



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes


NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C
7th August 2022
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

 7:30 am - 8am, 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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St Christopher's Primary School

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De La Salle College

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With Grateful Heart..... Fr. Bhaskar Mendam

Feeling grateful and hiding it, is like wrapping a gift but not giving it. Today, my feeling of gratitude knows no end. I am grateful to you all my dear loving parishioners wholeheartedly. The honour, the love, and the devotion you paid to me are of great worth. Today I am heavy at heart. I have been working here for three years. I do not know how much I was able to satisfy you all with my prayerful life but you made me to be happy and joyful. Today I am grateful to all of you for giving me such a beautiful life through your motherly, fatherly, brotherly and sisterly care. I am here to articulate My feelings and emotions in the form of thanks.

First and foremost, I would like to thank the Almighty God, who has created me and left me in this garden of St. Christopher's and St. Patrick's Church with plenty of freedom except for eating from the tree at the centre. For my good luck God did not expel me from this garden. If God did not inspire me, definitely, I would not be what I am. So, I thank the Almighty ever powerful God for guiding me in my way of life and protecting me from all sorts of dangers and leading me for the smooth conduct of this parish's activities.

I would specially like to thank and acknowledge Fr. Salas, the parish priest. You have always been a constant companion in my journey and have shared with me our joys and sorrows, the ups and downs, the good times, and bad times. I could always lean on you, when I stumble. Laugh with you, when I am lonely. You have always been very encouraging and supportive and I could easily approach you. I know that these two words of thank you are quite inadequate to express my feelings for you. But still a big thank you for making these three years a memorable one.

I gratefully remember our Parish staff, the Parish Pastoral Council members, the Principals, the Vice Principals, REC, and all the Staff of St. Christopher's Primary School and De La Salle College and the students and those who exercised ministry with me at the Altar such as Acolytes, Reader, Communion Ministers, Sacramental coordinators, Choir groups, altar servers and decorators and all the volunteers for your support and cooperation that I received. Your friendly approach and openness made me feel at home to be open and feel free in my interactions with you in the parish. Thank you very much for spending your most valuable time with me and helping me to learn about this parish's life. May God continue to shower his blessings upon you, help you to be a light for the world and lead you all to glory.

I am really moved by the simplicity of our parishioners of St. Christopher's and St. Patrick's. You my dear parishioners are so humble and simple that I could easily approach you. You have manifested your love for me and I am the witness. You are always there to support me and encourage me. It is because of your understanding and accepting me with all my weaknesses, I could do all the activities in the parish.

One day Brain asked the Heart "why are you sending messages to so many persons who are not sending you?" Heart said to Brain "You need messages but I need relations." This is what I have learnt from you all to build up healthy and life-giving relationships with everyone and wherever I go. So, I assure you dear parishioners, that I will put into practice at least some of the learning's which I gained from you all. Dear parishioners, be assured that your account has been successfully recharged with my love, my wishes, my happiness, my gratitude, and my prayers. Thank you very much for your love and support and for all that you are to me. Please pray for me. May, Mary our mother inspire us, and guide us lovingly on our journey home to the father.

To those of you who like to keep contact with me. You are free to do so through my Indian Mobile and WhatsApp No: +91 9440 767 205,

Email Id: frbhaskar@gmail.com and [Facebook ID: Mendam Bhaskar](https://www.facebook.com/MendamBhaskar)

With Love and prayerful wishes

Fr. Bhaskar Mendam, m.s.f.s.

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 73:20,19,22,23

**Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.**

1st Reading

Wis 18:6-9

A reading from the book of Wisdom

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

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

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R. v.12*

**Happy the people the Lord has chosen
to be his own.**

2nd Reading

Heb 11:1-2, 8-12

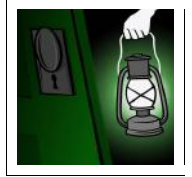
A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she

believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.



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Gospel Acclamation

Mt 24:42. 44

**Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
You know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!**

Gospel

Lk 12:35-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

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

Communion Antiphon

Ps 147:12,14

**O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.**

Special Feast Day Masses

For the Feast of St. Mary of the Cross Mackillop (Monday 8th August) and the Feast of the Assumption (Monday 15th August), Mass will be celebrated at St. Patrick's at 8am and St. Christopher's at 9:15am. As the Feast of the Assumption is a Holy Day of Obligation, we as Catholics, are expected to attend Mass at some stage during the day so we encourage you to attend Mass if you're capable of doing so.

COVID-19 Prayer resources

The Archdiocese of Sydney website has a dedicated page of prayer resources including links to popular podcasts in this time of pandemic. You'll find the webpage at this





Recently, our parish community celebrated its Platinum Jubilee with a beautiful Mass celebrated by Archbishop Anthony Fisher, followed by a morning tea in the school hall. We would like to thank everyone who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make the day run smoothly. The Archbishop expressed how impressed he was by the community of St. Christopher's Panania!



Thank You Fr Bhaskar

Over the next two weeks, St. Christopher's and St. Patrick's will farewell Fr. Bhaskar who will be returning to India on 15th August. Since Fr. Bhaskar came to our Parish in 2019, he has been a pillar of faith to our community, has done amazing work with our school children and inspired them to live out their faith each and every day. We thank Fr. Bhaskar for his service to our parish communities and we wish him all the best in the future.



There will be a morning tea for Fr. Bhaskar after the 9:30am Mass this Sunday, 7th August at St. Christopher's and after the 9am Mass on Sunday, 14th August at St. Patrick's. All are welcome!

Volunteers Needed - St Patrick's

Next Sunday, 14th August, we will be having a morning tea at St. Patrick's after the 9am Mass to farewell Fr. Bhaskar. We are in need of volunteers to organise this. If you are available to help, please contact the Parish Office: 9774 3662.

Archdiocesan Parish Renewal Conference

The Covid-19 Pandemic has made it hard for us, as Catholics, to keep our faith alive. The Archdiocese of Sydney is running a Parish Renewal Conference at St. Mary's Cathedral Precinct on Friday, 19th August from 6-9pm and Saturday, 20th August from 9am-5:15pm at a cost of \$25 per person.

The purpose of this conference is to renew us all in the Church's mission of evangelisation and to provide us all with the practical skills we need through formation. If you're interested in attending, please register at www.gomakedisciples.org.au/prc22 by **Sunday 14th August 2022**.



SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

HOLY COMMUNION

Enrolment: the online enrolment form will be available on the weekend 6th/7th August.

Lessons 1,2 & 3 will be on Zoom

Lesson 1: Tuesday 16th & Wednesday 17th August

Lesson 2: Tuesday 23rd & Wednesday 24th August

Lesson 3: Tuesday 30th & Wednesday 31st August

Lesson 4 will be at St Christopher's church

Tuesday 7th & Wednesday 9th September

CWF August Parish Appeal

The next Charitable works Fund (CWF) August Appeal is happening this weekend and we need your help. Our six ministries are all working hard at ensuring the most vulnerable in our communities receive the support they need. The devastation of the two years has especially taken its toll on the unemployed, the homeless, those with mental health concerns and broken families. Appeal envelopes are available on the pews. You can also learn more and donate securely: www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf. **Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.**

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THE YOUTH ARE COMING!

We are exploring ways to connect the youth to our parish communities and we want your help! We would like to hear from all children and young people from Year 5 all the way to university on what they want to happen in our community. Please complete this questionnaire: <https://forms.gle/tux6n5ixXLi2SGPy7>. We look forward to hearing your ideas. Any questions or concerns, please contact Ben via Parish Office: 9774 3662 or stcpministry@gmail.com

Care And Concern

We are looking to revive a Care and Concern team within the St. Christopher's and St. Patrick's Parish communities. This ministry will involve phone calls and visits to those in our community who may be unwell or homebound. Sometimes, all a person needs is a nice phone call, someone to have a cup of tea with or simply to be prayed for and our 'Care and Concern' team will be there to provide this. If you would be interested in joining this ministry, please contact Ben via stcpministry@gmail.com or phone 9774 3662

If you, or someone you know, is in need of a call, visit or prayer, please complete a Visitation and Prayer Request Form which you will find on the table in the Church foyer and place it in the box provided and the Parish will be in contact.

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

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: Roza Bulic
 Secretary: Pat Nolan

Parish Finance Committee

Chairperson: John Tesoriero

Secretary: Pat Nolan

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Siobhan Van Den Nieuwenhuizen

COMING EVENTS

Monday 8th Aug: Feast of St. Mary of the Cross Mackillop

Monday 15th August: Feast of the Assumption

Mass: 8am at St Patrick's
 9.15am at St Christopher's



Mass Intentions

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

Recently Deceased:

Paudie Mullane, Peter Man, Frank Ellis, Anh Pham, Maureen Kelly, Sr Geraldine Kiss & Gail Higgins.

Anniversaries:

Henry Byers, Maria Pham & Dominico Tran, John Byron, Michael Samuel, Ted Nash, Shelah Wormleaton, Thelma McDermott, Wences Laus Anthony, Akash Anthony, Maria Doan, Patricia Togher, Valerie Donoghue.

General Intention:

Therese Boukaram, Tom & Tamam Coorey, Anna Nhieu, Peter Man, Vilma Boruta, Victor Azzopardi, Jose Quintal, Roger Brown, Rob Ellery, Deceased members of Brown, Pereira, D'Souza, Arango & Rosario families, Rusty Lopez, Paul Burke, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Deceased members of Legion of Mary.

The Sick and Infirm:

John Esther, Rosanne Sukkar, Marlene Ronan, Bill & Dina Papadopoulos Alana Boruta, Mcloughlin & Gillfeathers families, Geordan Smith, Margaret O'Donnell, Kathleen Mulligan, Tom Bradley, Luke Brady, Marie & Owen McLoughlin, Tim Burke, Alma Tahan, Martin Hannagan, Sam Law, Therese Nasser, Denis Kovc, John Esther, Alacoque Welsh, Jim O'Neill, Giuseppe Iacono, Anne Coome, Sira Raveane, Bernadette Lawrance, Kerry & Russ, Stephen Sinclair, Chris Burke, Vincent Doan, Olive Gaynor, Mary Israel, Rudolf Rodrigues, Suzanne Moig, Junior Zoran Stojanovski, Pat Tunnicliff, Pat Tindall.

ST CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKEND ROSTERS 2022

6th/7th Aug	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
<i>Readers:</i>	Chris Tran Volunteer	Ron Woods Stephanie Siaosi	Sam Coorey Volunteer	Julie Nugent Tanya Nguyen	<i>Communion to the Sick</i> Megan Perez Norma Coorey Ellen Russell
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Volunteer Josephine Jones	Ellen Russell Jeff Giltinan	Jacqueline Bull Terese Jones	Gabi Bietresato Rebecca Lee	<i>Counters:</i> Stephanie Siaosi John Tesoriero
<i>Acolytes/Servers</i>	John Tesoriero	Jon D'Astoli	Richard Hurst	Dennis Lister	Other Ministries
13th/14th Aug	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
<i>Readers:</i>	Sue Bracken Volunteer	Steve Darcy Carolyn Ford	Mary Chan Pauline O'Shea	Volunteers Tanya Nguyen	<i>Communion to the Sick</i> Margaret Yasbek Josephine Jones Ann-Maree Darcy
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Jeanette Carroll Barbara Tesoriero	Margaret Yasbek Ann-Maree Darcy	Norma Verjoustinsky Bernadette Saleme	Volunteer Stephanie Siaosi	<i>Counters:</i> Jeanette Carroll Maureen Singleton
<i>Acolytes/Servers</i>	John Tesoriero	Volunteer	Tony O'Shea	Cheryl Beaver	

ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2022

	6th/7th Aug		13th/14th Aug	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	Chris	Ray	Chris	Kevin
<i>Readers:</i>	Marge Salone Barbara Sherry	Tess Hughes Madeleine Pizzuti	Siobhan Van Den Nieuwenhuizen Wanieta Young	Lynda Cameron Mary Cameron
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Alison Simler Barbara Sherry	Madeleine Pizzuti Cathy Moussa	Sue Chant Elena Salgueira	May Coorey Joan Jones
<i>Counters:</i>		Elena Salgueira Charlie Howard		Maree and Phillip Carr



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.