



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C

28th November 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 Coming of our Saviour

Sometimes our own lives, the life of the Church, the life of societies and nations cry out for Our Lord Jesus Christ to come again right now and rescue us right now.

In some instances we can become conscious of Jesus' saving, transforming power in a particular situation. But, for the whole of humanity across the millennia, we do not know the day or the hour when death and all its warriors such as disease and violence, will be absolutely vanquished by Christ in glory.

This can lead to a type of pain which finds solace in all those things which dull the spirit. Our Lord gives examples: debauchery, drunkenness. Today he might have added 'living in the virtual world'. Rather, Our Lord wants us to live in the real world on high alert.

In the meantime each one of us can be a signal of what is to come. Each time we exhaust ourselves heroically loving someone whom others might abandon, each time we take a risk because we cry out against injustice, and in a myriad other ways, we signal that the Kingdom is already being established on earth.

We could pause for a moment to pray for the strength to be on high alert for the opportunities to translate the legacy of Jesus into our own time and place, thus giving reasons to each other for our faith and hope that Christ has come, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Fr Michael Tate

Our quote for the day



Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 24:1-3

Gospel Acclamation

Mk 11:9, 10

**To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!**

1st Reading

Jer 33:14-16

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

‘In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.’

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14. R. v.1

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

2nd Reading

1 Thes 3:12 – 4:2

A reading from first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

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



Gospel

Lk 21:25-28. 34-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’

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

Communion Antiphon

Ps 84:13

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

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 open to all people regardless of vaccination status . The number permitted is according to the 2sqm rule, with the exception of people from the same household.
- * Masks must be worn while inside a church.
- * 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 11 at a wedding and 10 at a funeral.
- * Vaccinated members of the congregation are permitted to sing, but masks must still be worn.
- * More information is available on 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>. Catechists have already completed this through CCD so do not have to do this again.

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 safeguardingstcpanania@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.



First Holy communion Masses

St Christopher’s Church

Saturday 4th December: 11am & 2.30pm

Sunday 5th December : 11am & 2.30pm

St Patrick’s church

Sunday 5th December : 9am

Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to Rob and Terese Jones for completing wonderful 50 years of togetherness and bliss on 20 November 2021. May God shower you with joy and love for the rest of your life. Happy Anniversary



BAPTISM

St Christopher’s & St Patrick’s Parishes welcome the families of those being baptised this weekend:

Teigan & Cameron Nuske,

Liam Benny Varghese and Molly Pickering

Let us keep the children and their family in our prayers

Welcome to Matthew Lukaszewicz : who will be with us until Christmas. He is a senior seminarian who is looking forward to experiencing parish life. Please make him welcome.

St Patrick’s church - Exposition & Benediction

Every 1st Friday of the month at 7.30am - 8am



CWF Parish Appeal

The next Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Parish Appeal will be held next weekend. Your generous donations will help those most vulnerable in Sydney, with crisis pregnancy support, telecare counselling, support for the deaf and hard of hearing, pastoral support for our Aboriginal communities, and care for children needing foster care, among many other things.

Appeal envelopes will be provided for your use so please keep an eyes out for them! You can also make adoration and find out more at www.ourfairhourworks.org/cwf

Volunteers Christmas Party

‘Save the Date!’ If you are a volunteer in any of our St. Christopher’s and St. Patrick’s parish ministries, you are invited to a Christmas gathering on Wednesday night, 15th December, starting with 6pm Mass, followed by a celebration supper.

More details and RSVP information next week.



St. Christopher's & St. Patrick's Parish Contacts
Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9.00am-3.00pm
Address: 237 Tower Street, Panania
Phone: (02) 9774 3662

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

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 Secretary: Pat Nolan

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Saint of the day

29th Nov St Radbod
 30th Nov St Andrew, apostle
 1st Dec St Edmund Campion and Companions
 2nd Dec St Bibiana
 3rd Dec St Francis Xavier
 4th Dec St John Damascene



Mass Intentions

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

Recently Deceased:

Milanka Stanisaljevic, Maureen Ulrich, Marya Butorac, Joseph Vinh Pham, Glenn Dumlao, Thomas Mullane, Fr Daniel Dib, John Coorey, Hikmat Shina

Anniversaries:

Eizabeth & Nick Panagiotakis, Marisa Petrak, Fr Barry Nobbs, Diago Cilibro, Anthony Khoury & Tom Coorey, Michael & Francis Young,

General Intention:

Crispin Venal Senior, Corona, Wilfredo and Virgilio Venal, Angelita Villafuerte, Maria Cristina Venal Deleon, Maria and Candido Valenzuela, Emilia Escalante, Tony Castro & Juanita Trewin, Therese Boukaram, Tom & Tamam Coorey, Jose Quintal, Paul Burke, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Deceased members of Legion of Mary.

The Sick and Infirm:

Martin Hannagan, Sam Law, Therese Nasser, Denis Kovc, John Esther, Eric Ellem, Alacoque Welsh, Jo Grosvenor, Dawn Poole, Jim O'Neill, 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



ST. CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKEND ROSTERS 2021

27th/28th Nov	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
<i>Readers:</i>	Louise Harvey Mary Young	Natalie Salameh George Elias	Gabriela Bietresato Sam Coorey	Michelle Ryan Volunteer	<i>Communion to the Sick</i> Magdalene Vetter Ellen Russell Gabi Bietresato
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Frank O'Brien Di Hennessy	Magdalene Vetter Ellen Russell	Norma Verjoustinsky Stephanie Siaoasi	Anne Maree Morris Volunteer	<i>Counters:</i> John Tesoriero Sam Coorey
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	Alan Freeman	John Coates	Lisa Kerry	Cheryl Beaver	Other Ministries
4th/5th Dec	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
<i>Readers:</i>	Volunteer Chris Tran	John Coates Stephanie Siaoasi	Sam Coorey Anne Weeks	Julie Nugent Tanya Nguyen	<i>Communion to the Sick</i> Megan Perez Josephine Jones Margaret Yasbek
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Di Hennessy Frank O'Brien	Megan Perez Jeff Giltinan	Jacqueline Bull Terese Jones	Volunteer Rebecca Lee	<i>Counters:</i> Philip Weeks Arturo Alibrandi
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	John Tesoriero	Jon D'Astoli	Richard Hurst	Dennis Lister	

ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2021

	27th/28th Nov		4th/5th Dec	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	Chris	Ray	Chris	Ray
<i>Readers:</i>	Siobhan Nieuwhuizen Wanieta Young	Pat Nolan Dawn Poole	Sean McKenna Garry Solway	Volunteers
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Alison Simler Barbara Sherry	Madeleine Pizzuti 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.