



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



**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B**

**12th 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: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays

**Weddings** (by appointment)



## Gospel Reflection

### *Peter: earthquaked and then upside down*

Here in our Australian democracy we hardly feel the force of the famous gospel passage in which Jesus forewarns his disciples of the high cost of following him. We trivialise the meaning of taking up the cross to make it refer to bearing a chronic ailment, or putting up with a particularly irritating family member or work colleague: 'It/he/she is the cross I have to bear.'

No, our Lord was referring to the terrible reality which could be inflicted on his followers, as even happens today: the beheadings by ISIL in Iraq, the rape and enslavement of women in Nigeria, the displacement from homelands in Syria. The True Cross is not to be found in splinters of wood but in the various means by which suffering is inflicted on those whose allegiance to Jesus Christ does not waiver.

Peter could not, would not, grasp this. His head was full of political fantasy, easy sovereignty. Jesus rebuked Peter quite savagely: 'Satan, get behind me.' Only after the resurrection, believing that our Lord had conquered the worst that death could do, did Peter follow Jesus to crucifixion, upside down at the base of the Vatican Hill.

We could take a moment to pray for and, where possible, give appropriate political support to, our fellow Christians wherever they are persecuted, forced to bear the true cross of suffering. May God give those Christian martyrs victory in the embrace of the resurrection power of Jesus Christ.

*Fr Michael Tate*

### Our quote for the day



### 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, 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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📍 St Patrick's Catholic Church Revesby Heights

**St Christopher's Primary School**

☎ 02 9771-5492

**De La Salle College**

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## Entrance Antiphon

*Cf. Sir 36:18*

***Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,  
that your prophets be found true.  
Hear the prayers of your servant,  
and of your people Israel.***

you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.’

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

## 1st Reading

*Is 50:5-9*

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

The Lord has opened my ear.  
For my part, I made no resistance,  
neither did I turn away.  
I offered my back to those who struck me,  
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;  
I did not cover my face  
against insult and spittle.  
The Lord comes to my help,  
so that I am untouched by the insults.  
So, too, I set my face like flint;  
I know I shall not be shamed.  
My vindicator is here at hand.  
Does anyone start proceedings against me?  
Then let us go to court together.  
Who thinks he has a case against me?  
Let him approach me.  
The Lord is coming to my help,  
who dare condemn me?

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

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 114:1-6. 8-9. R. v.9*

***I will walk in the presence of the Lord,  
in the land of the living.***

## 2nd Reading

*Jas 2:14-18*

*A reading from the letter of St James*

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, ‘I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,’ without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.  
This is the way to talk to people of that kind: ‘You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to

## Gospel Acclamation

*Gal 6:14*

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
which crucifies the world to me and me to  
the world.  
Alleluia!***

## Gospel

*Mk 8:27-35*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, ‘Who do people say I am?’ And they told him. ‘John the Baptist,’ they said, ‘others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.’ ‘But you,’ he asked, ‘who do you say I am?’ Peter spoke up and said to him, ‘You are the Christ.’ And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, ‘Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God’s way but man’s.’

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, ‘If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.’

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

## Communion Antiphon

*Cf. Ps 35:8*

***How precious is your mercy, O God!  
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of  
your wings.***





## **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/](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 11 September) - <https://youtu.be/iVtIRn4cakQ>**



## **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**

## **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



## **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](mailto: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.

## **Counselling Support**

During this time of lockdown, the impacts of the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, physical distancing and isolation can make us feel anxious, stressed, and worried. St. Christopher's is pleased to announce that **Natalie Salameh**, who is currently undertaking her Masters in Counselling at the University of Notre Dame, is available for an online face-to-face confidential counselling session, if and when needed via ZOOM. Natalie's services are free of charge, as they are part of her Master's practicum, which she currently needs to graduate. She is more than happy to offer mental support during this difficult time. Please feel free to call her on 0424 658 851 or email [nsalameh85@gmail.com](mailto:nsalameh85@gmail.com)

## **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**



**St. Christopher's & St. Patrick's Parish Contacts**  
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**Parish Secretary:** Van Doan  
**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**

13th Sept St John Chrysostom  
 14th Sept Exultation of the Holy Cross  
 15th Sept Our Lady of Sorrows  
 16th Sept Sts Cornelius and Cyprian  
 17th Sept St Robert Bellarmine  
 18th Sept St Joseph of Cupertino



*Mass Intentions*

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

**Recently Deceased:**

Vic Azzopardi, Antonio Bonaddio, David Khoury, Maureen Edean, Paul Mifsud

**Anniversaries:**

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

**General Intention:**

John, Julia, Terrance, Vincent & Jean Hoad, Terrence & Julia Thomas, Bette & Ted Beard, Jenny Lentholt, Jenny & John Kirby, Jim & Helen Tracey, Len Khoury, Tom Coorey & Nassar Bishara, Paul Burke, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Deceased members of Legion of Mary.

**The Sick and Infirm:**

Eric Ellem, Alacoque Welsh, Tom Mullane, Jackie Loczi, 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 Tunnickliff, Pat Tindall, Val Edwards



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

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>					
18th/19th 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**

	11th/12th Sept		18th/19th Sept	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>				
<i>Readers:</i>				
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>				