



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

22nd August 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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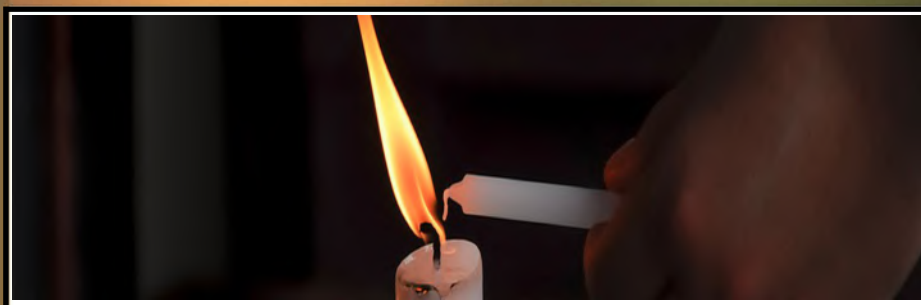
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St Christopher's Primary School

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Gospel Reflection

The Word of Eternal Life

I remember seeing a James Bond film in which the Voodoo priest could summon the Living Dead – called Zombies – people hovering between life in the grave and life above ground level, but ultimately trapped as human beings living a grave-dominated existence.

There are billions of the Living Dead around the world. People, apparently like you and me, but in fact living with the belief that the grave will mark the extinction of their life.

But our ears are attuned to pick up words which sound the possibility of a different destiny, a different reality. We have heard a voice which speaks the truth, a voice which speaks of a more beautiful reality. That voice says that you and I, individually, personally, are star dust with a marvellous destiny: a destiny that will see our ensouled bodies transformed, transfigured, translucent with Divine Light and energy.

The voice is that of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We hear that voice from within the Church, which has transmitted the tradition of 'The Voice' for twenty centuries.

Heeding that Voice, I move from the company of the Living Dead to the companionship of the Conqueror of Death. I am no longer a 'Dead Man Walking' but a man alive with the reality of eternal life already within me.

That is why when I hear the challenge: 'Do you also wish to go away?' I enter into that tradition and answer with St Peter, I answer in the company of billions of others over twenty centuries: 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.'

We could pause for a moment and pray that, living in the tradition of the Church, I may hear the Word in the Gospel and take that Word within myself in Holy Communion so that I might be no longer a 'Dead Man Walking', but a human being alive with the reality of eternal life already within me.

Fr Michael Tate

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 85:1-3

**Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord,
for I cry to you all the day long**

1st Reading

Jos 24:1-2. 15-18

A reading from the book of Joshua

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:2-3. 16-23. R. v.9

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

2nd Reading

Eph 5:21-32

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

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his

wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

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

Gospel Acclamation

See Jn 6:63. 68

**Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!**

Gospel

Jn 6:60-69

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?

'It is the spirit that gives life,
the flesh has nothing to offer.

The words I have spoken to you are spirit
and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

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

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 103:13-15

**The earth is replete with the fruits of your work,
O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth
and wine to cheer the heart.**



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/.

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 21 August) - <https://youtu.be/8udXmfFWKPk>**



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/OReGkCKRNuc>. Please join us in praying together for our parish.

The Sacrament of the Eucharist



Holy Communion Lessons: Zoom lessons begin - Tuesday 17th August and Wednesday 18th August at 7pm for 4 weeks

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

We look forward to celebrating this important Sacrament with your child / children as soon as restrictions allow. All enquiries please contact: Sacramental Coordinator: Anne Maree Morris—0409 034 746 (after 5pm)



Dear Justin,

may I take this opportunity to express my attitude of gratitude and thanks to you for your presence and service to our parish communities during the last five weeks. We were really blessed to have you here as a witness of faith, and greatly acknowledge what you have done in helping the clergy and the parish pastoral council here to reach out to the community and to the school children in this challenging time. We extend our prayerful wishes and support to you as you return to Rome shortly for your further studies and formation to become a priest in God's vineyard. God Bless. Fr Salas Muttathukattil MSFS

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/>

2021 Tax receipts & 2022 Envelopes

Tax Receipts for the 2020/21 Financial year are available to be emailed. Due to the present situation the Parish office is not open so they are unable to be collected. Please email the Parish office at stcpanania@hotmail.com if you need assistance. You can contribute via the website or credit card if you are unable to collect your envelopes. Your ongoing generosity is vital to support the wellbeing and maintenance of our parishes. Grateful thanks 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: Dympna Paterson

Parish Finance Committee

Chairperson: John Tesoriero
 Secretary:
 Parish Safeguarding Officer: Jeanette Carroll

St. Patrick's Church

Parish Pastoral Council:

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 Secretary: Pat Nolan

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Saint of the day

23rd Aug St Rose of Lima
 24th Aug St Bartholomew, apostle
 25th Aug Sts Louis and Joseph Calasanz
 26th Aug St Joan Elizabeth Birchier des Ages
 27th Aug St Monica
 28th Aug St Augustine



Mass Intentions

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

Recently Deceased:

Doris Jacob, Mary Mathew Koorappallil, Maria Bui, Jean Graham, Linda Yasbek.

Anniversaries:

Henry Byers, Brian O'Shea, George Cure', Anthony Coorey

General Intention:

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

The Sick and Infirm:

Tom Mullan, 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 Tunncliff, Pat Tindall, Val Edwards



POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE - ST. CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKEND ROSTERS 2021					
21st/22nd 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>					
28th/29th 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				
	21st/22nd Aug		28th/29th Aug	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>				
<i>Readers:</i>				
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>				