



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME , YEAR B 25th JULY 2021

St Christopher's Catholic Church

233 Tower Street Panania NSW 2213
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: 1st & 3rd Sundays

Weddings (by appointment)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church

294 The River Road Revesby Heights NSW 2212
www.stpatrickrevesbyheights.org.au

Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sunday: 9am

Tuesday- Friday: 8am,

Healing Mass

7 pm, 1st Friday of the month

Exposition & Benediction

8:30 am - 9am, 1st Friday of the month

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4.45 pm-5:15 pm

Baptisms

10:30am, 4th Sunday of the month

Weddings (by appointment)

Parish Priest

Fr Salas Muttathukattil MSFS

Assistant Priest

Fr Bhaskar Mendam MSFS



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St Christopher's Primary School

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Gospel Reflection

A young lad and the hungers of humanity

The disciples fell into the verbal trap which Jesus set. They believed that market forces should dictate how the hunger of the crowd could be satisfied. It was a young lad who put the disciples to shame, simply handing over five barley loaves and two fish to Jesus. It was because of his generosity that Divine generosity was able to feed the crowd.

Divine desire to satisfy the hungers of humanity for the various necessities of life (food, shelter, companionship, education, medicines) require human generosity. Otherwise, Divine Compassion cannot be effective in the world.

Voluntary renunciation of property and sharing of wealth still occurs in the little oases of monasteries and convents, echoes of the radical redistribution of wealth recorded in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 4:32-35). St Luke makes it clear that this was essentially linked to the Apostles' testifying to the Resurrection 'with great power'.

Francis of Assisi and now Francis of Buenos Aires remind us that the Church itself needs to engage in the redistribution of its wealth to enable the hungers of humanity to be satisfied. This will give authenticity to its preaching of the Gospel, and enable its evangelising to be undertaken 'with great power'.

We could take a moment to pray that we become more like the little boy in the Gospel, more like Francis of Assisi, more like Francis of Buenos Aires, voluntarily sharing our wealth to satisfy the hungers of humanity.

Fr Michael Tate

Our quote for the day

"Vainglory is the glory we give ourselves for what is not in us."
St Francis De Sales

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 67:6-7,36

***God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.***

***A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia!***

1st Reading

2 Kgs 4:42-44

A reading from the second book of the Kings

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

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

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 144:10-11, 15-18. R. v.16*

***The hand of the Lord feeds us;
he answers all our needs.***

2nd Reading

Eph 4:1-6

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to
the Ephesians*

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Lk 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 6:1-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

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



Communion Antiphon

Ps 102:2

***Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.***



COVID UPDATE

The NSW Government has announced a new COVID-19 restrictions on churches effective from 14/7/2021

- * All churches across greater Sydney are closed until at least midnight on Friday, 30 July, under a NSW Government lockdown aimed at containing the spread of COVID-19.
- * Funerals may proceed at this time, with a maximum of 10 people in in the congregation.
- * More information is available on the Archdiocesan website below www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-frequently-asked-questions/.

Message from Fr Salas

Dear Parishioners,

I hope that you are all keeping safe and well during this challenging time of lockdown due to the coronavirus pandemic. I know that it must be difficult for many of you as there has not been the opportunity for us to gather as a community to worship the Lord or for you to receive the sacraments. However, know that Fr Bhaskar and I are keeping you in our prayers and are here for you whenever you need. Please do not hesitate to contact the parish at any time if you need assistance. This is a strange period for all of us and there is no harm in reaching out if you may be struggling.

In the Scriptures we hear Jesus say, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life" (Jn 8:12). Through this time, it may feel as though the light is difficult to find, but be assured that Christ, who is the Light, is very near to you. Do not lose hope but strive to look for the light in the little moments of each day. In these moments, you will find that Christ is with you, even though you cannot be as close as you would like to be, through the Eucharist. Take consolation then, from the words at the end of Matthew's gospel that reassure us of this reality, "I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Mt 28:20).

As for the parish, there are few things of which I would like to inform you. Our weekly livestream mass will recommence at 5:30pm this Saturday, 24 July 2021 (St Christopher's Panania). This will be the only livestream to cover all masses over the weekend so please join us virtually to offer your prayers and intentions in unity with the parish. If you cannot join us live at 5:30pm on Saturday, feel free to access the recording any time over the weekend. The link will be made available on our YouTube channel and parish Facebook page of both St Christopher's & St Patrick's). **Please click on the link below to watch the livestream of the mass from St Christopher's (available to access from 5.30pm, Saturday 24 July) - <https://youtu.be/leADhOpU1d0>**

Further, I would like to take this opportunity to also welcome seminarian, Justin Faehrmann, to our parish. Justin is currently studying for the priesthood in Rome but has returned to the Archdiocese during his break from studies and will be on assignment here at St Christopher's until September.

Finally, **this Sunday is the feast day of our parish patron saint, St Christopher**. As you know, we will not be able to gather as a community to celebrate this great saint but perhaps you can take some time before Sunday to reflect on how to celebrate his feast day within your home, giving thanks to St Christopher for his intercession to God for us. Wish you all a happy feast of St Christopher.

May God continue to bless and keep you safe during this time and I look forward to seeing you all again soon when we can once again worship Him together in person.

God bless,

Fr Salas - Parish Priest : St Christopher's Panania & St Patrick's Revesby Heights



2021 Tax receipts & 2022 Envelopes

Tax receipts are available from the Parish office or phone 97743662 to advise of email address.

2022 envelopes are also available from the Parish office, due to the present situation and are unable to collect your envelope, you can either contribute via website under donation or contact the office to forward a form to contribute with your credit card. Your continued generosity is important to support the wellbeing and maintenance of all services and maintenance of our parishes. Thanking you for your continued support, Fr. Salas.

Donations to the Parish

Donation to the Parish can be made by using Bpoint service on our website :

St Christopher's : www.stchristopherpanania.org.au/

St Patrick's: www.stpatrickrevesbyheights.org.au/

alternatively by scanning the QR code given below.

Thank you for your kind generosity.

**St Christopher's
Parish Panania**

**St Patrick's
Parish Revesby Heights**



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St. Christopher's Church

Parish Pastoral Council

Chairperson: Anne Weeks
 Secretary: Dymphna 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

26th July Sts Anne and Joachim
 27th July St Theobald of Marley
 28th July St Samson
 29th July St Martha
 30th July St Peter Chrysologus
 31st July St Ignatius Loyola



Mass Intentions

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

Recently Deceased:

Sean Smith, Fr Colin Mason, Patricia Togher, Anton Pham, Leonie Rowe

Anniversaries:

Phillip Elias, John Byron, Maria Thi Doan, William O. & Peter J Hanley

General Intention:

Paul Burke, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Deceased members of Legion of Mary.

The Sick and Infirm:

Mick Samuel, John Foley, Jo Grosvenor, John Esther, Dawn Poole, Jim O'Neill, John Esther, Pat Togher, Giuseppe Iacono, Anne Coome, Sira Raveane, Bernadette Lawrance, Helen Dawson, Kerry & Russ, Stephen Sinclair, Chris Burke, Vincent Doan, Marie McLoughlin, Olive Gaynor, Mary Israel, Rudolf Rodriques, Suzanne Moig, Junior Zoran Stojanovski, Pat Tunncliff, Pat Tindall, Val Edwards



POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE - ST. CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKEND ROSTERS 2021

24th/25th July	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
<i>Readers:</i>					<i>Communion to the Sick</i>
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>					<i>Counters:</i>
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>					
31st Jul/1st Aug	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
<i>Readers:</i>					<i>Communion to the Sick</i>
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>					<i>Counters:</i>
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>					

POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE - ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2021

	24th/25th July		31st Jul/1st Aug	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>				
<i>Readers:</i>				
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>				