



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



**SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS (MARY MACKILLOP), VIRGIN**

**8th August 2021**

**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



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## Gospel Reflection

### Mary MacKillop

This Gospel does not say we should not worry about what others eat or drink or have to wear. In fact we will be judged on whether we gave 'the Least' food, shelter, companionship in illness or in prison (Mt 25).

In the mid-late 19th century, a young woman was very concerned with the plight of the poor and the marginalised in the colonies which later became the Commonwealth of Australia. Amongst the most obvious necessities of life for these 'least' was schooling of the young, as education is a proven path out of poverty.

So, this woman, whose most famous saying was 'never see a need without trying to do something about it', set about remedying that situation. Mary McKillop established the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart principally to educate the poor.

She suffered excommunication for revealing sexual abuse of youngsters by a paedophile priest. That was reversed five months later, but this all took its toll on her fragile health.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we may join St Mary of the Cross in Heaven, together with all the Josephite sisters who set their hearts on the Father's kingdom and His saving justice.

*Fr Michael Tate*

### Our quote for the day

"Whatever troubles may be before you, accept them bravely, remembering Whom you are trying to follow. Do not be afraid. Love one another, bear with one another, and let charity guide you all your life. God will reward you as only He can."

*St Mary MacKillop*

## Entrance Antiphon

*Cf. Mt 25:34,36,40*

***Come, you blessed of my Father, says the Lord:  
I was sick and you visited me.  
Amen, I say to you: whatever you did for one of  
the least of my brethren, you did it for me.***

## 1st Reading

*1 Kgs 17:7-16*

*A reading from the first book of Kings*

And then the word of the Lord came to Elijah, 'Up and go to Zarephath, a Sidonian town, and stay there. I have ordered a widow there to give you food.' So he went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks. Addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please,' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

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

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 62:1-8*

***My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.***

## 2nd Reading

*Col 3:12-17*

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

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you, and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

## Gospel Acclamation

*Mt 27:55*

***Alleluia, alleluia!  
Many women were there by the cross,  
watching from a distance,  
the same women who had followed Jesus and  
looked after him.  
Alleluia!***

## Gospel

*Mt 6:25-34*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Matthew*

Jesus said to his disciples:

I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat, nor about your body and what you are to wear. Surely life is more than food, and the body more than clothing!

Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they are? Can any of you, however much you worry, add one single cubit to your span of life? And why worry about clothing? Think of the flowers growing in the fields; they never have to work or spin: yet I assure you that not even Solomon in all his royal robes was clothed like one of these.

Now if that is how God clothes the wild flowers growing in the field which are there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, will he not much more look after you, you have so little faith? So do not worry; do not say, "What are we to eat? What are we to drink? What are we to wear?" It is the gentiles who set their hearts on all these things.

Your heavenly Father knows you need them all. Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on God's saving justice, and all these other things will be given you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

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

## Communion Antiphon

*Cf. Jn 13:35*

***This is how all will know that you are my disciples,  
if you have love for one another, says the Lord.***

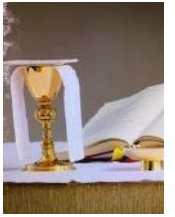


## **COVID UPDATE**

The NSW Government has announced a new COVID-19 restrictions on churches effective from 27/7/2021

- \* All churches across greater Sydney are closed until at least on Friday 27 August, 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/](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-frequently-asked-questions/).

**Weekend livestream Mass.** 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 7 August) - <https://youtu.be/Hw9xAYEISF4>



**Eucharistic Adoration:** There will be livestreamed eucharistic adoration every Friday at 7pm during this lockdown. It will be available on the parish YouTube channel and Facebook page.

Link: [https://youtu.be/H\\_zLzvr97rE](https://youtu.be/H_zLzvr97rE). Please join us in praying together for our parish.

## **The Sacrament of the Eucharist**



**Preparation evening:** The Eucharist parent preparation evening will not go ahead as planned this year.

**Online enrolment:** will be open as planned on 7th August - please go to the Parish website (<https://www.stchristopherpanania.org.au/>) to enrol your child / children

**Holy Communion Lessons:** Zoom lessons will commence - Tuesday 17th August and Wednesday 18th August at 7pm for 4 weeks (Zoom lesson link will be provided once enrolments close).

As we move through our lessons further information on the Sacrament of 1st Eucharist will be provided.

All enquiries please contact: Sacramental Coordinator: Anne Maree Morris—0409 034 746 (after 5pm)

## **St Patrick's PPC Zoom Meeting**

7pm on Wednesday 11 August 2021

## **Catholic Weekly**

If you would like to continue purchasing a hard copy of the Catholic Weekly during lockdown, you can purchase five issues for \$20 and they will be posted to your house. To arrange purchase please call Rita at the Catholic Weekly on 0405 600 322. Alternatively, you can subscribe to the Catholic Weekly online and access it for free while the lockdown lasts and churches are closed. Here is the link:

<https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/catholic-weekly-newspaper-online/>

## **COVID-19 Prayer resources**

The Archdiocese of Sydney website has a dedicated page of prayer resources including links to popular podcasts in this time of pandemic. You'll find the webpage at this address: [www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/prayer-resources-for-the-coronavirus-pan-](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/prayer-resources-for-the-coronavirus-pan-)



## **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/](http://www.stchristopherpanania.org.au/)

**St Patrick's:** [www.stpatrickrevesbyheights.org.au/](http://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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**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**

9th Aug St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)  
 10th Aug St Lawrence  
 11th Aug St Clare of Assisi  
 12th Aug St Jane Frances de Chantal  
 13th Aug St Pontian, pope and St Hippolytus, priest  
 14th Aug St Maximilian Mary Kolbe



*Mass Intentions*

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

**Recently Deceased:**

Mary Mathew Koorappallil, Jean Graham, Linda Yasbek, Barry Thomas, Anna Nguyen, Mick Samuel, Shaun Smith, Fr Colin Mason, Patricia Togher

**Anniversaries:**

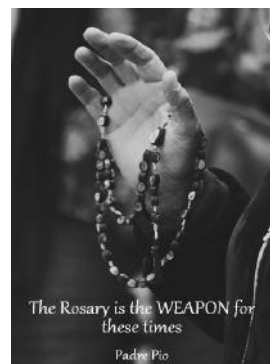
Anthony Coorey, Phillip Elias, John Byron, Maria Thi Doan, William O. & Peter J Hanley

**General Intention:**

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

**The Sick and Infirm:**

John Foley, Jo Grosvenor, John Esther, Dawn Poole, Jim O'Neill, John Esther, 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 Tunnicliff, Pat Tindall, Val Edwards



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

7th/8th 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>					
14th/15th 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**

	7th/8th Aug		14th/15th Aug	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>				
<i>Readers:</i>				
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>				