

Sacramental Timetable

Sunday Masses:	Saturday 6pm, Sunday 8.30 am, 10.30 am
Weekdays:	Mon- Fri 9.15am
Rosary:	Mon - Fri after 9.15am Mass
Reconciliation:	After weekday Masses and Sat 10.45 – 11.30am

Sunday School

Jesus gave us the two Great Commandments that contain the whole law of God. *'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'* This is the greatest and the most important commandment. The second most important is *'Love your neighbour as you love yourself.'*

Matthew 22:36-40

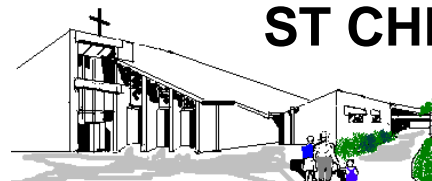
Rosters for next week

Prayers of the Faithful	Margaret Foley, Pat McCulloch, Louise Pagliaro		
Ministers of the Sick	John & Margaret McFadyen, Constance Foo, Pat McCulloch, Justin Tan, Kath Chosich		
Counters	John Carter, Anthony Chong, Johannes & Nancy Aulia		
Morning Tea after Mass	Graeme & Chris Smith		
Church Flowers	Annette Atkinson		
	Saturday 6.00 pm	Sunday 8.30 am	Sunday 10.30 am
Sacristan	Robert Foo	Felcon Gatab	Robert Vecchio
Setting Up For Mass	Maureen Lyons Virginia Quek	Kwai Leng Lee Angela Haymes	Amy Noto and family
Welcomers	Espiritu family	Pereira family	Brian and Lorraine Thiele
Commentator	Brian Incigneri	Paul Gleeson	Frank Murphy
Reader	Helen Lauritz	Paul McCulloch	Maria Vecchio
Lay Ministers	John Carter Adina D 'Alanno Catherine Loo Zac Anthony	John and Dot Staunton Basil Chitty Pat Foo	Judy Byrne Patricia Costanzo Anne Neville Alec Ngo Brian Worcester
Altar Servers	David Loo Kurt and Kate Aniban	Louis Gatab Kyle Valadon	Dinuk and Senuk Fernando Patrick and Sinead Kelly Gabriel Lee
Music	M.Ark Band and Choir	Recorded music	Trinity

The Pilgrim Statue 24 th Nov – 1 st Dec	<i>Sumedha and Iranga and Family receive Mary into their home. She has been through all that we go through & sympathises & prays for us lovingly</i>
St Christopher's Syndal Community Helpers	For confidential care & support in emergencies & times of need. ☎ Cath 9803 7302, Pauline 9802 9743 or Margaret 9807 3560.
Telephone Prayer Chain	Available 24 hours a day. All requests & enquiries confidential. Flo ☎ 9803 1717, Nicole/Peter ☎ 9802 9321, Marilyn ☎ 9887 9139
Financial last week	Thanksgiving offering: \$ 1,497.45 (upkeep of church) Loose cash: \$ 79.10 Total: \$ 1,576.55 First Collection: \$ 850.25 (upkeep of presbytery)

RECENT DEATH: *We pray for...* Amy Phelan (mother of Cathy Krohn), died 13th November

ANNIVERSARIES: *We remember...* Eileen Newman, Alec Grove, Beverley Daly, Mauricette Le Guen, Walter Andrew, Kathleen McLean, Catherine Byrne, Beatrice Cozzio, Rita Howley, Alan Jenkins, Pat Davis



IN THE CARE OF THE PALLOTTINES

ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
17th November, 2013

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Cassandra T De Silva

School Principal:
Shane Tobin

School Secretary:
Jenny Bamber

Parish Council Chair:
Justin Tan

Parish Council Secretary:
Bryan Drake

Welcome to St Christopher's on the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time and the second Sunday of our Parish Mission.

Last week we talked about following Christ, Apostle of the Father whose whole life was an apostolate. We heard Bruce Springsteen's song "You can't start a fire without a spark".

This Sunday, we want to find out what was the spark that ignited Vincent for apostolic action. It was the Dynamics of Desire. Through desire, he wanted to connect to God and to others in unselfish serving love.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace & not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM: The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.



READINGS THIS WK (C):
1st: Wisdom 18:6-9
Resp Psalm: Ps 97:5-9
2nd: Hebrews 11:1-2,8-12
Gospel: Luke 12:35-40

READINGS NEXT WK:
1st: 2 Samuel 5:1-3
Resp Psalm: Ps 121:1-5
2nd: Colossians 1:12-20
Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

DO YOU
TRULY
DESIRE
GOD?

A WORD FROM

ST VINCENT PALLOTTI

Vincent Pallotti lived the culture of the question. Each day after Communion he asked himself four questions: 1. Who are you, my God? 2. And who am I before you? 3. What are you calling me to be/do? 4. How did I respond to your call? God & we change each day and so do the challenges we are called to face and to respond to.



Typhoon Haiyan. Luz Johnson had left for the Philippines for her mother's funeral, and she is on the next island to Leyte which was devastated.

Caritas Australia have set up a special Typhoon Haiyan Appeal.

Super Typhoon Haiyan, one of the strongest storms to ever make landfall, has caused widespread devastation in the Philippines & caused significant damage in Vietnam & China. Millions of people are now in need of emergency aid relief in the Philippines. Caritas Australia is responding to the disaster with our partners prioritising emergency shelter, water & sanitation, household relief items (blankets, kitchen items), potable water & toilets. Give generously to the Caritas Australia Typhoon Haiyan Appeal.

Next weekend, 23rd/24th November, we will have a Collection for Typhoon Haiyan, to be sent to Caritas.

Syndal Parish Mission

Fr Pat will continue the weekly Parish Mission at St Christopher's on: 16th/17th & 23rd/24th Nov. at all Masses. Themes are: *The Dynamics of Desire* & *A New Way of Being Church*.

**ADVENT BEGINS
Sunday, 1st December**


Tuesday Adoration & Meditation
19th Nov at 2.30–3.30pm.

“Be still and know that I am God”

Meditation Group: Tue 19th Nov
7.30pm in Presbytery.

Wednesday Adoration & Divine Mercy 20th Nov at 2.30–3.30pm.

Mary Queen of Apostles Charismatic Prayer Group. Find the warmth of fellowship in the Lord at our meeting **Wed 20th Nov.** in the Cenacle at 8pm. All welcome.


Youth Gathering 24th Nov. 11.45am: A fun way of getting together to collect ideas for our Youth Group for 2014. *Free pizza and games.*

“White Christmas Returns” Sat 30th Nov. 7pm in School Hall: Christmas dance for the young & young at heart – Tickets: \$25 family, \$15 adults, \$10 students. Drinks, finger food, DJ.



Altar Servers Party
Thursday 21st November 2013, 5.00pm in the Cenacle. *All altar servers invited to come along and enjoy some fun, prize-giving & food.*

For catering purposes please RSVP by Nov. 17th to parish office/ frp.jackson@syndalcatholic.org.au

MenAlive Justin's group will meet on 19th November, 7.30pm in the cenacle. Frank's group. Next meeting is on 22nd November, with Kasimir leading.

Welcome to Matthew & Jessica Yates' baby, Abigail, on Sun. 24th Nov at 10.30am, who is preparing for Baptism on Sunday December 8th.


Chaplaincy Sunday Appeal:
Our Parish raised \$915.


The Manhood Forum- A dynamic online community for single men, husbands, fathers & religious. The Manhood Forum is an exciting new initiative for any man that wants to deepen in faith, love of the Church & their vocation as men. If you want to grow as a man & connect with other committed Catholic men please visit www.beingcatholic.com.au/men_invite

Kidsmas– Advent Activity for Kids (Prep – Grade 3) is here again!

Fridays (29 Nov & 6 Dec) 3.45pm – 6.00pm in the Cenacle. Plus preparing an item for Carols Night, Sun 8 Dec. 7pm, in the Church. Cost \$5.00. incl. afternoon tea. Registration forms in Narthex. Info: Mary Tan 0420712972, or email mary@tuenproductions.com

AT A GLANCE: ☪

 **“HANDS ON” - CATECHISM FOR 4 YEAR OLDS – GRADE 2 (SUNDAYS 9.30AM – 10.25AM)**


 **PLAYGROUP MON.+FRI 9–11AM IN TENNIS CLUBHOUSE.**


 **RCIA WED. 20TH Nov. 7.30PM**


 **19TH Nov. - 10.30AM WAVERLEY VALLEY MASS AND - 7.30PM LITURGY MEETING**

 **PARENTS ASSCN AGM THUR 21ST NOV 7.30PM.**

 **FRI 22ND NOV LITURGY GROUP 7.30PM**

 **SAT 23RD NOV 2.30PM “REMEMBER IN NOVEMBER” AT PALLOTTINE COMMUNITY KEW**

 **CLASSROOM MASS 28TH NOV 9.15AM FOR 2/3 & 3/4D**

 **ANNUAL LOURDES DAY MASS, SATURDAY, 7TH DEC. 10.30AM AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL. FLYER IN NARTHEX.**

 **ADVENT MENS' BREAKFAST SAT 14TH DECEMBER 8.00AM**

Bible Teen Timeline: 17th Nov.
Australian Catholics magazine available free.

Sunday School Christmas Celebration on 8 Dec – RSVP 24 Nov to Catherine 0413 684286 or cathchong016@gmail.com

Sunday School Appeal - We are appealing for help as two of our teachers will retire from teaching Sunday School at the end of this year. We are not looking specifically for teachers, but anyone who can engage with the children (Yr 3 to 6). With a team of four, each person's commitment will only be once a month. We are also looking for Project Mentors for our high school children, who can lead short-term (2 to 3 week) projects. Please consider offering your help. Contact Catherine 0413 684286 or cathchong016@gmail.com. Thank you.

This week the Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry will deliver its findings after an 18 month Inquiry into the Handling of Child Abuse by Religious and Other Organisations. Like the Egan case, we can expect the Inquiry to be very damning of the Catholic Church.

At times like this it is easy to feel defensive, because as with everything, the *full* truth is never told, but this is an important, necessary process for the Church. We must be open and humble in explaining the past, our approaches, our disposition, and we must admit our failings. This is a time for the Church to demonstrate its maturity and to show respect to the people damaged by clerical sex abuse.

The truth needs to be told and victims need to tell their story. The Church will also have an opportunity to fully explain itself and to demonstrate the vast improvements and commitment it has made to safeguarding children.

St Christopher's Christmas Function
Sun 8th Dec. 3-6.45pm at the School followed by Carols in the Church. \$5 per family. BYO picnic, drinks (tea/coffee available). *Santa Visit, Jumping Castle, Games for Kids, Lolly Bags, Christmas Bumper Raffle Draw.*