



# St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes



## St Christopher's Catholic Church

233 Tower Street Panania NSW 2213

[www.stchristopherpanania.org.au](http://www.stchristopherpanania.org.au)

### Mass Times

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:30pm

**Sunday:** 8am, 9:30am & 5pm

**Tuesday:** 7pm,

**Wednesday-Friday:** 9:15am

**Saturday:** 9am

### Exposition & Benediction

**Tues:** 6-7pm, **Thur:** 5-7pm **Sat:** after 9am Mass

### Holy Hour

**Friday:** 6.15am-7.15 (except school holidays)

### Reconciliation

**Saturday:** 9.30am & 4.45 pm

### Baptisms

11am: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays

**Weddings** (by appointment)

## St. Patrick's Catholic Church

294 The River Road Revesby Heights NSW 2212

[www.stpatrickrevesbyheights.org.au](http://www.stpatrickrevesbyheights.org.au)

### Mass Times

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:30pm

**Sunday:** 9am

**Tuesday- Friday:** 8am,

### Healing Mass

7 pm, 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month

### Exposition & Benediction

8:30 am - 9am, 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month

### Reconciliation

**Saturday:** 4.45 pm-5:15 pm

### Baptisms

10:30am, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month

**Weddings** (by appointment)

### Parish Priest

Fr Salas Muttathukattil MSFS

### Assistant Priest

Fr Bhaskar Mendam MSFS



CONTACT US

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📍 St Christopher's Catholic Church Panania

📍 St Patrick's Catholic Church Revesby Heights

**St Christopher's Primary School**

☎ 02 9771-5492

**De La Salle College**

☎ 02 9773-7196

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B - 7th FEBRUARY 2021



### Gospel Reflection

#### The Divine Touch

The mother-in-law of Simon (Peter) was sick in bed with a raging fever. When Jesus learned about her distressed state, he 'took her by the hand and helped her up'. He broke the taboo about physical contact with a woman not his relative because he wanted to holistically heal her dis-ease.

Simon's mother-in-law didn't need an aspirin and a cup of tea. She felt quarantined, isolated, and needed a hand reassuring her of sociable relationships. Jesus overcame her fever and her dis-ease with the world.

At every Mass we exchange a physical gesture at the greeting of Peace. This quite often overcomes being ill-at-ease with a family member or just with the neighbour in the pew. We need to take that symbolic action into the world. For somebody, it may be the most touching thing we ever do.

We could pause for a moment to identify that person who needs us to reach out, to take their hand and help them up.

*Fr Michael Tate*

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#### Our Quote for the day!

"Anxiety is not just a temptation by itself but source of many temptations.."

*St Francis De Sales*

## Entrance Antiphon

*Ps 94:6-7* *The Word of the Lord*  
**Thanks be to God.**

***O come, let us worship God  
and bow low before the God who made us,  
for he is the Lord our God.***

## 1st Reading

*Jb 7:1-4. 6-7*

*A reading from the book of Job*

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief.

Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.

Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind.

Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

*The Word of the Lord*  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 146:1-6. R. v.3*

***Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.***

## 2nd Reading

*Cor 9:16-19. 22-23*

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians*

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

## Gospel Acclamation

*Mt 8:17*

***Alleluia, alleluia!***  
***He bore our sickness,  
and endured our suffering.***  
***Alleluia!***

## Gospel

*Mk 1:29-39*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*  
***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***



## Communion Antiphon

*Cf. Ps 106:8-9*

***Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,  
his wonders for the children of men,  
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,  
and the hungry he fills with good things.***



## Important Notice

### COVID-19 update

The NSW Government has announced a further easing of COVID-19 restrictions on churches, which are in place from Friday 29 January.

- \* Places of worship will be allowed to have one person per four-square-metres with no maximum cap. You'll find more information in : <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-frequently-asked-questions>
- \* Masks are compulsory for all people over 12 years of age when in the church.
- \* **There is no booking required for all masses.** (Church will be closed when the limit is reached)
- \* **Please be in the church foyer at least 20 minutes before Mass starts.** This is to enable sufficient time to sign in prior to the commencement of Masses (Please note: all entering the Church must sign-in for COVID-safe purposes and social distancing and hygiene measures must be observed at all times).
- \* **Please sign-in using the QR code or the sign-in sheet**  
You can also download the QR reader APP or the NSW service APP if you have trouble using the codes.
- \* Please take the bulletin with you or place it in the Rubbish bin in the foyer, they are not to be reused
- \* Please contact Parish Office 9774 3662 for further information.
- \* Please sanitise your pew prior to leaving the church.



### Fr. Bhaskar's Anniversary of Ordination - 9/2/2021

Congratulations & Blessings to Fr Bhaskar on the 19th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. We wish

you many more happy years ahead here in our parishes of St Christopher's and St Patrick's where you continue to teach and live the message of the gospel. As a parish community, we pray that God may bless and guide you, granting you the good health and energy to persevere in all of your priestly work.



The program will commence 24th Feb 2021 on each Wednesday during Lent.

- \* St Christopher's: 7.30pm in the meeting room
- \* St Patrick's: 9am in the Church  
7.30pm at the Sherry residence

### Catechist or helpers needed

We urgently need more volunteers to assist in teaching scripture at our state schools. If interest please contact parish office 9774 3662

### Pious Good Stall - St Christopher's

The Pious Goods Stall is in urgent need of volunteers for the following Masses:

Saturday 5.30 pm 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month  
5th Saturday (usually 4 per year)

Sunday 8.00 am Any date

Sunday 9.30 am 2nd Sunday of the month  
5th Sunday (usually 4 per year)

Sunday 5 pm Any date

If you can help please contact: Pat Coates 0402077142 or 97743947 or Jo Grosvenor 97722544

### PPC Meeting - St Christopher's

7pm on Thursday 11 February in the Parish Office



### Finance Committee Meeting - St Patrick's

7pm on Friday 12 February in the Church meeting room

### Funeral at St Patrick's Church

For the Late Elaine Thompson  
10.30am on Thursday 11th February 2021

### Home Visitation

Those who cannot come to Church and wish to receive Holy Communion or a priest to visit, please contact Parish Office 9774 3662

### Annual Catechists Mass at St Mary's Cathedral

Sunday 7 February 2:30pm

Celebrant: Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP

Long serving catechists will be acknowledged and awarded for 20, 25, 30, 40 and 50 years of catechetical service.

### Supporting Parents as the School Year Begins

Parent Line counsellors are available to help with any of your parenting issues. To get support call 1300 1300 52 or email [info@parentline.org.au](mailto:info@parentline.org.au)



### Livestreamed Masses across the Archdiocese of Sydney

As COVID-19 restrictions are making it challenging for many parishioners to attend Mass in person each week, the Archdiocese is continuing to publish details online of parishes which are offering livestreamed Masses on this webpage:  
<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/>

**St. Christopher's & St. Patrick's Parish Contacts**  
**Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9.00am-3.00pm**

**Parish Secretary:** Van Doan  
**Parish Manager:** John Tesoriero  
**Sac. Co-ordinator:** Anne Maree Morris  
**Pastoral Care:** Norma Coorey

**St. Christopher's Church**

**Parish Pastoral Council**

Chairperson: Anne Weeks  
 Secretary: Dympna Paterson

**Parish Finance Committee**

Chairperson: John Tesoriero  
 Secretary:

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Jeanette Carroll

**St. Patrick's Church**

**Parish Pastoral Council:**

Chairperson: Chris Russell  
 Secretary: Pat Nolan

**Parish Finance Committee**

Chairperson: John Tesoriero  
 Secretary: Pat Nolan

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Siobhan Van Den Nieuwenhuizen

**Saint of the day**

- 8th Feb St Josephine Bakhita
- 9th Feb St Apollonia
- 10th Feb St Scholastica
- 11th Feb Our Lady of Lourdes
- 12th Feb St Damian
- 13th Feb St Catherine of Ricci



*Mass Intentions*

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

**Recently Deceased:**

Colin Cross, Fran Cudmore, Elaine Thompson, Allan Baragry, Patricia Watson, Jean Dunn, John Foxe, Roman Calderon, Anthony Rodrique.

**Anniversaries:**

Bruce Lister, Len Khoury, Thelma & Michael McDermott, Bernard Gapps & Nell Dunstan, Stephen Cummins, Warren J. Pearson, Nunziata Calacrese, David Parsons, Tim Protor, Noel Gapps & Daniel Stoerr, Jack Southwell, Richard Orton, Warren Bruce, Sandra Young, Margaret Lister & Con Dinan, Jack Dowling,

**General Intention:**

Holly Souls, Fr John Burns, Giuseppe Lopez, Ruth Gardiner, Assaf, Eddie, Nazha, Boubou, Nazare, Watfa & Abraham, Roger Brown, Rob Ellery, Gerald & Sybil Pereira, Brown, Pereira & Arango families, Fr. Brian Byron, Tess Peek & Frank Sherry, Jose Joao Quintal, Souls in Purgatory, Paul Burke, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Deceased members of Legion of Mary.

**The Sick and Infirm:**

Loreta, Stephen Sinclair, Chris Burke, Vincent Doan, Marie McLoughlin, Olive Gaynor, Mary Israel, Rudolf Rodrigues, Suzanne Moig, Junior Zoran Stojanovski, Therese Boukaram, Pat Tunncliff, Pat Tindall, Val Edwards,



**ST. CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKEND ROSTERS 2021**

6th/7th February	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm
<i>Readers:</i>	Trish McNamara Patrick McDermott	John Coates Stephanie Siasoi	Sam Coorey Anne Weeks	Julie Nugent Tanya
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Di Hennessy Josephine Jones	Megan Perez Jeff Giltinan	Jacqueline Bull Terese Jones	Rebecca Lee Lauren Smith
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	Alan Freeman	Jon D'asoli	John Tesoriero	Dennis Lister
13th/14th February	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm
<i>Readers:</i>	Ron Woods Sue Bracken	Steve Darcy Carolyn Ford	George Elias Pauline O'shea	Rebecca Lee Bridget Weeks
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Jeanette Carroll Carla Tesoriero	Anne-Maree Darcy Josephine Jones	Norma Verjoustinsky Bernadette Saleme	Stephanie Siasoi Maasina Tuala
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	Alan Freeman	John Coates	Tony O'Shea	Cheryl Beaver

**ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2021**

	6th/7th February		13th/14th February	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	Chris	Kevin	Chris	Ray
<i>Readers:</i>	Marge Salone Barbara Sherry	Pat Nolan Dawn Poole	Marie Carr Liam Carr	Yvonne Toleafoa Camilla Toleafoa
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Sue Chant Elena Salgueira	May Coorey Joan Jones	Alison Simler Barbara Sherry	Madeleine Pizzuti Cathy Moussa