



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



**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B**

**7th November 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)

**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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## Gospel Reflection

### *The Widow's Mite*

This is the most commonly misunderstood passage in the Gospels. It is usually read in a 'pat on the back' tone of voice, commending the widow for her generosity. But it should be read with the tone of white hot anger which Jesus had displayed against the money dealers whom he expelled from the temple only days earlier.

This vulnerable widow was exploited and brainwashed by the scribes and temple authorities so that she gave 'all she had to live on'. She was left destitute, unable to afford the necessities of life.

On the contrary, Jesus wanted to create a band of followers who would look after widows and orphans. Look at Acts 4:32-37 to see that in operation. In fact, deacons were created in the early Church precisely to care for non-Jewish widows.

The message for the Church from this Gospel story is that it must never exploit the religious fervour of the poor to build up its own resources. Pope Francis is emphasising that the flow must be the other way if we are to be authentic Christians.

We could pause a moment to pray that, imitating the earliest Christian communities, our parish practises true concern for the marginalised and vulnerable, ensuring that they have all the necessities of life in all its dimensions.

*Fr Michael Tate*

### Our quote for the day



## Entrance Antiphon

*Cf. Ps 87:3*

**Let my prayer come into your presence.  
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.**

## 1st Reading

*1 Kgs 17:10-16*

*A reading from the first book of the Kings*

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives', she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,  
jug of oil shall not be emptied,  
before the day when the Lord sends  
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

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

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 145:7-10. R.v.2*

**Praise the Lord, my soul!**

## 2nd Reading

*Heb 9:24-28*

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and

after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

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

## Gospel Acclamation

*Mt 5:3*

**Alleluia, alleluia!  
Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.  
Alleluia!**

## Gospel

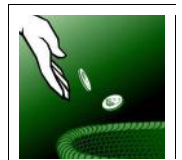
*Mk 12:38-44*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

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



## Communion Antiphon

*Cf. Ps 22:1-2*

**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.**



## **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/](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-frequently-asked-questions/).

## **Update for Volunteers from the Safeguarding Office of the Archdiocese**

The Archdiocesan Safeguarding Office has made changes to the list of volunteers who need to have a Working With Children Check. We have been advised that the ONLY 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. 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.

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. Could you please email this to [safeguardingstpanania@gmail.com](mailto:safeguardingstpanania@gmail.com). 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.

## ***SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION***

**Last Zoom Lesson:** Tues 9th/ Wed 10th Nov

**Retreat day:** Friday 12th Nov

**CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION:**

**Saturday 13th November 2021 - 11am**

**Sunday 14th November 2021 - 11am & 2.30 pm**

If you have any questions please contact Anne Maree on 0409 034 746



## **Priest’ Retirement Foundation Appeal**

**PRIESTS’ RETIREMENT FOUNDATION** This Appeal is happen next weekend 13th/14th Nov to support our sick & retirement priests and to give them a life of relative comfort and dignity in retirement .

## **St Patrick’s Announcement**

Approval for the lease of 300 The River Road Revesby Heights has been given to The Catholic Vietnamese Community of Sydney by the Most Rev Anthony Fisher, Archbishop of Sydney. Once the lease has been created by the Chancery, work will commence to accommodate the Vietnamese Community and hopefully join the parish community early 2022.

## **BAPTISM**

St Christopher’s & St Patrick’s Parishes welcome the families of those being baptised this weekend: Marcus Reitano, Chloe Buchanan and Nina Borg



Let us keep the children and their family in our prayers

## **Home Visitation**

Those who cannot come to Church and wish to receive Holy Communion or a priest to visit, please contact the Parish Office 9774 3662

## **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.



## **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



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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  
 Parish Safeguarding Officer: Jeanette Carroll

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**Parish Pastoral Council:**

Chairperson: Chris Russell  
 Secretary: Pat Nolan

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**Saint of the day**

8th Nov St Godfrey of Amiens  
 9th Nov Dedication of the Lateran Basilica  
 10th Nov St Leo the Great  
 11th Nov St Martin of Tours  
 12th Nov St Josephat  
 13th Nov St Frances Xavier Cabrini



*Mass Intentions*

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

**Recently Deceased:**

Deacon Owen Rogers, Helen Connelly, Don Khoury, Thomas Mullane, Laura Stace.

**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, Clara Young ,

**General Intention:**

June Zoelfel & families, 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, Paul Burke, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Deceased members of Legion of Mary.

**The Sick and Infirm:**

Therese Nasser & John Coorey, Denis Kovc, 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**

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>Counters:</i> Stephanie Siaso John Tesoriero
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Di Hennessy Josephine Jones	Megan Perez Norma Coorey	Volunteer Terese Jones	Volunteer Rebecca Lee	
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	John Tesoriero	Jon D'Astoli	Richard Hurst	Dennis Lister	
13th/14th Nov	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
<i>Readers:</i>	Ron Woods Sue Bracken	Steve Darcy Carolyn Ford	George Elias Pauline O'shea	Rebecca Lee Bridget Weeks	<i>Communion to the Sick</i> Josephine Jones, Ann-Maree Darcy, Ellen Russell  <i>Counters:</i> Jeanette Carroll, Maureen Singleton
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Jeanette Carroll Carla Tesoriero	Ann-Maree Darcy Josephine Jones	Louise Anderson Bernadette Saleme	Volunteers Stephanie Siaoosi	
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	Alan Freeman	John Coates	Tony O'Shea	Cheryl Beaver	

**ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2021**

	6th/7th Nov		13th/14th Nov	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	Chris Russell	Ray Dagher	Chris	Jason
<i>Readers:</i>	Sean McKenna Garry Solway	Pat Nolan Dawn Poole	Marge Salone Barbara Sherry	Yvonne Toleafoa Volunteer
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Sue Chant Elena Salgueira	May Coorey Joan Jones	Alison Simler Barbara Sherry	Madeleine Pizzuti Cathy Moussa



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](mailto: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.