



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

5th September 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)



Father's Day: A Father's Love and Sacrifice

Dear parishioners and friends, This Sunday, the 5th of September we celebrate Father's Day. A day to thank and honour our fathers and father figures for their love and the immense sacrifices they make for diligently fulfilling the responsibility of nurturing children and for showering their families with unconditional love, devotion and merriment. A mother's role in the life of children is also equally important. Because, both parents are like two wheels of a bicycle, driving and moulding their kid's life in its various phases by taking up varying roles.

Today, I invite you all to reflect on just one point, that is, the love and sacrifice that our fathers make for the sake of their family.

The highest form of love and sacrifice is seen in the person of our heavenly father and in his son Jesus Christ. Mother Mary and St Joseph played a key role in the redemptive work of God.

St Joseph, who vowed to fulfill his duty to protect Mary, the Virgin Mother of God, and Christ, the Redeemer of the World, in their most delicate stages in life remains as a model and inspiration for all fathers today.

Dear fathers, the love that you show us has no limit, the sacrifice that make for our sake is tremendous, you are precious to God and to each one of us, and we love you.

we believe that the pain and sorrows of your past will turn into joy the moment you see and experience the fruits of your hard work in your children and in your spouses for creating an ideal family here on earth after the Example of the Holy Family.

We are very sorry that many of us may not be able to visit you to celebrate this important day with you due to the pandemic and the COVID Safe restrictions but we will offer our mass and prayers.

May God bless you abundantly with courage and strength to accept your role as a leader, a model, a loving father, a grandfather, a stepfather and a spiritual father after the Example of the Holy Family, especially, in this challenging time. **Happy Father's Day and May God Bless You**

Fr Salas Muttathukattil MSFS

"The same everlasting Father who cares for you today will care for you tomorrow and every day. Either he will shield you from suffering or give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace then and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginings."

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

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Entrance Antiphon

Ps 118:137, 124 *The Word of the Lord*
Thanks be to God.

***You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your
merciful love.***

1st Reading

Is 35:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.
'Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;
for water gushes in the desert,
streams in the wasteland,
the scorched earth becomes a lake,
the parched land springs of water.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:7-10. R. v.1

Praise the Lord, my soul!

2nd Reading

Jas 2:1-5

A reading from the letter of St James

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

Gospel Acclamation

cf. Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
***Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.***
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mk 7:31-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

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

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 41:2-3

***How Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.***

Prayer Resources during time of Pandemic

The Archdiocese of Sydney has a dedicated webpage with prayers and scriptural reflections to help nurture your faith during these difficult times. You'll find the webpage below:

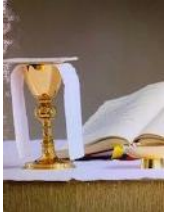
<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/prayer-resources-for-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>



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 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 4 September) - <https://youtu.be/z0C8Bj9-1hA>**



The Sacrament of the Eucharist



Dear parishioners,

Thank you for your prayers and support for our Communion candidates this year. Another year of Zoom lessons and we are becoming experts, especially the children!

We have 69 children preparing to make their 1st Holy Communion this year and have just finish Lesson 3. This is an amazing effort by the children and parents considering the uncertain times we are currently experiencing, along with home schooling and working from home. Well done everyone!

Our Sacramental & School teams are working together to ensure the children are well prepared and ready to receive this beautiful sacrament as soon as circumstances allow.

We ask for your continued prayers for our candidates, their parents and carers, and our parish team as we continue our journey in Faith with the children.

Fr Salas Muttathukattil MSFS & The Sacramental Team

Happy Father's Day

Dear Friends, 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 very difficult for many of you, and you are in my prayers. On this Father's Day, may I wish all fathers a very Happy Father's Day and all God's blessings. please see below a YouTube link for my message to all dads.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=adFHnvSKzNY>

God Bless You

Fr Salas Muttathukattil MSFS

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



Funeral at St Christopher's Church

For the Late David Khoury
Tuesday 7th September 2021



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: 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:

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

6th Sept St Bega
 7th Sept St Regina
 8th Sept The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 9th Sept St Peter Claver
 10th Sept St Finian
 11th Sept St Patiens of Lyon



Mass Intentions

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

Recently Deceased:

Maureen Endean, Paul Mifsud, David Khoury.

Anniversaries:

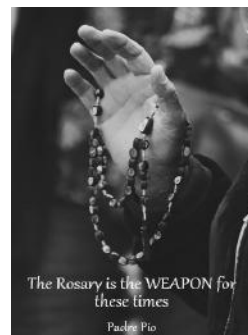
Antonio & Grazia Mesiti & Baby Grace Mesiti, Henry Byers, Brian O'Shea, George Cure', Anthony Coorey

General Intention:

Len Khoury, Tom Coorey & Nassar Bishara, Paul Burke, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Deceased members of Legion of Mary.

The Sick and Infirm:

Alacoque Welsh, Jean Gaston, AlacoTom 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

| 4th/5th Sept | Sat Vigil: 5.30pm | Sun 8am | Sun 9.30am | Sun 5pm | Other Ministries |
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| <i>Readers:</i> | | | | | <i>Communion to the Sick</i> |
| <i>Communion Ministers:</i> | | | | | <i>Counters:</i> |
| <i>Acolytes/Servers:</i> | | | | | |
| 11th/12th 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>Counters:</i> |
| <i>Acolytes/Servers:</i> | | | | | |

POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE - ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2021

| | 4th/5th Sept | | 11th/12th Sept | |
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| | Sat Vigil: 5.30pm | Sun: 9am | Sat Vigil: 5.30pm | Sun: 9am |
| <i>Acolytes/Servers:</i> | | | | |
| <i>Readers:</i> | | | | |
| <i>Communion Ministers:</i> | | | | |