Bruno & Anna
Sorge, Maria Pia Gasbarri, Sister Cesarina Parolin



Exploring the word

God's Love Feeds the Hungry

On the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, the readings remind us that God gives freely and cares for his people. In Isaiah, God invites everyone to come and receive food and drink without cost. His covenant is one of love and mercy, offered to all who seek him with open hearts.

The psalm continues this theme by praising God's kindness and care. He satisfies the needs of every creature and is close to those who call on him. His goodness shows that his kingdom is built on compassion and justice, not on power or wealth. Paul's letter to the Romans assures us that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. Not hardship, fear, or even death can break this bond.

The Gospel then shows Jesus feeding thousands with a small offering, a sign of God's generous care for the hungry.

The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A brings together a message of trust and hope. God's love is constant, generous, and always near. We are invited to receive his gifts and to share them with others. In every reading, the focus is on God's abundance and his promise to give life.

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FIRST READING

Isaiah 55: 1-3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!

Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.

Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?

Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to eat

and rich food to enjoy.

Pay attention, come to me;
listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant
out of the favours promised to David.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response:

***The hand of the Lord feeds us:
he answers all our needs.***

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.

You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. **R.**

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.

He is close to all who call him,
call on him from their hearts. **R.**



SECOND READING

Romans 8: 18-23

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

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of
God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 14: 13-21

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew.**

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick. When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Is synodality slow?

Synodality may seem slower than top-down decision-making, but it often leads to deeper, more lasting renewal. What is discerned together is more likely to be embraced together.

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.

Liturgy Workshop

On **Saturday, 15 August**, we will be holding our Liturgy Workshop from **10.00am to 2.30pm**.
The workshop will be held in **the St Christopher's Primary School Hall**.

National Vocations Awareness Week 2 - 9 August 2026

National Vocations Awareness Week is an annual week-long celebration dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life and to renewing our prayers and support for those who are discerning these states of life within the Church.

Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH

UPCOMING EVENTS

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)



Children's Mass

Belonging, Believing, Becoming.

**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 on 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

Please provide names for the bulletin and prayers of the faithful by Wednesday midnight. Please email the parish office at airportwest@cam.org.au or phone 9338 3793

PARISH FINANCES (week ending 26 July 2026)

Thanksgiving: \$ 759.65

Presbytery: \$ 624.65

Please find your new thanksgiving envelopes in the church foyer

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