

# St Christopher's & St Patrick's

# Catholic Parishes



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: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

Bhaskar Mendam MSFS



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# St Christopher's Primary School

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# PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR B - 23rd MAY 2021



# **Gospel Reflection**

# **Divine Energy and being Catholic**

The term 'Holy Ghost' is an unfortunate rendering of 'Holy Gust', the divine wind, the breath of God, the Holy Spirit which can come into the lives of individuals and communities, sometimes as the merest whisper of a breeze, sometimes at gale force.

This is what happened at Pentecost. St Luke, writing the Acts of the Apostles, grasps for imagery to portray the force of the Holy Spirit's descending on Mary and Peter and other disciples. This divine flaming Gust cleared away the undergrowth of timidity and anxiety imprisoning those disciples in the upper room. Then they became like seed pods germinating in the ashes, allowing a new community to take root, a community where barriers of language, ethnicity and race were overcome.

The primary task of St Peter, then as now, is to present the Resurrection in a way understandable by people of every language group around the world. Everything else his successor does is secondary to his preaching 'the marvels of God'. Pope Francis is doing this by word and deed.

We could take a moment to pray for forgiveness for the wind

breaks which we, individually and as a parish or larger church community, erect to shield us from the Holy Spirit gusting into our lives. Let us ask for the courage to allow ourselves to be a windswept people ignited by Divine Love.



Fr Michael Tate

# Our quote for the day

"It is good sign thus to have a keen appetite but see whether you can digest well that you wish to eat." St Francis De Salles

Wis 1:7

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

1st Reading

Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

2nd Reading

Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

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

# **Gospel Acclamation**

Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
.Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 20:19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'
After saying this he breathed on them and said:
'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

# **Communion Antiphon**

Acts 2:4,11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.





# **COVID UPDATE**

- \* Please note registration is still required for NSW government regulations
- \* Sign-in using the QR code or the sign-in sheet
- \* Masks are not required
- \* Please wait until the priest has left the altar before sanitising your area.

# <u>Urgent Reminder for Volunteers regarding Safeguarding of Children:</u> (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 .

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: <a href="mailto:safeguardingstcpanania@gmail.com">safeguardingstcpanania@gmail.com</a>

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

# Our Lady Help of Christians (Australia's Patron Saint) Monday 24/5

Mass at our parishes as below: St Christopher's — 9.15am St Patrick's —8am



# **CENSUS UPDATE**

This weekend is a last week we are counting numbers attending at each Mass for the Archdiocesan Census. We will be counting the age group separately as per requirements.

### **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.

### **HELP REQUIRED**

We are in need of wardens to assist with the collections at Mass each week. If you regularly attend a particular Mass and would be able to assist, please contact Anne Weeks or Van at the parish office.

# **Plenary Council Update**

# Parish Ambassadors are gathering on July 3.

How can you be involved in the Plenary Council? Pray the Plenary Prayer from Pentecost until the Assembly. Visit the Plenary Council website especially Fan the Flame site <a href="www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheflame">www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheflame</a>.

View the videos produced by the Sydney working group by Bishop Brady and Stephen Noone in response to the call from so many for spiritual formation <a href="https://www.sydneycatholic.org/about-us/plenary-council-2020/#Plenary-Council-Assembly-October-2021">https://www.sydneycatholic.org/about-us/plenary-council-2020/#Plenary-Council-Assembly-October-2021</a>. Listen to the podcasts about the Plenary Council <a href="https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/listen/">https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/listen/</a>

# **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Children in Year 3 or above who have a 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.



**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

# **Home Visitation**

Those who cannot come to Church and wish to receive Holy Communion or a priest to visit, please contact the Parish Office 9774 3662

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- The conversions that rocked Sweden
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# St. Christopher's & St. Patrick's Parish Contacts Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9.00am-3.00pm Address: 237 Tower Street, Panania Phone: (02) 9774 3662

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

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

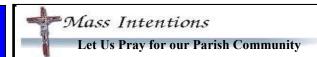
### **BAPTISM**

St Christopher's & St Patrick's Parishes welcome the families of those being baptised this weekend:

Juliette Ross, Mason & Alyvia Lovat

Let us keep the children and their family in our prayers





# **Recently Deceased:**

Charles Abdul-Rahman, John Connor, Therese Boukaram, John McGrath, Ivy Pettit, John Goodwin

# **Anniversaries:**

John Burns, Kevin Burns, Rosanna Byron & Toni Cuneo, Berta & Walter Scerri, Mary Mae, Howard Berkly, Dorothy Bedson, Howard Berkley, Paul Rossington, Francis Shanley, Mick Smith & Ken Palmer, Dorothy Bedson, Howard Berkley

# **General Intention:**

Anna Tran, Betty Plumb, Jose Joao Quintal, Mary Tracey & Blake Hann, Kathleen & Ellen Dowling, McLoughlin family Mothers of Mc Loughlin & Gillfeather families, Camilla Toleafoa Shyam Succar, Ruth Gardiner & Maria Stevens, Rosaria Lopez, Dulcie Southwell, Rosa Hoang & Maria Pham, Ruth Gardiner & Maria Stevens, Rosaria Lopez, Dulcie Southwell, Paul Burke, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Deceased members of Legion of Mary.

# The Sick and Infirmed:

John Esther, Pat Togher, Lorita Tavita, 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

### Saint of the day

24th May Our Lady, Help of Christians

25th May Sts Bede the Venerable, Gregory VII, pope

& St Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi

26th May St Philp Neri

27th May St Augustine of Canterbury

28th May St Senator 29th May St Theodosia

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKEND ROSTERS 2021						
22nd/23rd May	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm		
Readers:	Louise Harvey Mary Young	John Coates Volunteer	Gabriela Bietresato Sam Coorey	Natalie Salameh Volunteer		
Communion Ministers:	Josephine Jones Di Hennessy	Magdalene Vetter Norma Coorey	Norma Verjoustinsky Stephanie Siaosi	Trish Campedelli Anne Maree Morris		
Acolytes/Servers:	Alan Freeman	John Coates	Lisa Kerry	Cheryl Beaver		
29th/30th May	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm		
Readers:	Alan Tuohy Ron Woods	Natalie Salameh George Elias	Michael Dumlao Gabriela Bietresato	Volunteers		
Communion Ministers:	Barbara Tesoriero Jeanette Carroll	Magdalene Vetter Josephine Jones	Norma Coorey Valasi Zimmerman	Stephanie Siaosi Maasina Tuala		
Acolytes/Servers:	Alan Freeman	Geoff Giltinan	Ruben Nool	Ryan Romero		

ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2021						
	22nd/23rd May		29th/30th May			
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am		
Acolytes/Servers:	Chris	Kevin	Chris	Ray		
Readers:	Sean McKenna Garry Solway	Pat Nolan Dawn Poole	Marge Salone Barbara Sherry	Yvonne Toleafoa Camilla Toleafoa		
Communion Ministers:	Alison Simler Barbara Sherry	Madeleine Pizzuti Cathy Moussa	Sue Chant Elena Salgueira	May Coorey Joan Jones		