



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

14th 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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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,

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With Love and prayerful wishes

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

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 83:10-11

***Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.***

has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

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

1st Reading

Jer 38:4-6. 8-10

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 39:2-4. 18. R. v.14

Lord, come to my aid!

2nd Reading

Heb 12:1-4

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and from now on

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 10:27

***Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!***

Gospel

Lk 12:49-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

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



Communion Antiphon

Ps 129:7

***With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.***

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 address: www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/prayer-resources-for-the-coronavirus-pandemic/.



Thank You Fr Bhaskar

This week 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 9am Mass on Sunday, 14th August. All are welcome!

Welcome Fr. Ravi!



This weekend, we welcome Fr. Ravi who is visiting from the Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes, to assist within our Parish Communities for the next few months. Fr. Ravi is looking forward to meeting the communities of St. Christopher's and St. Patrick's.

A few words from Fr. Ravi:

I was trained for the priesthood in Melbourne from 2013-2018. In Broken Hill, I was ordained a priest on 19th October 2020 in the Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes. Currently, I am serving as the Parish Administrator of Bourke and Brewarrina remote parishes as well as the Vocations Director for the Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes. I am delighted to be coming to your parish communities for three months as requested and arranged by Bishop Columba. I look forward to meeting the faithful in the parish communities through my pastoral ministry.

CWF August Parish Appeal—Thank You

On behalf of this parish, we sincerely thank you for supporting the Charitable works Fund (CWF) August Appeal Through your generous gift, we are able to continue in our mission to provide care for the most vulnerable in our community through our CWF agencies and ministries, and to promote the good works of our faith in our seminaries, school and universities. For more information, please visit:

www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf.

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 (with School) & 7pm. 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.

Statue of Our Lady

Would you like to take Our Lady home to pray and receive blessings with your friends and family? Please fill in the sheet near the Statue. Delivery of the statue can be arranged if needed. Contact Josephine 0418 405 402





SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

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

Youth Committee

We are looking for volunteers who would be interested in getting involved in youth ministry within the St. Patrick's and St. Christopher's Parish Communities. If you are interested in being part of our new Youth Committee which will centre around helping to organise youth events within the parish communities and eventually establishing a youth group, please contact Ben via stcpministry@gmail.com or Parish Office: 9774 3662

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.

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**.

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St. Christopher's Church

Parish Pastoral Council

Chairperson: Anne Weeks
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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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COMING EVENTS

Monday 15th August: Feast of the Assumption
 Mass: 8am at St Patrick's
 9.15am & 7pm at St Christopher's



Mass Intentions

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

Recently Deceased:

Von Byatt, Fay Cook, Joseph Van Pham, David Latham, Olive Gaynor, Paudie Mullane, Peter Man, Frank Ellis, Anh Pham, Maureen Kelly.

Anniversaries:

Brian O'Shea, Catherine Anne, Catherine Therese & Denis Joseph Buchanan, Frank Esther, Jesus Syquia, Trevor Gonsalves, Colleen Woods, Henry Byers, Harry Smith, Frank Easter, Maria Pham & Dominico Tran, Wences Laus Anthony.

General Intention:

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

The Sick and Infirm:

Giovanna Iacono, Clare Rogerson, John Esther, Rosanne Sukkar, 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, , Mary Israel, Rudolf Rodriques, Suzanne Moig, Junior Zoran Stojanovski, Pat Tunnicliff, Pat Tindall.

ST CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKEND ROSTERS 2022

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13th/14th Aug	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	
<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 Siaoisi	
<i>Acolytes/Servers</i>	John Tesoriero	Volunteer	Tony O'Shea	Cheryl Beaver	<i>Counters:</i> Jeanette Carroll Maureen Singleton
20th/21st Aug	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
<i>Readers:</i>	Gabrielle Innes Louise Anderson	Maureen Singleton Tanya Nguyen	Lea De Angelis Andrew Mills	Anita & Josie Hanna	<i>Communion to the Sick</i> Terese Jones Gabi Bietresato Norma Coorey
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Barbara Tesoriero David Raish	Terese Jones Gabi Bietresato	Magdalene Vetter Margaret Yasbek	Volunteer Nazira Hanna	
<i>Acolytes/Servers</i>	John Tesoriero	Andrew Mills	Ruben Nool	Ryan Romero	<i>Counters:</i> George Elias Dennis Lister

ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2022

	13th/14th Aug		20th/21st Aug	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	Chris	Kevin	Chris	Ray
<i>Readers:</i>	Siobhan Van Den Nieuwenhuizen Wanieta Young	Lynda Cameron Mary Cameron	Sean McKenna Volunteer	Cathy Moussa Roza Bulic
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Sue Chant Elena Salgueira	May Coorey Joan Jones	Alison Simler Barbara Sherry	Madeleine Pizzuti Cathy Moussa
<i>Counters:</i>		Maree and Phillip Carr		Maureen Sherry, Brian Quinn



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.