



ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH

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St Christopher's Church

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St Augustine's Primary School

Augustine's Way, Keilor

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.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

3 / 4 October 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

Pray with Pope Leo XIV: One Million Children Praying the Rosary

From 1-7 October, *Aid to the Church in Need* invites you to join with Pope Leo XIV and Catholics worldwide for the *One Million Children Praying the Rosary* prayer campaign, for peace and unity in the world.

Families, parishioners, prayer groups, and schools are all encouraged to register to take part!

For free Rosary resources and to register, please scan the QR code or visit:

www.acninternational.org/millionchildrenpraying

"When one million children pray the Rosary, the world will change."
- Saint Padre Pio



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Recently Deceased:

Agnes Borg
Antonia Barbaro

All anniversaries at this time:

Giuseppina Aloï, Antonio Aloï,
Vincenzo Rocca, Rosina Meraviglia,
Francesco Perre



Exploring the word

The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time speaks about faith, trust, and the need to live rightly before God. In all three years, the readings show that faith is not just belief but action. God expects us to care for others, stay faithful in our work, and keep going even when it's hard. The Gospel readings remind us that even a small amount of faith can do great things when we trust God.

In one year, Jesus tells the parable of the tenants who reject the landowner's messengers. In another, He speaks about the power of a mustard-seed-sized faith. In another year, He calls His followers to do their duty without expecting praise. Each Gospel calls us to live humbly and serve with love. This Sunday helps us remember that God is patient but also calls us to live with purpose and obedience.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response:

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **R.**

Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. **R.**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**

And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **R.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 5:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard.

My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside.

He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too.

He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me.

What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes.

Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.

I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.

I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it.

Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah
that chosen plant.

He expected justice, but found bloodshed,
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The word of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:6-9

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

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 21: 33-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



Synodality and trust

Trust grows when people know their voices matter. Synodality helps rebuild trust within the Church and between the Church and society.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH

DATE CHANGE:

Sunday 11 October 5.00pm

St Francis of Assisi feast day

Pet's Blessing at **St Christopher's Church**



Federazione Cattolica Italiana

La Federazione Cattolica Italiana di APW, ha organizzato una Santa Messa in onore della Madonna per Mercoledì 7 Ottobre 2026, alle ore 7.30pm nella Chiesa di St Christopher's. Il celebrante sarà P. Michael. Tutti la comunità è invitata a partecipare alla S. Messa e di portare un fiore per offrirlo alla Madonna. Dopo la S. Messa ci sarà un Rinfresco. Grazie.

Italian Catholic Federation

The Italian Catholic Federation of APW has organized a Holy Mass in honor of the Madonna for Wednesday, October 7, 2026, at 7:30 PM at St. Christopher's Church. The celebrant will be Father Michael. The entire community is invited to participate in the Holy Mass and to bring a flower to offer to the Madonna. After the Holy Mass, there will be a Refreshment.

Thank you.

Missionary Sisters

of

St Peter Claver



MISSION FAIR

SATURDAY

17 OCTOBER 2026

9.00 am to 2.30 pm

**COME AND ENJOY THE DAY
WHILE SUPPORTING THE MISSIONS**

For further information please telephone: 9817 3715



St. Christopher's Parish Feast

**Come and join us
for a special celebration
of our parish community!**



**Saturday
17th Oct 2026**



5:00 pm (Only mass that weekend
across both churches)



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

- Archbishop Peter Comensoli will preside over the Holy Mass with other priests as concelebrants.
- Celebrate the Parish Feast Mass.
- Celebrate Fr. Ananda's 30 years as a priest.
- Celebrate Fr. Ananda's appointment as our parish priest.

Reception in the Hall — 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm



**Free buffet
food**



**BYO
drinks**



**Raffle tickets
sold before
and prizes on
the day**



**Children's
activities
including
drawing and
colouring**

**All are
welcome!**

Please RSVP by 30th Sep 2026



Scan the QR code
to confirm your
attendance

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Sign up Sheet at
church.



St Christopher's
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PARISH FINANCES (week ending 27 September 2026)

Thanksgiving: \$ 717.05
Presbytery: \$ 525.05

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