



HOLY SAVIOUR PARISH GLEN WAVERLEY NORTH

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES
Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 10.00am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:
Wednesday & Friday: 9.15am
Reconciliation: By Appointment or after 9.15am mass on Wednesday & Friday

OUR VISION

Our Parish leads and supports all members on their journey of faith.

OUR MISSION

We welcome and engage everyone in our faith community at Holy Saviour so that all may feel at home.
We provide opportunities for people to encounter God through liturgy and community.
We actively live God's message of love and justice in a way that is relevant for today.

PARISH PRIEST

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SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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PARISH PRAYER

God of all creation, may your Spirit inspire us to do your will. Bless us in your service, strengthen us in our support of each other. Unite us as we grow in faith and love, to be a welcoming, caring community, enabling all to flourish, especially our children and the most vulnerable.

This we pray in the name of our Holy Saviour, Jesus Christ, the Lord. Amen.

SUNDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2023—33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR A

ANNIVERSARIES: Maria D'Ambrosio, Joseph Venin, Mark Barter, Frank Caputo, Mary Johnston, Patrick Howe, Rose Wold, Peter Hurley, Annie & Timothy Ryan

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Christine Mendis, Margaret Osborne, Helen Styring, Leonie Gallagher, Serge Nayna, Brian Rice, Connor Hodge, John Baird, Aidan Carroll, Graeme Potter



WE'D LOVE TO MEET YOU



We congratulate Bethany Jane Dobson, daughter of Thomas & Megan Dobson who will be baptized this weekend.

MISSING

AS ONE VOICE, VOLUME 1

If anyone has borrowed "As One Voice, Volume 1" the ring binder with full accompaniment, please return the binder to the Parish Office.

Thank You

If you are new to Holy Saviour, or if you haven't yet had a chance to get to know any fellow parishioners, please get in touch and let us know you're here.

Welcome events are scheduled periodically to facilitate the formation of new friendships and kick-start that very important sense of belonging within our community.

Let us know you're here via one of the following methods:

1. Email holysaviourPPC@gmail.com
2. Call Helen Forer, Welcoming Committee Leader, on 0417 428 004
3. Write your details on the new parishioners sheet located in the church foyer and include contact details which will allow us to reach out to you.

We look forward to meeting you.

MORNING TEA & A CHAT

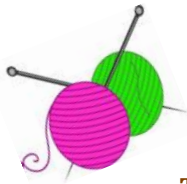
All parishioners are invited to stay for a cuppa & a chat after the Sunday 10.00am mass.

Tea/coffee/biscuits will be provided.

All are welcome



There will be a Special Collection for Catholic Deaf at all masses this weekend.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Meets 1st Thursday of the month from 9.30am till 11.00am. Plain knitting skills is all that is required.

The next gathering will be:

Thursday 7th December in the Parish Chapel

If you or someone you know are facing one of life's many challenges, having a prayer shawl might make a positive difference.

Enquiries: Maree 0402 043 164

ANNOINTING MASS AND OVER 39ERS/SENIORS CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Wednesday, 13 December at 12 noon

@ Holy Saviour

All are welcome to attend.

A light luncheon will be provided.

For catering purposes,

RSVP to Rose 0411 706 016

or Carmel 0428 203 501

by **8th December**.

PRAYER CARDS FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND

Please take a Prayer Card home with you, the cards are available in the Church Foyer.

"Prayer is the meek and holy force to oppose the diabolical force of hatred, terrorism and war." *Pope Francis*



ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

9/10 DECEMBER 2023

The Holy Saviour St Vincent de Paul Conference will be conducting its Annual Christmas Appeal on the weekend of 9/10 December, we are asking for your help.

This is an opportunity to brighten the lives of people in need.

This Christmas our Conference is looking for financial assistance from our parishioners via Credit Card, cash donations or store vouchers from Coles or Woolworths.

They are also seeking donations of tinned or packaged dry food.

There will be SVDP envelopes available at each Mass. Please drop your donations in the SVDP Box at the church hall exit door.

Alternatively, you can donate directly by phoning 13 18 12 or online, vinnies.org.au followed by clicking on the DONATE button, then fill in the details **(important to insert: Conference No. 462)**

Receipts for financial donations are available when required.

You can make a difference to people living on the edge by support our SVDP Christmas Appeal.

Enquiries: Please contact Kevin, 0422 296 819

CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S GLOBAL GIFTS CARDS

Caritas Australia's Global Gifts Christmas cards are a great way to spread joy and hope this Christmas season and to make a life-changing impact. Each gift represents a donation that will support vulnerable communities to create a brighter future. Order now to receive in time for Christmas at www.globalgifts.org.au

ROSTERS FOR 25/26 NOVEMBER 2023

READINGS: Christ the King 1st Reading: Ezek 34.11-12, 15-17; Resp Psalm: Ps 23.1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (*R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*); 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 15.20-26, 28, Gospel: Mt 25.31-46

	Saturday, 6.00pm	Sunday, 10.00am
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF THE EUCHARIST:	Jose Mejias	Carmel Adams
LECTORS:	Kenneth James	Anita Davine
MASS CO-ORDINATORS:	Barry Hay	Terry Eastwood
MUSIC:	Henry & Netty	Joe & Bernadette
HALL CLEANING TEAM 7:	*Robert Hagan, Lendl D'Lima, Mary Tan	
COUNTERS:	Peter Marburg, Michael McKernan	
SACRISTANS:	Ruth Baird, Josie Carroll	

Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility.

Holy Saviour Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land of the Kulin Nation. We pay our respect to them and their cultures.

Advent 2023 @ St. Christopher's Syndal

HOPE LOVE
JOY PEACE

Advent Week 1: "HOPE" Monday Nov 27, 7~8.30pm

Advent Week 2: "PEACE" Monday Dec 4, 7~8.30pm

Advent Week 3: "JOY" Monday Dec 11, 7~8.30pm

Advent Week 4: "LOVE" Monday Dec 18, 7~8.30pm

FELLOWSHIP HUB (bring a pen or pencil please)

info: discipleship.scs@gmail.com / 0431950090 (please sent text first)

Alone on
Christmas Day?

Don't you worry, come
celebrate Christmas with us.
Families are welcome.
Please RSVP
if you are
joining us.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH at
ST CHRISTOPHER'S

25 DECEMBER 2023
12.00PM - 2.00PM



Hennessy Hall
5 Doon Ave, Glen Waverley

ADMISSIONS STRICTLY BY
INVITATION OR RSVP

RSVP by 8th December 2023

To register, please contact Michelle on 0439 540 577

Email: Stchristopherschristmas@gmail.com

REFLECTION

This week's gospel is a very familiar parable and one that is often used with students and young people. It is generally used as an encouragement to make the most of the gifts and skills that the listeners possess. It is rarely, however, placed in its context as part of the full Chapter 25 lesson about the time of waiting and preparation for the coming of the Lord and the Christian life.

Again, the story is presented as a parable of the Kingdom – a glimpse into the right order of things in the realised

Kingdom. A very wealthy master entrusts his considerable assets to his servants to manage in his absence. The three servants were allocated money, 'each in proportion to his ability'. The emphasis of the parable is on what each servant did with the funds they were allotted. They were charged with managing the money in the place of their master; acting in their master's place to further develop his wealth.

Like all of Jesus' parables, this one has a sting in the tail. Although the third servant has done nothing illegal or corrupt, he is very harshly dealt with. His crime is laziness! He was given a great opportunity to demonstrate his abilities and yet he shied away and returned to his master exactly what had been entrusted to him, unimproved. The author of Matthew's gospel uses this parable to shock the audience out of complacency. They cannot rely solely on the promised return of the Lord, they must continue to act on Jesus' message and work to bring about the Kingdom in their own lives. Those who fail to act, leaving everything to the work of God, are as bad as the lazy servant who failed to grasp an extraordinary opportunity.



Caritas
AUSTRALIA

**Service of Solidarity with
Gaza and the Holy Land**

In a time of deep sorrow and anguish for us all, we look for hope and healing. Let us come together in love, prayer and support. Let us acknowledge the reality that impacts us all as we share messages of hope.

The Australian Catholic Bishops have said:
'Peace can come only from justice. We call people of faith to pray with us for a lasting peace and the triumph of human dignity.'

Please join us:

**Monday 27 November
4:30 to 5:00 pm AEDT**

Everyone is welcome.

Please register in advance for this webinar:

https://caritas.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_DWj-zzzhRoGN8QOifg6lZg

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

1ST COLLECTION (PRESBYTERY OFFERING)

to be taken up after the **Homily** is for the Presbytery Account, which supports not only Fr Ralph, but also supports the other priests in our Parish.

2ND COLLECTION (THANKSGIVING OFFERING)

will be taken up immediately after the **Prayers of the Faithful**. All monies from this collection go towards meeting the running costs of the Parish and paying off debt.

FIRST READING: Proverbs 31.10-13, 16-18, 20, 26, 28-31

A reading from the book Proverbs.

A capable wife, who can find her?
She is far more precious than jewels.
The heart of her husband trusts in her,
and he will have no lack of gain.
She does him good, and not harm,
all the days of her life.
She seeks wool and flax,
and works with willing hands.
She considers a field and buys it;
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.
She girds herself with strength,
and makes her arms strong.
She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.
Her lamp does not go out at night.
She opens her hand to the poor,
and reaches out her hands to the needy.
She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.
Her children rise up and call her happy;
her husband too, and he praises her:
"Many women have done excellently,
but you surpass them all."
Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.
Give her a share in the fruit of her hands,
and let her works praise her in the city gates.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 128.1-2, 3, 4-5

R. Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Happy is the one who fears the Lord,
who walks in his ways.
You shall eat the fruit of the labour of your hands;
you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you.

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
within your house;
your children will be like olive shoots
around your table.

Thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord.
The Lord bless you from Zion.
May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life.

R. Happy are those who fear the Lord.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5.1-6

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Now concerning the times and the seasons,
brothers and sisters,
you do not need to have anything written to you.
For you yourselves know very well
that the day of the Lord will come
like a thief in the night.
When they say, "There is peace and security,"
then sudden destruction will come upon them,
as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman,
and there will be no escape.
But you, beloved, are not in darkness,
for that day to surprise you like a thief.
You are all children of light and children of the day;
we are not of the night or of darkness.
So then let us not fall asleep as others do,
but let us keep awake and be sober.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: John 15.4, 5

Alleluia, Alleluia
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia

GOSPEL: Matthew 24.36; 25.14-30

*You have been trustworthy in a few things.
I will put you in charge of many things.*

