



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes


TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B
17th October 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

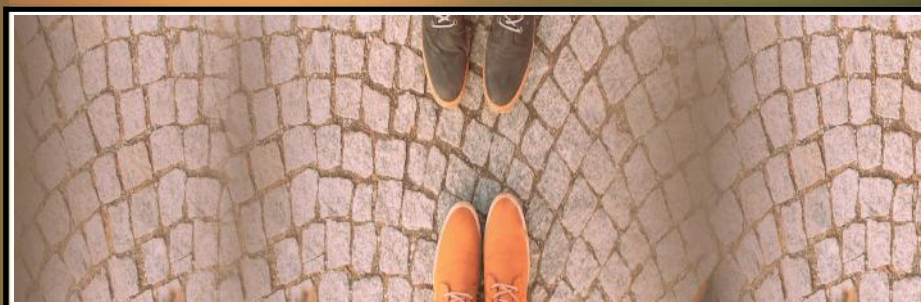
Exposition & Benediction
Tues: 6-7pm, **Thur:** 5-7pm **Sat:** after 9am Mass

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

Three Hummock Island

The sons of Zebedee expected Jesus to lead a Messianic revolt to throw off the yoke of imperial Rome. But they wanted to be part of a similar sort of power structure. They had not grasped that Jesus had come to turn that sort of society upside down.

However, over the centuries, the Church took on much of the trappings of power of imperial Rome. The popes governed much of Italy. Giuseppe Garibaldi was one of those generals who defeated the forces defending the Papal States, and in doing so actually liberated the papacy from its role as feudal overlord of much of Italy.

In the course of the campaign, when despondent, Garibaldi often reflected on the delightful time he spent on Three Hummock Island just off the coast of Tasmania. So we may say that the liberation of the papacy, enabling it to respond more clearly to today's Gospel, began in Tasmania!

Pope Francis embodies the spirit of today's Gospel. He rails against a Church exhibiting 'the leprosy of a feudal court'. Rather, he has said: 'I see the Church as a field hospital after battle. Heal the wounds, heal the wounds.' And in his actions he has shown himself as a true 'Servant of the servants of God' as Jesus commands in today's Gospel. We may pause for a moment to pray for Pope Francis that he may have the strength and time to persevere in his responding to today's Gospel so that the papacy may be truly liberated so as to practise a radically different way of exercising leadership in the Church and for the world.

Fr Michael Tate

Our quote for the day

"Love everyone with a great love, but have no friendship except for those that communicate with you in the things of virtue."

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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**To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.**

1st Reading*Is 53:10-11**A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering.

If he offers his life in atonement,
he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life
and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.
His soul's anguish over
he shall see the light and be content.
By his sufferings shall my servant justify many,
taking their faults on himself.



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

Responsorial Psalm*Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22*

**Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

2nd Reading*Heb 4:14-16**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

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

Gospel Acclamation*Mt 10:45*

**Alleluia, alleluia!
The Son of Man came to serve
and to give his life as a ransom for all.
Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him, 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them: 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.****Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*****Communion Antiphon***Cf. Ps 32:18-19*

**Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.**

A Prayer for 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



COVID UPDATE

- * Our **churches are still closed** and there will be **no public masses until the 80% vaccination threshold is reached.**
- * Churches may be opened for weddings and funerals, and for services restricted to those who are fully vaccinated. Whenever people gather in a place of worship, the **number permitted is according to the 4 sqm rule, and masks must be worn. Covid Check-in is also required** via the Service NSW App or a written record.
- * **If all those present are vaccinated,** the permitted number for weddings and funerals will be 100
- * **If some of those attending** a funeral or wedding are not vaccinated, then the ceremony must be “small” : maximum 5 at a wedding and 10 at a funeral.
- * More information is available on the Archdiocesan website below www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-frequently-asked-questions/.

Weekend livestream Mass. At 80% fully vaccinated, we will open our churches and ceremonies to everyone, regardless of vaccination status, with covid safe measures in place. Until then, please continue to 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 16 October) <https://youtu.be/ZvhpleekHn8>**



Update for Volunteers from the Safeguarding Office of the Archdiocese

Following our recent audit by the Safeguarding Office, we have been advised about a few changes to the list of volunteers who require a Working With Children Check (WWCC). The Safeguarding Office has made these changes after consultation with the Office of the Children's Guardian.

Volunteers who **MUST** have a WWCC are Sacramental Coordinators, Sacramental Group Leaders, Catechists, Children's Liturgy Coordinators, Children's Choir Ministry Leaders, Acolytes and Senior Altar Servers, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Wardens/Collectors. Volunteers in these roles who do not have a WWCC or those whose WWCC have expired cannot be engaged in child related work.

Those volunteers who **no longer require** a WWCC are Cleaners, Choir members, Musicians, Piety Stall, Flower arrangers, Hospitality, Welcomers, Altar Linen, Legion of Mary. We thank everyone for their cooperation in going through the process of obtaining a WWCC and hopefully this updated information is helpful.

Volunteers who have a WWCC need to renew it before expiry date and you should receive an email reminder from the NSW Office of the Children's Guardian. Some of you will have received an email notifying you of an extension to the expiry date due to the pandemic. Could you please notify us via email once you have renewed your WWCC. The email set up for Safeguarding matters for both St Christophers and St Patricks is safeguardingstcpanania@gmail.com

It is also a requirement of the Safeguarding Office that all volunteers who are required to have a WWCC also need to complete Safeguarding Induction Training. This training can be done online and is very quick and simple. The link for the training is: <https://forms.gle/9ebT3voEAtfP7P8R9>

In order to register for training, you will need to provide an email address. Volunteers who work in Sydney Catholic Schools will need to use their personal email address and not their work email to do this online training. Once you have completed the training, you will receive a Certificate to verify training is complete. If anyone is worried about completing this training online, we will offer a training session in the near future. Please let us know if you would prefer this.

Thank you:

A BIG thank you to everyone who came to our working bee on Saturday 16 October to prepare the churches for reopening, very much appreciated.

Lay Formation Course "Foundations of Missionary Leadership"

The Archdiocese of Sydney is offering a "Foundations of Missionary Leadership Course" with the Areté Centre of Missionary Leadership. This outstanding year-long course takes a whole-of-person approach to formation, offering theological, spiritual, human and practical formation in missionary leadership. It is undertaken principally online and on a part-time basis. For more about the course, please visit <https://aretecentre.org/courses>. The parish would like to nominate two parishioners for this course. Those of you who wish to take advantage of this opportunity and apply, if interest please contact the parish office ASAP on 9774 3662



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

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

Zoom Lesson 1: Tues 26th / Wed 27th Oct

Information regarding the Sacrament Mass times will be provided during the lessons. If you have any questions please contact Anne Maree on 0409 034 746

NOVEMBER ALL SOULS MASS

The parish is organising for those parishioners who passed over the last 12 month to contact the parish with details and photos. We intend to have a power point presentation at the Mass. Send information through our email stcpanania@hotmail.com

Funeral at St Christopher's Church

For the Late Geoffrey Hardy
10am on Friday 22nd October 2021



St. Christopher's & St. Patrick's Parish Contacts
Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9.00am-3.00pm
Address: 237 Tower Street, Panania
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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
Parish Safeguarding Officer: Jeanette Carroll

St. Patrick's Church

Parish Pastoral Council:

Chairperson: Chris Russell
Secretary: Pat Nolan

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Secretary: Pat Nolan
Parish Safeguarding Officer: Siobhan Van Den Nieuwenhuizen

Saint of the day

18th Oct St Luke, evangelist
19th Oct St Paul of the Cross
20th Oct St Andrew of Crete
21st Oct St Hilarion
22nd Oct St John Paul II, pope
23rd Oct St John Capistrani



Mass Intentions

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

Recently Deceased:

Geoff Hardy, Laura Stace, Mark Bogoni, Tom Saffioti, Tom Mullane, Linda Yasbek, Frances Farrell & Peter Kennedy, Jack Shrume.

Anniversaries:

Margaret Nobbs, Anthony Coorey, Clara Young, Pam Quinn, Antonio Gaveran JR

General Intention:

Rita Agustin, Crisogone Bartolo JR, Jose, Joselite and Josefino Andan, Colin Cross, Fr Colin Mason, Pat Togher, Mick Samuels, Bett Pacey, Fr Brian Conaghan, Ella Moon Peggy Harris & Stephen Paine, Thelma McDermott, Sandra Young, Paul & Jason Wilson, Irene Feros, Mary McPherson, Sam & Evelyn Newton, Nellie & Bobby Hayes, Aussie Smith, George Gapps, Jim Ross Mark Mallia & Henry Ross, Paul Burke, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Deceased members of Legion of Mary.

The Sick and Infirm:

Eric Ellem, Alacoque Welsh, Jo Grosvenor, 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 Rodrigues, Suzanne Moig, Junior Zoran Stojanovski, Pat Tunnicliff, Pat Tindall, Val Edwards

Call for urgent assistance to counter expected Euthanasia Bill

Dear friends,

As you may already know, Archbishop Anthony Fisher is encouraging us to actively oppose the expected tabling of a Euthanasia Bill by Alex Greenwich MP:

"Sadly we expect a bill to be tabled in the NSW Parliament this Thursday, allowing for euthanasia in our state. These terrible laws will target our most vulnerable and we know that in every jurisdiction where these laws have been passed, they are expanded to those who are not terminally ill, to also cover the chronically ill, disabled or even with mental health problems, to children and to others."

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.noethanasia.org.au/petition_2108_ocp_nsw

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



Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police.

Alternatively, you can contact the safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office (02)9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.