



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes


TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B
26th 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

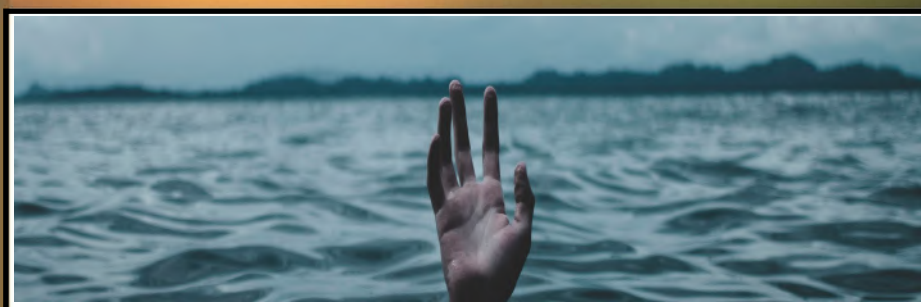
Exposition & Benediction
Tues: 6-7pm, **Thur:** 5-7pm **Sat:** after 9am Mass

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)


Gospel Reflection

Beyond the Boundaries

An easy way to deal with this Gospel: 'anyone who is not against us is for us,' would be to emphasise the transformation of the relationship of Catholics with Protestants. Too easy.

But what about our relationship with the Muslims? There is a huge gulf between Muslims and us about Jesus Christ. Muslims do not even believe that he was killed on the cross, let alone raised to life. We hold to the testimony and the faith of the Apostles.

But Catholics also believe that the Divine Wind blows where it pleases amongst all people of all religious traditions (and of none). In the early Church this was expressed by saying that the Seeds of the Word were sown by the Holy Spirit in the hearts of all human beings.

We need to recognise the Seed of the Word in Islam – our shared belief in the one God, Creator of the cosmos, Lord of history, merciful and just. The task of the Church is to bring that Seed closer to the illumination of Divine Light so that it may eventually grow in belief that God is indeed One in the loving relationship of Triune life.

The world is holding its breath over the encounter of the Catholic Church and Islam. There is a history of mutual violence and contemporary barbarities which are inhumane and blasphemous. But, in the face of indifference and hostility to religion, at least in the West, it is good to acknowledge what we share in common.

We may take a moment to pray for the grace to relate to those Muslims whom we know in our own society in light of our faith that the Divine Wind has sown and is nurturing the Seed of the Word amongst them.

Fr Michael Tate

Our quote for the day

"A sad saint is a sorry saint."

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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Entrance Antiphon

Dn 3:31,29,30,43,42

**All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty of
your mercy.**

1st Reading

Nm 11:25-29

A reading from the book of Numbers

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

2nd Reading

Jas 5:1-6

A reading from the letter of St James

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the

time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

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Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Acclamation

See Jn 17:17

**Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word, O Lord, is truth:
make us holy in the truth.
Alleluia!**

Gospel

Mk 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

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



Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 118:49-50

**Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.**



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.
- * Weddings are permitted, allowing for a maximum of five guests.
- * 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 25 September) - <https://youtu.be/vSTEn1HsUYE>**



Father James Duck RIP

It is with great sadness that we share with you that Fr James Duck, a much-loved member of the presbyterate of the Diocese of Broken Bay, passed away on Friday, 10 September at his home in North Ryde, aged 87. He was appointed as the first assistant priest at St Christopher's on the 17th December 1957. His funeral will take place at 10.00am at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara on Monday 27 September 2021. We give God thanks for Fr James Duck's long and fruitful ministry as a priest, and now commend him to Almighty God. "Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him."

Write to your local NSW MP to stop proposed euthanasia laws in our state.

Parishioners are encouraged to please contact your local NSW MP, expressing your opposition to the voluntary assisted dying bill, proposed by Independent MP Alex Greenwich. The anti-euthanasia coalition, HOPE has developed an online tool that will allow you to send an email directly to your state MP and to all members of the NSW Upper House. here: https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/petition_2108_ocp_nsw If parishioners do not wish to use an online tool, you can download a [a series of sample letters here](#), and [a letter writing guide here](#).

Charitable Works Fund Appeal: 26 September

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP is inviting Catholics across Sydney to donate what you can to support the Charitable Works Fund appeal.

The appeal helps support important works for the needy including Catholic Care, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry and hospital and prison chaplaincies.

Donations can be made online here:

<https://www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-cwf/>

You are invited to download and watch Archbishop Anthony's video message on social media:

[https://www.dropbox.com/s/](https://www.dropbox.com/s/re3r0vg8f3tqpn8/20210902_cwf_appeal_v.04.mp4?dl=0)

[re3r0vg8f3tqpn8/20210902_cwf_appeal_v.04.mp4?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/re3r0vg8f3tqpn8/20210902_cwf_appeal_v.04.mp4?dl=0)

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**



Congratulations & Welcome to Michael Hollis on your appointment as the Principal of De Las Salle College, Revesby Heights

Dear Parishioners and friends, it is a matter of great pleasure, and honour for me to announce appointment of Michael Hollis as the Principal of De La Salle College Revesby Heights, beginning at the start of Term 1, 2022.

Michael is currently the 7-10 Principal of All Saints Catholic College, Liverpool where he has demonstrated a deep commitment to making a difference in the lives of young people. I'm confident that Mr Michael, with his extensive experience, both in the classroom and in administration and his love of the Catholic faith will be a blessing for our college and parishes.

On behalf of the Parish Communities of St Patrick's and St Christopher's, I extend a warm welcome to Michael to our parish family.

Fr Salas Muttathukattil MSFS, PP.

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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

27th Sept St Vincent de Paul
 28th Sept Sts. Wenceslaus & Lawrence Ruiz and Companions
 29th Sept Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, archangels
 30th Sept St Jerome
 1st Oct St Therese of the Child Jesus
 2nd Oct The Holy Guardian Angels



Mass Intentions

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

Recently Deceased:

Fr James Duck, Tony Boland, Jackie Loczi, Jacob Fraydon, Vic Azzopardi, Antonio Bonaddio, David Khoury.

Anniversaries:

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

General Intention:

Jose Quintal, John, Julia, Terrance, Vincent & Jean Hoad, Terrence & Julia Thomas, Bette & Ted Beard, Jenny Lentholm, 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, 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

25th/26th 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>					
2nd/3rd Oct	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
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	25th/26th Sept		2nd/3rd Oct	
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<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>				
<i>Readers:</i>				
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>				