



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes


TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B
29th 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)



Gospel Reflection

Holiness: Contagion not Quarantine

Many religious leaders have thought that some foods or some people are such a threat to the holiness of their followers that contact with 'unclean', 'defiling' foods or people must be avoided. Our Lord was totally opposed to the idea that holiness was something secured or gained by being quarantined or separated from any-thing or any-person. On the contrary, he could touch a leper or have a meal with a prostitute. Rather than defilement flowing from the leper or prostitute to Jesus, his life flowed into them repairing their broken humanity, healing them bodymindspirit, holistically, making them holy.

The fact is that God, embodied in Jesus Christ, is contagious. The contagion of Divine Life is meant to flow into the inner depths of personality, into the heart. When this occurs, the Divine Life in the human person causes 'holiness'.

We have to strive to put ourselves in the way of this contagion. We become holy when we allow ourselves to be touched by our Lord Jesus Christ. How do we do this?

By hearing of His life in the Gospel, by being nourished by His life in Holy Communion, by being touched by the plight of those in whom He is to be found. St James in the second reading describes some who are particularly vulnerable in a patriarchal society with no social security system: the widows and orphans. No doubt, we can identify equivalent groups in our own society and overseas.

We could take a moment to pray that we might be more conscious of the Holy Spirit germinating something in our hearts, making us holy from the inside out, that our holiness be authenticated by good works so that we may be holy as the Lord our God is holy.

Fr Michael Tate

Our quote for the day

"The social life consists in reputation." *St Francis De Sales*

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 Patrick's Catholic Church Revesby Heights

St Christopher's Primary School

☎ 02 9771-5492

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☎ 02 9773-7196

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 85:3,5

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

**Have mercy on me,
O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.**

Gospel Acclamation

Jas 1:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The Father gave us birth by his message of truth,
that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.
Alleluia!**

1st Reading

Dt 4:1-2. 6-8

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

2nd Reading

Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

A reading from the letter of St James

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

Gospel

Mk 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me.

The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

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

Communion Antiphon

Ps 30:20

**How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you**



COVID UPDATE

- * All churches across greater Sydney are closed until further notice, 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 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 28 August) -**

<https://youtu.be/XJ0yf-dcKwo>



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.

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

We look forward to celebrating this important Sacrament with your child / children as soon as restrictions allow.

A Prayer of an HSC Student preparing for Examination

Dear God, Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, source of all wisdom, help me to use my time and my intelligence wisely, as I prepare for exams. Help me to dispose myself to listen to your Holy Spirit, so that you, as my loving Father, place me in a state of prayer, and lead me to understand that the supreme wisdom is knowing that I am your child. Help me to remain serene, so that my work may truly reflect this profound truth. Mary, Mother of my spiritual life, guide me in the ways of your Son, so that my work may help to transform this world for His glory. Amen.

St Christopher. Pray for us

St Patrick. Pray for us

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Pray for us



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: 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**

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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:

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

30th Aug Sts Felix & Adactus
 31st Aug St Aidan
 1st Sept St Giles
 2nd Sept St William of Roskilde
 3rd Sept St Gregory the Great
 4th Sept St Rose of Viterbo



Mass Intentions

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

Recently Deceased:

David Khoury, Eduardo Chua, Patricia Togher, Mary Mathew Koorappallil, Maria Bui, Jean Graham, Linda Yasbek.

Anniversaries:

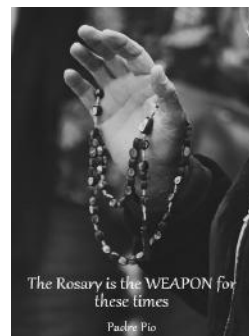
Catherine & John, Catherine Therese, Clare, Denis & Patrick, Rosaria & Giuseppe Lopez, Henry Byers, Brian O'Shea, George Cure', Anthony Coorey

General Intention:

Buchanan Family, Jose Quintal, Paul Burke, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Deceased members of Legion of Mary.

The Sick and Infirm:

Tom Mullane, Rey Nool, Dante Maningas, 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 Tunnicliff, Pat Tindall, Val Edwards



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

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>Acolytes/Servers:</i>					<i>Counters:</i>
4th/5th Sept	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>Acolytes/Servers:</i>					<i>Counters:</i>

POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE - ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2021

	28th/29th Aug		4th/5th Sept	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>				
<i>Readers:</i>				
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>				