



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



**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B**

**19th September 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)



## Gospel Reflection

### *Marginal people*

Jesus was well aware of the constant temptation for the leaders amongst his followers to be conditioned by the surrounding social and political structures. So, when he became aware that his disciples were disputing 'who is the greatest', he decided to teach them a lesson by engaging in some counter-cultural street theatre.

Jesus saw a young boy on the edge of the crowd and beckoned him into the middle of his group of disciples. This was not because of some sentimental idea that all kids are little innocents, but because in his society, children were absolutely at the bottom of the social scale. Jesus moved an utter nobody from the margins of society to the centre, challenging his disciples to change their perspective.

This challenge is made to all of us. We must identify those on the margins, some of whom we have quite literally dis-located like indigenous communities or asylum seekers, and bring them into the centre of our concern. There may be pain, personal and social, in changing perspective.

We might pause for a moment to pray for a new way of seeing, for perseverance in re-locating someone in the centre of our concerns, for the graceful insight that in welcoming that person we have welcomed Christ.

*Fr Michael Tate*

### Our quote for the day

**“Love**

**is**

**the perfection of penance.”**



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*St Francis De Sales*

### **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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📍 St Patrick's Catholic Church Revesby Heights

**St Christopher's Primary School**

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☎ 02 9773-7196

## Entrance Antiphon

***I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.  
Should they cry to me in any distress,  
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.***

## 1st Reading

*Wis 2:12, 17-20*

*A reading from the book of Wisdom*

The godless say to themselves,  
'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he  
annoys us and opposes our way of life,  
reproaches us for our breaches of the law  
and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.  
Let us see if what he says is true,  
let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.  
If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part  
and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.  
Let us test him with cruelty and with torture,  
and thus explore this gentleness of his  
and put his endurance to the proof.  
Let us condemn him to a shameful death  
since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

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

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6*

***The Lord upholds my life.***

## 2nd Reading

*Jas 3:16 – 4:3*

*A reading from the letter of St James*

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness. Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

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Thanks be to God.*

## Gospel Acclamation

*See 2 Thes 2:14*

***Alleluia, alleluia!  
God has called us with the gospel  
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Alleluia!***

## Gospel

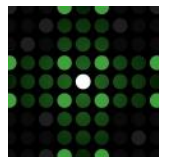
*Mk 9:30-37*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

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



## Communion Antiphon

*Ps 118:4-5*

***You have laid down your precepts  
to be carefully kept;  
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.***

## **Prayer Resources during time of Pandemic**

The Archdiocese of Sydney has a dedicated webpage with prayers and scriptural reflections to help nurture your faith during these difficult times. You'll find the webpage below:  
<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/prayer-resources-for-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>



## COVID UPDATE

- \* All churches across greater Sydney are closed until further notice, under a NSW Government lockdown aimed at containing the spread of COVID-19.
- \* Funerals may proceed at this time, with a maximum of 10 people in the congregation.
- \* More information is available on the Archdiocesan website below  
[www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-frequently-asked-questions/](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-frequently-asked-questions/).

**Weekend livestream Mass.** This will be the only livestream to cover all masses over the weekend so please join us virtually to offer your prayers and intentions in unity with the parish. If you cannot join us live at 5:30pm on Saturday, feel free to access the recording any time over the weekend. The link will be made available on our YouTube channel and parish Facebook page of both St Christopher's & St Patrick's. **Please click on the link below to watch the livestream of the mass from St Christopher's (available to access from 5.30pm, Saturday 18 September) - [https://youtu.be/TGieZsSE-\\_g](https://youtu.be/TGieZsSE-_g)**



### 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



### Counselling Support

During this time of lockdown, the impacts of the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, physical distancing and isolation can make us feel anxious, stressed, and worried. St. Christopher's is pleased to announce that **Natalie Salameh**, who is currently undertaking her Masters in Counselling at the University of Notre Dame, is available for an online face-to-face confidential counselling session, if and when needed via ZOOM. Natalie's services are free of charge, as they are part of her Master's practicum, which she currently needs to graduate. She is more than happy to offer mental support during this difficult time. Please feel free to call her on 0424 658 851 or email [nsalameh85@gmail.com](mailto:nsalameh85@gmail.com)

### 2021 Tax receipts & 2022 Envelopes

Tax Receipts for the 2020/21 Financial year are available to be emailed. Due to the present situation the Parish office is not open so they are unable to be collected. Please email the parish office: [stcpanania@hotmail.com](mailto:stcpanania@hotmail.com) if you need assistance. You can contribute via the website or credit card if you are unable to collect your envelopes. Your ongoing generosity is vital to support the wellbeing and maintenance of our parishes. Grateful thanks for your continued support, Fr. Salas.

### Donations to the Parish

Donation to the Parish can be made by using Bpoint service on our website :

**St Christopher's** : [www.stchristopherpanania.org.au/](http://www.stchristopherpanania.org.au/)

**St Patrick's**: [www.stpatrickrevesbyheights.org.au/](http://www.stpatrickrevesbyheights.org.au/)


alternatively by scanning the QR code given below.

Thank you for your kind generosity.

**St Christopher's  
Parish Panania**

**St Patrick's  
Parish Revesby Heights**



 Dear Fr Bhaskar, as you celebrate your birthday ( 20 September ) we would like to Wish you a birthday filled with God's Blessings, and thank God for the gift of your faith-filled life, and pray that Holy Spirit will strengthen you as you serve the church, and God will bless you abundantly with Good Health and happiness forever. Have a Blessed Birthday



### The Archbishop of Sydney Award for 2021 Excellence Student

The Archbishop's Award for Student Excellence for 2021 has been awarded to Stephen Georgakopoulos. And we are incredibly proud of him and his contributions to our De La Salle College and to the Parish of St Patrick's, Revesby Heights. His modest and gentle nature is highly valued and he exemplifies resilience to overcome significant challenges through his generosity of heart. Stephen is an exceptional man of quiet faith and humbly proclaims the Gospel by his life. We congratulate and wish him all the very best.

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**Pastoral Care:** Norma Coorey

**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

**Saint of the day**

20th Sept Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions  
 21st Sept St Matthew, apostle  
 22nd Sept St Maurice and Companions  
 23rd Sept St Pius of Pietrelcina  
 24th Sept Our Lady of Mercy  
 25th Sept St Albert of Jerusalem



*Mass Intentions*

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

**Recently Deceased:**

Jacob Fraydon, Vic Azzopardi, Antonio Bonaddio, David Khoury, Maureen Endean, Paul Mifsud.

**Anniversaries:**

Clare Bradley, Anne Wheatley, Antonio & Grazia Mesiti & Baby Grace Mesiti, Henry Byers, Brian O'Shea, George Cure', Anthony Coorey

**General Intention:**

John, Julia, Terrance, Vincent & Jean Hoad, Terrence & Julia Thomas, Bette & Ted Beard, Jenny Lentholt, Jenny & John Kirby, Jim & Helen Tracey, Len Khoury, Tom Coorey & Nassar Bishara, Paul Burke, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Deceased members of Legion of Mary.

**The Sick and Infirm:**

Eric Ellem, Alacoque Welsh, Tom Mullane, Jackie Loczi, Jo Grosvenor, John Esther, 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



**POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE - ST. CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKEND ROSTERS 2021**

18th/19th Sept	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
<i>Readers:</i>					<i>Communion to the Sick</i>
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>					<i>Counters:</i>
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>					
25th/26th Sept	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
<i>Readers:</i>					<i>Communion to the Sick</i>
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>					<i>Counters:</i>
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>					

**POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE - ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2021**

	18th/19th Sept		25th/26th Sept	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>				
<i>Readers:</i>				
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>				