

St Christopher's Church - Mission Statement

St. Christopher's Catholic Parish aims to
be alive in Faith and Love,
a welcoming community
in which each member is co-responsible
for 'being Church' to all in their daily lives.



Weekly attendance at Mass is a fundamental & essential part of being Catholic because we cannot live out our faith in isolation. The church is more than just a group of people.

The Church is the Body of Christ and we became part of this body at our baptism. As parents, you are your child's first teachers of the faith. At your child's baptism you made the baptismal promises on behalf of your child, promising to raise your child in the Catholic faith. Your child needs your guidance and for you to be **active Christian role models** by making Mass a **priority** each Sunday. Part of 'being church' is the coming together of our hands and hearts as a faith community to worship God, to share our lives, to serve others and to grow in our faith.

The Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life."
Catechism of the Catholic Church No. 1324

ST CHRISTOPHER'S SUNDAY SCHOOL Coming to Know Jesus Better



ENROLMENT INFORMATION

Catechism Program for Year 3 & Older

At St Christopher's Parish, it is the usual practice that children receive the Sacraments in the following order:

First Reconciliation - Year 3

First Eucharist - Year 4

Confirmation - Year 6 or older

A child preparing for any Sacrament is required to attend Sunday School beginning Term One each year and achieve at least 80% attendance at Sunday School. Families are to note that the Presentation Mass, Retreat/Preparation Days and Family Evenings in preparation for the Sacraments are all compulsory.



**Sunday School starting
8 February 2015**

St Christopher's Sunday School runs from 9.30am to 10.25am every Sunday during school term. All children in Year 3 & older are welcome. An important aspect of Sunday School is the gathering of children in their peer Faith Community where the children learn together with their friends, followed by attendance at the 10.30 am Sunday Mass with Children's Liturgy. Friendships develop amongst the children as they learn and grow together in faith. The Sunday School Team strives to build a partnership between families and the church. Each child will have a *Faith Workbook* in which he/she has to complete one page per week under the guidance of parents. The aim of Sunday School is NOT merely to prepare the children for the Sacraments. Attendance at Sunday School is expected throughout the year and does not end once the Sacraments have been conferred. What follows is 'Mystagogy' from a Greek word meaning 'learning about the mysteries'. It is essential that the children continue their learning, in order to deepen and grow in their Catholic faith and build a **life-long relationship with God**.

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Our main mode of communication is via email so please check your inbox regularly for notices