



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes



THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

31st 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)

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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Gospel Reflection

The Dual Command

Jesus does not command us to love 'God' in the abstract. Teaching Jew to Jew he says: 'You shall love the Lord your God' – the Lord who had rescued the Jewish people from slavery. So, commanding a love which responds to an initiative of Divine Love.

Why wouldn't one respond 'heart, mind, strength, soul' in gratitude for the gift of life itself, for some particular person or incident, for the beauty and grandeur of nature, for rescue from some situation which seemed to engulf us? And if the Lord God loved you in such a way, why wouldn't you love yourself?

Then you can properly 'Love your neighbour as yourself'. There is nothing sentimental in his teaching from Leviticus 19:18 and the preceding verses. Jesus was pointing to the system of social justice which looked after the poor and which did not exploit workers. It is up to us as global citizens of the 21st century to recognise as 'neighbours' those beyond our borders and to love them in the practical 'Levitical' way.

Fulfilling the Dual Command, we guard against the extremes of religious piety or social activism and become Christian humanists loving God and neighbour.

We might pause a moment to pray in responsive gratitude to the Lord God, and to commit ourselves to loving our neighbour, hoping to hear the words of Jesus Christ: 'You are not far from the Kingdom of God.'

Fr Michael Tate

Our quote for the day

"Our miseries and weaknesses must not scare us, because the Lord has seen much greater ones"

St Francis De Sales

**Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;
be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation!**

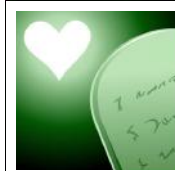
**Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them
and we will come to them.
Alleluia!**

1st Reading*Dt 6:2-6**A reading from the book of Deuteronomy*

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

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

**Responsorial Psalm***Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R.v.2****I love you Lord, my strength.*****2nd Reading***Heb 7:23-28**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

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Thanks be to God.*

Gospel*Mk 12:28-34**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

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

Communion Antiphon*Cf. Ps 15:11*

***You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.***

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

- * Churches across the Archdiocese of Sydney are now open . The number permitted is according to the 4 sqm rule, with the exception of people from the same household and masks must be worn.
- * Covid Check-in is also required via the Service NSW App or a written record.
- * **If those attending weddings and funerals are all vaccinated** no person limit.
- * **Those not vaccinated** that attend funeral or wedding , 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/.

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.

Welcome Back !

Blessings to you all, it is wonderful to be back in the church together again, celebrating as a community of believers. We look forward to many celebrations in the coming weeks as life returns to normal.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Zoom Lesson 2: Tues 2nd / Wed 3rd November
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

ALL SAINTS DAY MASS: Monday, 1st NOV

St Christopher’s : 9.15AM

St Patrick’s: 8AM

All Saints' Day, also called All Hallows' Day, Halloween, or Feast of All Saints, in the Christian church, a day commemorating all the saints of the church, both known and unknown.



ALL SOULS DAY MASSES: Tuesday, 2nd NOV

St Christopher’s : 9.15AM & 7PM

St Patrick’s: 8AM

All Souls Day is a holy day set aside for honouring the dead and prayers are said for the souls in purgatory and all those who have entered eternal rest



Funeral at St Christopher’s Church

For the Late Helen Connolly

At 11.30am on Tuesday 2nd November 2021

Goodbye to Mr Wahab

Our St Christopher's Principal, Mr Jamie Wahab will conclude his tenure at the end of this year. Jamie has been a dedicated leader in our community, welcoming students, parents and staff and fostering strong educational outcomes while creating a nurturing and inclusive pastoral environment. He will be very much missed by all who have worked alongside him for the past 6 years. We wish him the very best as he embarks on his new role as Principal at Sacred Heart Mona Vale and every blessing in his future endeavours. The parish will farewell Jamie at 9.30am Mass on Sunday December 12th, more details in the coming weeks.



Parish Pastoral Council Meeting (St Christopher’s)

Next Thursday NOVEMBER 4TH at 7pm at the PARISH CENTRE

Say NO to the Euthanasia Bill with Monica Doumit

NSW Independent MP Alex Greenwich tabled his euthanasia bill in parliament last week. It is more critical than ever for parishioners to act now and voice their opposition to the proposed bill. 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. The tool is available here:

https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/petition_2108_ocp_nsw

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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
 Parish Safeguarding Officer: Jeanette Carroll

St. Patrick's Church

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Saint of the day

1st Nov Solemnity of All Saints
 2nd Nov All Souls day
 3rd Nov St Martin de Porres
 4th Nov St Charles Borromeo
 5th Nov Sts Zechariah and Elizabeth
 6th Nov St Leonard of Noblac



Mass Intentions

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

Recently Deceased:

Helen Connelly, Don Khoury, Thomas Mullane, Geoff Hardy, Laura Stace, Mark Bogoni, Tom Saffioti, Linda Yasbek

Anniversaries:

Michael & Francis Young, Giuse Nghi & Giuse Dung Hoang, Thomas Conway. Sydney Israel, Rosa Hoang, Joseph Dao, Maria Pham, Dominic My & Fr Joseph Dao, Roger Brown, Margaret Nobbs, Anthony Coorey, Clara Young, Pam Quinn, Antonio Gaveran JR

General Intention:

Anna Nhieu, Mickatina Azzopardi & Evelyn Jones, Maria Tinh Nguyen, Jose Quintal, Thanksgiving & All Souls, Rod Ellery, Gerald & Sybil Pereira and the deceased members of the Brown, Pereira, Rosario & Arango families, 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:

John Esther, 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 Rodriques, Suzanne Moig, Junior Zoran Stojanovski, Pat Tunnicliff, Pat Tindall, Val Edwards

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKEND ROSTERS 2021

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30th/31st Oct	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	
<i>Readers:</i>	Alan Tuohy Ron Woods	Natalie Salameh George Elias	Michael Dumlao Gabriela Bietresato	Volunteers	<i>Communion to the Sick</i> Magdalene Vetter Kathleen Healy
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Barbara Tesoriero Jeanette Carroll	Magdalene Vetter Kathleen Healy	Norma Coorey Valasie Zimmerman	Stephanie Siaoosi Maasina Tuala	<i>Counters:</i> John Tesoriero Brian Mack
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	Alan Freeman	Jeff Giltinan	Ruben Nool	John Tesoriero	
6th/7th Nov	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
<i>Readers:</i>	Volunteer	John Coates Stephanie Siaoosi	Sam Coorey Anne Weeks	Julie Nugent Tanya Nguyen	<i>Communion to the Sick</i> Megan Perez, Norma Coorey, Margaret Yasbek
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Di Hennessy Josephine Jones	Megan Perez Norma Coorey	Jacqueline Bull Terese Jones	Volunteer Rebecca Lee	<i>Counters:</i> Stephanie Siaso John Tesoriero
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	John Tesoriero	Jon D'Astoli	Richard Hurst	Dennis Lister	

ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2021

	30th/31st Oct		6th/7th Nov	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	Chris Russell	Jason Saputra	Chris Russell	Ray Dagher
<i>Readers:</i>	Siobhan Nieuwhuizen Wanieta Young	DLS Student DLS Student	Sean McKenna Garry Solway	Pat Nolan Dawn Poole
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Alison Simler Barbara Sherry	Margaret Marriot Cathy Moussa	Sue Chant Elena Salgueira	May Coorey Joan Jones



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.