



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.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

17 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

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)

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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:

Timothy John Gomez

All anniversaries at this time:

Terry Williams
Tommaso Lucia
Nicola Massari
Alex Scarpa



St. Christopher

The Patron Saint of travellers
and children. The Christ-bearer.

St. Augustine

The Patron Saint of theologians,
philosophers, printers, and
seekers of truth.



Exploring the word **Trusting God in Every Power**

The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A teaches that God's power reaches everywhere. He can work through anyone, even people who do not know Him. In the first reading, God uses Cyrus, a foreign king, to help Israel. This shows that God's plans move through all nations and rulers. Nothing is beyond His reach.

The psalm reminds us that all the earth should praise the LORD. His justice and strength rule over every land. We are called to honour Him, not just with words, but with how we live each day. The Lord is the true ruler of all creation.

In the Gospel, Jesus faces a test about loyalty. His answer is simple but wise: give Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and give God what belongs to God. On the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, we are reminded that faith calls for balance. We live in this world, but our hearts belong to God alone.

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FIRST READING

Isaiah 45:1.4-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:
It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising to the setting of
the sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response:

Give the Lord glory and honour.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples.

The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts.

Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness.

SECOND READING

Thessalonians 1: 1-5

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

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in
Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from
God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
We always mention you in our prayers and thank
God for you all, and constantly remember before
God our Father how you have shown your faith in
action, worked for love and persevered through
hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.
We know, brothers, that God loves you and that
you have been chosen, because when we brought
the Good News to you, it came to you not only as
words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as
utter conviction.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 22: 15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



Prayers of the Faithful **response:**

Lord hear our prayer!



Synodality and the Holy Spirit

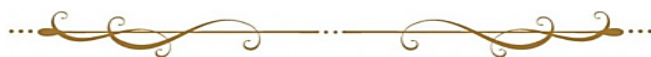
At the heart of synodality is trust in the Holy Spirit.
Without prayer, synodality becomes mere strategy. With prayer, it becomes a path of grace.

Congratulations to Father

Congratulations to Father Ananda on the wonderful milestone of his 30th Anniversary of Ordination and his Installation as Parish Priest.

We extend our heartfelt wishes and prayers as he celebrates these significant occasions. May God continue to bless him abundantly with good health, strength, wisdom and joy as he faithfully serves the Lord and our parish community. May his ministry continue to be filled with grace, love and many blessings in the years ahead.

With gratitude and prayers, we thank Father for his dedication, guidance and unwavering commitment to our parish.
Congratulations, Father, and may God bless you always!



Looking for flexible work and a chance to support persecuted Christians?

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) Australia is seeking a Diocesan Outreach Assistant to give short presentations at weekend Masses across the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

This part-time role involves sharing stories of the suffering Church and helping build prayerful support within parish communities.

If you are comfortable speaking in front of others and have a heart for this mission, we would love to hear from you.

For details:

www.aidtochurch.org/work



Monday 2nd of November:
Mass to be held at St Christopher's church at
7.00pm

A Special Word of Thanks

St Christopher's Parish Community extend our heartfelt gratitude to Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli for presiding at the Holy Eucharist on the occasion of our Parish Feast and celebrating the 30th Ordination Anniversary and installation of Fr. Ananda as our new Parish Priest. We are deeply grateful for his continued pastoral care, guidance and support of our parish communities, and for the presence and encouragement he offers to us in our journey of faith.

We also give our sincere and heartfelt thanks to all our parish volunteers, benefactors, ministry leaders, choir members and parish organisations. Through your generosity, time, talents and faithful service, you help make our parishes welcoming, vibrant and connected communities of faith. Your contribution to the spiritual and communal life of our parishes is deeply valued and greatly appreciated.

May the Lord bless each one of you abundantly and reward you for the love, generosity and devotion with which you continue to serve our Church and our parish communities.

May God strengthen and guide us all as we journey together in faith, hope and love.



PARISH FINANCES (week ending 11 October 2026)

<u>Thanksgiving:</u>	\$ 639.42
<u>Presbytery:</u>	\$ 437.92

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