



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.

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

24th/25th 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

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Presbytery

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Account 666 212 720

St Augustine's Church

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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:

Antionetta Giudice

All anniversaries at this time:

Terry Williams
Tommaso Lucia
Nicola Massari
Alex Scarpa
Giuseppe Terrizzi



Exploring the word

Love That Fulfills the Law

The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A brings us a simple but strong message. Love God. Love your neighbor. Jesus teaches that these two commands hold all of God's law and all the words of the prophets. They guide how we live, how we treat others, and how we show our faith in action.

The readings this Sunday remind us that love must be more than words. God cares about how we treat people who are weak or alone. He listens to their cries and calls us to be kind, fair, and generous. Love for God is seen in how we care for others.

Faith also shines in how we live each day. Like the Thessalonians in the second reading, we are called to follow Jesus with joy, even when life is hard. The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A invites us to look at our own hearts and see if love truly leads our choices and actions.

When love guides us, everything else falls into place.

Loving God fully and loving others honestly bring peace, purpose, and hope to our lives and our world.

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FIRST READING

Exodus 22: 20-26

A reading from the prophet Exodus

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response:

I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes.

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed.

SECOND READING

Thessalonians 1: 5-10

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

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to
them.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 22: 34-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



Prayers of the Faithful

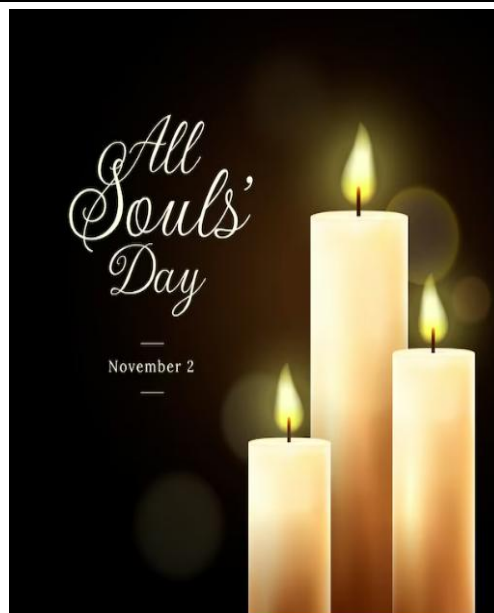
response:

Lord hear our prayer!



**Synodality and
Scripture**

From Abraham's journey to the disciples on the road to Emmaus, Scripture is full of stories of God walking with His people. Synodality places us within that biblical story.



Month of November – Book of Remembrance

Commemoration of All Souls' Day

*As we approach All Souls' Day on **November 2nd**, the Parish invites you to share the names of your deceased loved ones for remembrance during this sacred time. You are welcome to **bring a photo of your loved ones** to be placed on the sanctuary steps for Masses on **November 1st and 2nd**, as a visible sign of our shared remembrance and prayer.*

*A **Book of Remembrance** will be available in the church foyer before all Masses throughout the month of November, dedicated to the memory of the Holy Souls.*

*You are encouraged to write the names of your deceased relatives and friends in the book. These names will be remembered in a special way during all Masses celebrated in November. You may also include the names of your loved ones on the back of the **November Mass Offering Envelopes**. Spare envelopes are available in the foyer.*

MASS FOR THE DECEASED

Parish Mass of Remembrance, celebrated every year around the All Souls Day will be held on

Monday 2nd November at 7.00pm:

St Christopher's Church.

MESSA PER I DEFUNTI

La Messa Parrocchiale per i Defunti: Sarà celebrata
Lunedì 2 Novembre alle ore 7.00pm nella Chiesa di St Christopher's.

Fr Ananda vi invita di portare una foto dei vostri cari defunti e di posarla ai piedi del Santuario prima della Messa.

Usate la busta marcata 'Mass for the Holy Souls' per mettere dentro la vostra donazione e scrivete sulla busta i nomi dei vostri cari defunti.

Se avete bisogno delle buste queste sono ottenibili alla entrata della Chiesa.

A Message of Thanks from Father



Dear Parishioners and Families

**"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my saviour."
(Luke 1:46-47)**

It is with a heart overflowing with joy and profound gratitude that I write to you as I mark the **30th anniversary of my ordination to the sacred priesthood**. Looking back over three decades of ministry, I am deeply humbled by God's unfailing grace, mercy, and faithfulness.

Thirty years ago, when I first answered the Lord's call and lay prostrate before the altar, I could only imagine the paths where the Holy Spirit would lead me. Today, I can truly testify that it has all been a gift of pure grace.

I am incredibly grateful to this parish family. A Priest is nothing without the flock he is called to shepherd, and you have made my ministry a true joy. Thank you for opening your hearts, your homes, and your lives to me. It has been the privilege of my life to walk with you through the sacred milestones of your own journeys—administering the Sacraments, celebrating your joys, offering comfort in your sorrows, and breaking the Bread of Life with you at every Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Your constant encouragement, your active participation in our ministries, and most of all, your faithful prayers have been the fuel that sustains my priesthood.

The celebration we had on Saturday 17th October was a pure jubilation and coming together of joy filled hearts. The Holy Mass with the Archbishop Peter and the reception there after was a grant success. Thanks to the Organising committee and Parish volunteers who came together to plan and execute the celebration so meticulously. My heartfelt gratitude to you all for your love and appreciation through cards, gifts and prayers.

As I look ahead to the years to come, I humbly ask for your continued prayers. Pray that I may remain a faithful, zealous servant of Jesus Christ and a joyful shepherd to you all. Please know that you remain in my daily prayers and Masses.

May our Lord Jesus Christ continue to bless our parish community richly, and may our Blessed Mother keep us always under her mantle of protection; and may St. Christopher and St. Augustine intercede for us.

With heartfelt gratitude and blessings,

Rev. Fr. Ananda Prasad Maddineni MSFS

Parish Priest

St. Christopher's Airport West

St. Augustine's, Keilor Park

PARISH FINANCES (week ending 18 October 2026)

<u>Thanksgiving:</u>	\$ 568.10
<u>Presbytery:</u>	\$ 407.10

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