



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

4th September 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



Gospel Reflection

Hate your father

I am told that, in most Middle Eastern languages, there is no word for 'prefer'. Perhaps influenced by extremes of heat and cold, the vocabulary of 'love' and 'hate' is used instead. No one can imagine Jesus 'hating' Joseph, but he clearly gave preference to his mission, even as a precocious 12 year old in the Temple.

In today's Gospel, Jesus was preparing his followers, imminently and over the generations, for persecution. This would include real-life situations of families denouncing a son or daughter, or a brother turning over a brother to the authorities.

Imagine a Chinese Catholic hearing this Gospel this morning, and this afternoon being betrayed by family members for remaining loyal to the successor of St Peter. Jesus exhorts such a follower to prefer this cross over what the family considers politically correct.

We could pause for a moment to pray for all families, torn apart for allegiance to Jesus in His Church, that they may be re-united in the peace of the Risen Lord.

Fr Michael Tate

Quote of the day

"For no one can enter Heaven with the goods of another.., reputation is the best."

St Francis De Sales



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St Christopher's Primary School

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De La Salle College

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Entrance Antiphon

Ps 118:137, 124

***You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your
merciful love.***

1st Reading

Wis 9:13-18

A reading from the book of Wisdom

What man can know the intentions of God?
Who can divine the will of the Lord?
The reasonings of mortals are unsure
and our intentions unstable;
for a perishable body presses down the soul,
and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.
It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,
laborious to know what lies within our reach;
who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?
As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you
not granted Wisdom
and sent your holy spirit from above?
Thus have the paths of those on earth been
straightened and men been taught what pleases you,
and saved, by Wisdom.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

2nd Reading

Phlm 9-10, 12-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a

slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Ps 118:135

***Alleluia, alleluia!
Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.
Alleluia!***

Gospel

Lk 14:25-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

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



Communion Antiphon

Jn 8:12

***I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.***



Happy Father's Day

We wish all Father's, Grandfather's and father figures within our parish communities, a Happy Father's Day!!

Heavenly Father,

We give You thanks and praise for father's, young and old.

We pray that they may find courage and perseverance, through the ups and downs of fatherhood, to carry out their vocation with love, joy and compassion.

We remember fathers, grandfathers and father figures who are no longer with us, who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen

Parish Census

We are in the process of updating our parish records. To assist us with this, we kindly request all parishioners to complete a Parish Census Form via the following link: <https://forms.gle/81sx1hzScM8P1F2d8>. Hard copies are available in the Church Foyer which you can complete and hand in to the Parish Office.

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FOUNDATION APPEAL 2022

This weekend marks the start of The Priests' Retirement Foundation Appeal. Your generous donations support our sick & retired priests, providing them with appropriate accommodation and assistance in transitioning to retirement, Medical care, Pastoral and other practical support - to give them a life of relative comfort and dignity in retirement. To donate, visit www.ourfaithworks.org/prf or scan the QR code.



Congratulations:

Earlier this year the Safeguarding Office of the Archdiocese ran a competition for children inviting them to help create images that reflect celebrating differences within the community. Congratulations to Sybella Carney from St Christopher's Parish who has been awarded a Certificate of Participation for participating in the competition.

Safeguarding Sunday, 11 September

This week the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney celebrated National Child Protection Week for the sixth year in a row, and today, the week culminates with the celebration of Safeguarding Sunday. The celebration of this past week, leading up to Safeguarding Sunday, has provided us with an opportunity to reflect on how we celebrate and embrace differences within our community. To help us reflect, the Safeguarding Office has developed a new resource for Children; the *Celebrating Differences – We are all special Activity Book*.

These resources can be accessed on the Safeguarding website: <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection/>

Statue of Our Lady - St Christopher's

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

Lesson 4 will be at St Christopher's

Wednesday 7th & Thursday 8th Sept
6.30pm

Retreat Day: St Christopher's school ground & church
Friday 9th September 9am - 3pm

Celebration:

St Christopher's church

Saturday 10th Sept: 11am & 5.30pm

Sunday 11th Sept: 9.30am, 11.30am & 2.30pm

St Patrick's church

Sunday 18th Sept: 9am

Contact: Anne Maree Morris after 5pm - 0409 034 746

Congratulations

Our Parishes would like to congratulate Callum Hussein (De La Salle, Revesby Heights) and Angelica Jardim (Mount St Joseph, Milperra) on being awarded the Archbishop of Sydney Award for Student Excellence 2022 which recognises the positive contributions to the school and faith communities of one Year 12 student in each of our Catholic schools.

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

HSC Mass and Supper

On Saturday, 8th October at 5:30pm at St. Patrick's, we will be having our inaugural HSC Mass and Supper as a way for our parish communities to show our support for our Year 12 students, preparing for their HSC exams. Each student will receive a small gift and a blessing during the Mass, followed by a supper and fellowship. We invite all Year 12 students and their families. We encourage the parish communities of St. Patrick's and St. Christopher's to come along and join us!! We ask that anyone in Year 12 who would like to attend, please register at: <https://forms.gle/Z6vpsLktZWbPnUU16>

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Ben via the Parish Office: 9774 3662

St Patrick's Father's Day 2022 Celebrations

As in previous years, help us to celebrate Father's Day in a special way. Why not bring a small something which reminds you of your father or just for those in need? Parishioners are asked to bring brand new "Socks, Jocks or Hankies", toiletries, beanies, blankets or whatever, to the Saturday evening or Sunday morning mass weekend 3rd/4th September. Before Mass parishioners are invited to bring up and leave their items at the altar as a reminder of their fathers. After the weekend, these items will then be given to a local organisation to distribute to those who are in need or homeless. Your gifts will be greatly appreciated.

St. Christopher's & St. Patrick's Parish Contacts
Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9.00am-3.00pm
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Parish Secretary: Van Doan
Parish Manager: John Tesoriero
Sac. Co-ordinator: Anne Maree Morris
Pastoral Care: Norma Coorey
Liturgy and Ministry Coordinator: Benjamin Woolf

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

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Secretary: Pat Nolan

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Siobhan Van Den Nieuwenhuizen

COMING EVENTS

4th Sept : Father's day
 3rd/4th Sept: Priests' Retirement Appeal
 Wed 7th Sept @ 7pm: St Christopher's PPC meeting



Mass Intentions

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

Recently Deceased:

Therese Pinto, Edgardo Bunyi, Tim Burke, Maria Anh Nguyen, Ofelia Bartolo, Clare Rogerson, Victoriano Legleva & John Bo Vu, Moussa Trad, Jessie Gray, Louise Peake, Ken Arledge & Tom Elliott, Fay Cook, Joseph Van Pham.

Anniversaries:

Paul Mifsud, Jim Young, Rufina Gonsalves, June Zoelfel, Joseph Vu, David Khoury, Pat Togher, Fr Colin Mason, Irene Feros, Jim Ross, Mary McPherson, Paul & Jason Wilson,

General Intention:

Lazer Fernandez, Dominic Doan, Anna Nhieu, Hanna, Mansour families, Jack Southwell, Francis Constable, Thomas Mullane, Simon Tan, Joseph & Veroniva Ritchie Alf Pandoleon, Thomas, Sr Francois, Edward Bacon, Ysave Tien, Victor Azzopardi, Zoelfel family, Jose Quintal, John Azzopardi, Peter Man, Vilma Boruta, Rusty Lopez, Paul Burke, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Deceased members of Legion of Mary.

The Sick and Infirm:

Maria Koh, Marie Solway, Margaret Duffy, Giovanna Iacono, 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, Alma Tahan, Martin Hannagan, Sam Law, Therese Nasser, Denis Kovc, 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

3rd/4th Sept	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
<i>Readers:</i>	Chris Tran Volunteer	Ron Woods Stephanie Siaoasi	Sam Coorey Volunteer	Julie Nugent Tanya Nguyen	<i>Communion to the Sick</i> Josephine Jones Norma Coorey Ellen Russell
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Caroline Khouri Josephine Jones	Josephine Jones Ellen Russell	Jacqueline Bull Terese Jones	Gabi Bietresato Rebecca Lee	
<i>Acolytes/Servers</i>	John Tesoriero	Jon D'astoli	Richard Hurst	Dennis Lister	
10th/11th Sept	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> Megan Perez Margaret Yasbek Terese Jones
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Jeanette Carroll Volunteer	Margaret Yasbek Terese Jones	Norma Verjoustinsky Bernadette Saleme	Volunteer Stephanie Siaoasi	
<i>Acolytes/Servers</i>	John Tesoriero	Volunteer	Tony O'Shea	Cheryl Beaver	
<i>Counters:</i> Philip Weeks John Tesoriero					
<i>Other Ministries</i> John Tesoriero Brian Mack					

ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2022

	3rd/4th Sept		10th/11th Sept	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	Chris	Kevin	Chris	Ray
<i>Readers:</i>	Marie Carr Liam Carr	Pat Nolan Dawn Poole	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		Bill Woods 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.