



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B - 25th April 2021



Gospel Reflection

Spiritual Drink

We are too familiar with today's gospel. Christ is the vine and we are the branches, sometimes in need of a good pruning. But God's purpose is not to produce a perfect vineyard. It is to produce a full-bodied wine at the end of history.

There is a foretaste of this at every Mass. The wine we offer – 'fruit of the earth and work of human hands' – becomes the spiritual drink which best serves the purpose of our Heavenly Father. How does this happen?

For the Jewish people observing an animal whose throat is cut, it is obvious that the life drains out with the blood. 'Life' and 'blood' became synonyms. So, when the Jewish Jesus says of the wine in the chalice at the Last Supper: 'This is my blood', amongst other things he is saying: 'This is my life force, this is my very life given unreservedly for you.'

So, when we drink from the chalice at Holy Communion, the life of the Risen Lord courses through our bodies just as the sap of the vine courses through its branches. We share the same ultimate vitality so that our bodily existence builds into the Body of Christ. He becomes truly 'full-bodied' as the Divine Vignerone desires.

We could take a moment to pray that we respond to the pruning and the tending and the pressing by our Heavenly Father so as to contribute our distinctive character to the vintage at the end of history, the spiritual drink of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Fr Michael Tate



Our quote for the day

"True Progress quietly and persistently moves along without notice"

St Francis De Sales

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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Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 97:1-2

***O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.***

1st Reading

Acts 9:26-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

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

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 21:26-28. 30-32. R. v.26*

***I will praise you, Lord,
in the assembly of your people.***

2nd Reading

Jn 3:18-24

A reading from the first letter of St John

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind

of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 15:4-5

***Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!***

Gospel

Jn 15:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.

Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.

As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it.

It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

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



Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 15:1,5

***I am the true vine and you are the branches, says
the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him,
bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.***



Important Notice

- * Please sign-in using the QR code or the sign-in sheet
 - * Please wait until the priest has left the altar before sanitising your area.
- Many thanks for your ongoing cooperation with this.

Urgent Reminder for Volunteers regarding Safeguarding of Children: (St Christopher's & St Patrick's)

Please make sure that you have returned your completed Volunteer Registration – Acceptance Form and the Code of Conduct for Working With Children to either the Parish Office or the Sacristy **by 9th May**.

Please also ensure you have a current Working With Children Check (WWCC). This is easy to obtain and is free and is **mandatory for all volunteers**. To obtain or renew your WWCC go to the website:

<https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-check>

Please email your WWC number and Date of Birth to: safeguardingstcpanania@gmail.com

This email address has been set up to specifically deal with Safeguarding matters for our Parishes.

CWF CWF May Appeal

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) May Appeal is happening this weekend and we need your help. COVID-19 has taken an especial toll on the most vulnerable in Sydney – including those now facing homelessness, single mothers, those struggling with mental health, and our local Aboriginal communities.

Appeal envelopes are available on the pews. You can also make a donation and find out more at www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

Mother's Day Celebrations - Weekend 8/9 May St Christopher's

Please bring a flower to Mass on Mother's day, in honour of your Mother. We will have a special morning tea after 9.30am Mass. All welcome.



St Patrick's

As in previous years please help celebrate Mother's Day in a special way, why not bring a small something which can help others in need? Parishioners are invited to bring new toiletries, underwear, warm clothing or whatever to Saturday evening or Sunday morning mass (weekend 8/9 May). Before mass you are invited to bring up and leave the items at the altar as a reminder of your mothers. After the weekend, goods will then be given to local support groups to distribute to women in real need.

Planned Giving

If you are a Planned Giver and have not collected your envelopes from last year, Please advise the office if you wish to continue or discontinue.

If you would like to be a part of the Plan Giving, please complete the forms available in the Church foyer.

Thank you for your support and generosity.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Children in Year 3 or above who have received the Sacrament of Baptism are invited to make their Reconciliation this year. Once completing Reconciliation they are able to make their Communion in the following term.



Parent Preparation Evening: Wed 12th May at 7.00pm in St. Christopher's Church. All parents wishing to have their child make their Reconciliation must attend this evening. Important information regarding the programme will be provided at this meeting.

Enrolment: the online enrolment form will be available on the weekend 15th/16th May.

Commitment Weekend: 22nd/23rd May at both parishes during all Masses. This is a compulsory part of the Reconciliation Programme.

Reconciliation Lessons: Lessons commence the week beginning the 24th May for four consecutive weeks.

Celebration of the Sacrament: to be celebrated at St. Christopher's Church. There are 3 sacrament times available -Tuesday 22 June at 5.00pm;Wednesday 23rd June and Thursday 24th June at 7.00pm

Special Intention for people in India

You may not be aware that 1 in 30 Australian citizens has Indian Heritage.

At this difficult time we pray especially for our Indian brothers and sisters suffering so greatly from the impact of Covid 19.

We ask for the protection and intercession of Our Lady Help of Christians in their hour of need.

May God look upon all those who are ill, whom we now remember in a special way. In the midst of illness and pain, may they be united with Christ, who heals both body and soul. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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St. Christopher's Church

Parish Pastoral Council

Chairperson: Anne Weeks
 Secretary: Dympna Paterson

Parish Finance Committee

Chairperson: John Tesoriero
 Secretary:

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Jeanette Carroll

St. Patrick's Church

Parish Pastoral Council:

Chairperson: Chris Russell
 Secretary: Pat Nolan

Parish Finance Committee

Chairperson: John Tesoriero
 Secretary: Pat Nolan

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Siobhan Van Den Nieuwenhuizen

BAPTISM

St Christopher's & St Patrick's Parishes welcome the families of those being baptised this weekend:
 Archie & Jack Duggan, Indy Byrom, Maya Nguyen
 Let us keep the children & their families in our prayers



Mass Intentions

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

Recently Deceased:

Therese Boukaram, Kathleen Latham, Maria Tran Minh Nhut, John Goodwin, Margaret Kennedy

Anniversaries:

John Foley, Marie Fricot, Danny & Silvia Armour, Dominic Uyen Doan, Walter Scerai, Dave Young, Danny Bryce, Margaret Staines, Kevin Weeks, Noel Staines, Anthony Bova, Bob & Cath Davis, William Moulden, Thomas McLoughlin, Fr Patrick McAuliffe, Bernard McDermott, Margaret Graham, John Holohan & Arthur Lindsay Smith,

General Intention:

Monica Christensen, Veronica Taylor & Stan Zemanck, Hanna, Mansour & Crowe families, Patrick O'connell, Bill & Mollie Purdy, Bill & Molly Lowe & Shirley Holland Bernard Togher, Brown & togher families, John Bay Tran, Stephen Hill, Jose Joao Quintal, Deceased members of Carr & Davis Families, Angela McLoughlin, Ray Parry, Fili Tafunai (birthday), Chris Porter, Nazira Tahhan, Holy Souls, Paul Burke, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Deceased members of Legion of Mary.

The Sick and Infirm:

Anne Coome, Sira Raveane, Bernadette Lawrance, Helen Dawson, Kerry & Russ, Stephen Sinclair, Chris Burke, Vincent Doan, Marie McLoughlin, Olive Gaynor, Mary Israel, Rudolf Rodrigues, Suzanne Moig, Junior Zoran Stojanovski, Pat Tunncliffe, Pat Tindall, Val Edwards

Funeral at St Christopher's Church

For the Late Therese Boukaram
 10.30am on Thursday 30 April 2021

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKEND ROSTERS 2021

1st /2nd May	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm
<i>Readers:</i>	Volunteer Patrick McDermott	John Coates Stephanie Siaoosi	Sam Coorey Anne Weeks	Julie Nugent Tanya Nguyen
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Di Hennessy Josephine Jones	Megan Perez Norma Coorey	Jacqueline Bull Terese Jones	Lauren Smith Rebecca Lee
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	John Tesoriero	Jon D'Astoli	Richard Hurst	Dennis Lister
8th/9th May	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm
<i>Readers:</i>	Ron Woods Sue Bracken	Steve Darcy Carolyn Ford	George Elias Pauline O'shea	Rebecca Lee Bridget Weeks
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Jeanette Carroll Carla Tesoriero	Ann-Maree Darcy Josephine Jones	Bernadette Saleme Norma Verjoustinsky	Stephanie Siaoosi Maasina Tuala
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	Alan Freeman	John Coates	Tony O'Shea	Cheryl Beaver

ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2021

	1st /2nd May		8th/9th May	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	Chris	Kevin	Chris	Ray
<i>Readers:</i>	Marge Salone Barbara Sherry	Pat Nolan Dawn Poole	Marie Carr Liam Carr	Yvonne Toleafoa Camilla Toleafoa
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Sue Chant Elena Salgueira	May Coorey Joan Jones	Alison Simler Barbara Sherry	Madeleine Pizzuti Cathy Moussa