

ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH

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St Christopher's Church

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St Augustine's Primary School

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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.

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

14 / 15 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:

Giuseppe Marino
Josip 'Joseph' Kaytar
Paolo Zucchi

All anniversaries at this time:

Eileen O'Connor, Vince Monitto, Giuseppe Monitto,
Pietro Iannazzo, Cicone Francesca, Caterina
Iannazzo, Maria Iannazzo,



Exploring the word

A Faith That Reaches Out

The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A reminds us that God's love is for all people. The readings show how faith and mercy cross every border. Isaiah speaks of God's house as a place of prayer for every nation. Paul tells us that God's gifts are never withdrawn. The Gospel shows us a woman from outside Israel who trusted in Jesus and was heard. These passages show the wide embrace of God's plan. No one is left out if they seek Him with faith. The Canaanite woman's courage in asking Jesus for help teaches us to keep praying, even when it seems hard. Paul's message tells us that mercy is for all, and Isaiah's vision points to a future where every person is welcome to worship.

On the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, the readings remind us that faith, trust, and hope unite people from every land. God's love reaches past barriers of culture, history, and nation. His call is the same for everyone: come, believe, and be made whole.

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FIRST READING

Isaiah 56:1.6-7

A reading from the first book of the Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response:

O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **R.**

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **R.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

SECOND READING

Romans 11:13-15. 29-32

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

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice. Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 15: 21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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.



Synodality and joy

When people are invited to participate meaningfully, joy increases. A synodal Church is not weighed down by bureaucracy but energised by shared mission.

PURPOSE OF THE SYNOD

The purpose of the synod is to help shape the evangelical and missionary priorities for the Archdiocese of Melbourne for the years ahead.



Member Application Form
Can be found at the Parish Office

Sixty (60) lay members (15 from each region) will be nominated to participate in the Melbourne Synod.

Synod Members 'truly reflect(s) the entire portion of the people of God which constitutes the Diocese, taking account of the different regions of the diocese, of social conditions and professions, and of the part played in the apostolate by the members, whether individually or in association with others.' (Can. §512.2)

PARISHES are invited to nominate 1-2 parishioners to be considered as a regional member for the Melbourne Synod.

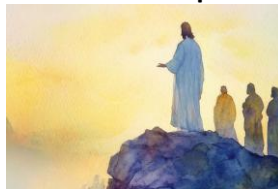
PARISHIONERS are invited to nominate a fellow parishioner who is active in parish life, and who represents the diversity of the parish community.

NOMINEES are invited to complete the nomination form and have it endorsed by the parish priest prior to Thursday 27 August 2026.

PARISH PRIESTS are invited to forward via email 1-2 parish endorsed nominations to the regional office by Thursday 3 September 2026.

From these parish nominations, each region will then endorse 15 representatives for membership of the Synod.

Archbishop's Campaign: EXTRA COLLECTION



This weekend we will be conducting a special collection for the campaign after the priest's homily.

Can you please finalise your contributions to the Archbishop's Campaign and place envelopes into the collection plate.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH

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)

Sunday 20 September 9.00am

Bishop Mark Stuart Edwards- Diocese of Wagga Wagga

Celebrating mass for Harvest Journeys Pilgrimage

(St Augustine's Church)

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday August 15



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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 9 August 2026)

Thanksgiving: \$ 831.35

Presbytery: \$ 632.85

Please find your new thanksgiving envelopes in the church foyer

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FOR YOUR SUPPORT