



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


**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B**
**3rd October 2021**
**St Christopher's Catholic Church**

233 Tower Street Panania NSW 2213

[www.stchristopherpanania.org.au](http://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

### *Counter-cultural on Marriage*

One of the differences between human beings is that between male and female. These distinctive ways of being human are surprisingly able to be integrated into a unity. In today's gospel, Our Lord is saying that when a man and a woman cleave to each other in faithful commitment, that is 'a Paradise moment' as they are incorporated into a new unity which paradoxically enhances the difference.

Same sex partners can, of course, bring many virtues and loving dimensions to their relationship: enduring friendship, care in troubled times, joy. But they cannot embody the celebration of difference in the way a heterosexual couple do in their new unity. That latter deserves its own title: Marriage.

Marriage is not a creation of the Church, but the Church celebrates this 'Paradisal' unity by way of Sacrament. What happens when that unity is fractured? Our Lord teaches: '... what God has united, man must not divide'. This was counter cultural in the Jewish and Roman societies of his day, as it is in the Australia of today.

But we all know of instances where the sad trauma of this dividing has occurred. Is the Church sufficiently a place where an injured party can find the healing presence of God? Can we have pastoral practices which give the 'medicine of immortality' to a wounded party within the communion of the Church?

We could pause a moment to pray for the Church to be a minister of grace to help hold men and women together in the gender-enhancing unity of marriage, and to be a minister of mercy when that unity is fractured.

*Fr Michael Tate*

### Our quote for the day

"The least of good deeds is pleasing to God"

*St Francis De Sales*

**St. Patrick's Catholic Church**

294 The River Road Revesby Heights NSW 2212

[www.stpatrickrevesbyheights.org.au](http://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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## Entrance Antiphon

*Cf. Est 4:17*

**Within your will, O Lord,  
all things are established,  
and there is none that can resist your will.  
For you have made all things,  
the heaven and the earth,  
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;  
you are the Lord of all.**

## 1st Reading

*Gen 2:18-24*

*A reading from the book of Genesis*

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

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



## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 127. R. v.5*

**May the Lord bless us  
all the days of our lives.**

## 2nd Reading

*Heb 2:9-11*

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who

would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

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

## Gospel Acclamation

*cf. 1 Jn 4:12*

**Alleluia, alleluia!  
If we love one another,  
God will live in us in perfect love.  
Alleluia!**

## Gospel

*Mk 10:2-16*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

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

## Communion Antiphon

*Lam 3:25*

**Remember The Lord is good to those who hope in  
him, to the soul that seeks him.**



## **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/](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 2nd October) - <https://youtu.be/9QXo3y-JRGc>**



### **St Patrick's & St Christopher's**

There will be a working bee to prepare the churches for reopening. It will be held on Saturday 16th Oct at 10.30am. Any volunteers would be much appreciated.

### **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](https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/petition_2108_ocp_nsw)

### **Mr Thomas Mullane- RIP**

It is with great sadness that we share with you that Thomas Mullane, a long-time parishioner of St Christopher's, passed away on Saturday, 25 September 2021 at the age of 75. Tom was born in 1945 grew up in Canterbury, went to school at St Mel's Campsie and St John's De La Salle Lakemba. Moved to Panania in 1961. He joined the CYO where he made many friends and played football, squash and basketball. He would help anyone who required it. He assisted Fr Landers with the wood panelling that was behind the original Altar. Tom married Patricia in 1975, they had three children who all attended St Christophers as now do their Grandchildren. A requiem mass in remembrance of Tom will be held at 10 am on Friday, 8 October at St Christopher's. Please use this link below to watch the funeral service <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=G75UxbYIcjk&feature=youtu.be>



### **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 year 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.



### **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

**Confirmation is upon us!!** In light of the restrictions we are still facing (although there is some welcomed light at the end of the tunnel), we have revised the Confirmation Programme as follows -

There is no Parent Preparation Evening this year.

**Enrolment** - Online enrolments will be opened on the 15th October, 2021. at St Christopher's Church website (<https://www.stchristopherpanania.org.au>)

#### **Zoom Lessons times:**

Lesson 1 - Tues 26th / Wed 27th October

Lesson 2 - Tues 2nd / Wed 3rd November

Lesson 3 - Tues 9th / Wed 10th November

Information regarding the Sacrament Mass times will be provided during the lessons.

As further updates come to hand, information will be communicated via the email address you provide when enrolling online. If you have any questions please contact Anne Maree on 0409 034 746

## St. Christopher's & St. Patrick's Parish Contacts

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**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

4th Oct St Francis of Assisi  
 5th Oct St Faustina Kowalska  
 6th Oct St Bruno  
 7th Oct Our Lady of the Rosary  
 8th Oct St Pelagia  
 9th Oct St Denis and Companions, St John Leonardi



## Mass Intentions

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

#### Recently Deceased:

Tom Mullane, Therese Cesar, Lucille, Fr James Duck, Tony Boland, Jackie Loczi, Jacob Fraydon.

#### Anniversaries:

Tom Byron, Maree O'Neill, 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, 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

2nd/3rd Oct	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>					
9th/10th Oct	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

	2nd/3rd Oct		9th/10th Oct	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>				
<i>Readers:</i>				
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>				