



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes


THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A
5th November 2023
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,

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 Vijay Kumar Boilla MSFS

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Gospel Reflection

Titles and Burdens

There have been periods in the church's history where the burdens placed on the shoulders of people – particularly an exaggerated sense of guilt for certain sins – truly weighed people down, creating a terrible sense of unworthiness, leading to the living of distorted lives.

Our Lord makes it clear that leaders cannot evade responsibility for this by hiding behind honorific titles.

In the Gospels, we find the One who said: 'Come to me all you who toil and are burdened and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon you and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden light.' (Matt 11:28-30)

If people don't find that the burden laid on them by Church leaders (who often long to be greeted obsequiously) leads to refreshment and rest for their souls, then it is right to question the burden, and to question the leaders who impose such burdens.

Perhaps we could pause for a moment to pray for Pope Francis whose favoured titles are simply: 'Bishop of Rome', 'Servant of the Servants of God'.

Fr Michael Tate

Quote of the Day



NOVEMBER 5

***Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;
be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation!***

1st Reading*Malachi 1:14 – 2:2, 8-10**A reading from the prophet Malachi*

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?



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

Responsorial Psalm*Ps 130****In you, Lord, I have found my peace.*****2nd Reading***1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians*

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

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We wish to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet, the Durag people of the Eora nation, and pay respect to their traditions, customs and long and continuous culture and history. It is upon their ancestral lands that this Community of God is built.

Alleluia, alleluia!

***You have one Father, your Father in heaven;
you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!***

Gospel*Mt 23:1-12**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.****Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*****Communion Antiphon***Cf Psalm 15:11*

***You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.***





CWF November Parish Appeal

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) November Appeal is happening this weekend and we need your help. Our six ministries are all working hard at ensuring the most vulnerable in our communities receive the support they need in the lead up to Christmas. Special envelopes are available at the parish. You can also learn more and donate securely at www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

Communion Service

A communion service will replace Mass in both Parishes:

St Christopher's : 7pm Tuesday 7th and

9.15am Wednesday 8th November

St Patrick's:

8am Tues 7th & Wed 8th November

Care And Concern

If you know of anyone who wishes a visit from any of our Priests' or are unable to attend Mass and wish one of our Ministers to bring the Eucharist after 8am Sunday Mass, Please contact the parish office on [97743662](tel:97743662) or email stcpanania@hotmail.com

BAPTISM



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Parishes welcome the families of those being baptised this weekend: Hailey Stewart, Benjamin Blom & Hudson Stephenson

Let us keep the children and their family in our prayers

Statue of Our Lady: St Christopher's & St Patrick'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 in the foyer.



Benilde College Bankstown Reunion

A reunion of the students from the 1974 6th Form classes at Benilde Bankstown is being planned to be held in October 2024. The organising committee is in the process of making contact with all ex students from all of De La Salle feeder schools to Benilde.

In particular we are interested in establishing contact with those students coming from Revesby De La Salle who would have attended Benilde High School in 1973 & 1974. For more info please contact Paul O'Brien on 0478788708 or psobrien66@gmail.com

Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal

An estimated 1 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs.

With your support, we will be able to help our partners on the ground to assist people displaced and affected by the current conflict.

Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal.

You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

For children in Year 6 or above who have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and Eucharist.

Lessons: 1 - 3 : commence Tuesday 24/10/23 or Wednesday 25/10/23 at 7pm in St Patrick's Conference Centre, 300 The River Rd, Revesby Heights for three consecutive weeks (**Attendance at all lessons is compulsory**)

Lesson 4 and Retreat Day:

Friday 17th November begin with Mass at 9.15am and concluding at 3pm in St Christopher's Church & School ground.

SCAM WARNING

Dear Parishioners,

There have been reports of SMS message scams targeting individuals and parishes in the Archdiocese. These scams impersonate the members of our parish, including myself, asking for urgent help and often requesting gift card purchases for those in need. Rest assured that neither I nor any member of our parish staff would ever ask for such assistance through SMS or any other unsolicited means. If you receive suspicious messages, contact us directly via phone or in person.

Fr Salas Muttathukattil MSFS - Parish Priest

Fr Salas is on leave

Fr Salas will be away from 16/10 - 10/11/2023 to visit his family in India.

We wish him a safe journey and a peaceful time with his family.



St Patrick's Parish Revesby Heights cordially invites you to attend the Mass and Celebration on the occasion of the

50TH

ANNIVERSARY
OF ST. PATRICK'S
PARISH

SUNDAY
26 NOVEMBER 2023
9.00AM

CELEBRANT:
MOST REVEREND RICHARD UMBERS
AUXILIARY BISHOP OF SYDNEY

Please join us for Morning Tea in the College Hall, Ferndale Road following the Mass at St Patrick's Church, 294 The River Road, Revesby Heights.



St. Christopher's & St. Patrick's Parish Contacts
Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9.00am-3.00pm
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Parish Secretary: Van Doan
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 Chairperson: Anne Weeks
 Secretary:
Parish Finance Committee
 Chairperson: John Tesoriero
 Parish Safeguarding Officer: Jeanette Carroll

St. Patrick's Church

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COMING EVENTS

Saturday 18th November: The Sacrament of Confirmation at
 St Christopher's Church @ 11.30am & 2.30pm



Mass Intentions

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

Recently Deceased:

Nena Syquia, Cecelia Donohue, Michael Marsden, Angelo Ninni, Eddie Gallagher, Antoinette Zattera.

Anniversaries:

Joakim Nguyen, Mickalina Azzopardi & Evelyn Jones, Patrick McKenna, Sydney Israel & Barb Baldwin, John O'Connor, Pam Quinn, Roger Brown, Tony Jabbour.

General Intention:

Georgy Pierre, Deceased of Youssib & Nabih Dagher Family, Noelene Byron, Shirley Melanie, Jose Quintal, Bob & Cath Davis, Deceased members of the Carr & Davis families, Rob Ellery, Deceased members of Brown, Pereira, D'Souza, Aranjó & Rosario families, Jose Quintal, Dominic Doan, Paul & Tim Burke, Deceased members of the Legion of Mary.

The Sick and Infirm:

Igor Mileusnic, Jack Mullane, Leonie Mullane, Baby Lexi, Gerry & David Shepherd, Owen & Marie McLoughlin, Micky Long, Igor Mileusnic, Joan Jones, Nenita Nool, Margaret Sullivan & Jenny Breen, Sarah & Asher McLoughlin, Sebastian & Pedro Priou, Pedro Rozo, George Ormerod, Sryani Genge, Betty McDermott, Pat Coates, Ivette Charadia, Ursula O'Shea, Peter Yasbek, Glen San Juan, Manfred Adam, Anne Hanna, Lisa Field, Aria Zimmermann, Di Mason, Robert Charadia, Moussa Debs, Michael Hains, Helena Kokoszka, Eriw Burwicle, Bronwyn Pearson, Margaret Azzi, Miriam Priou, Maria Koh, John Esther, Rosanne Sukkar, Bill Papadopoulos, McLoughlin, Gillfeathers families, Geordan Smith, Margaret O'Donnell, Kathleen Mulligan, Alma Tahan, Martin Hannagan, Jim O'Neill, Anne Coome, Mary Israel, Stephen Sinclair, Pat Tindall, Sick members of the Legion of Mary.

ST CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKEND ROSTERS 2023

4th/5th Nov	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
<i>Readers:</i>	Clare Lourey Chris Tran	Ron Woods Stephanie Siasosi	Volunteer Joe Nguyen	Julie Nugent Tanya Nguyen	<i>Communion to the Sick</i> Megan Perez Ann-Maree Darcy Margaret Yasbek
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Caroline Khouri Volunteer	Megan Perez Margaret Yasbek	Jacqueline Bull Terese Jones	Gabi Bietresato Volunteer	<i>Counters:</i> Jeanette Carroll John Tesoriero
<i>Acolytes/ Servers</i>	Jonathan Tran	Jon D'astoli	Richard Hurst	Denis Lister	Other Ministries
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Sybella & Milla C Charlie F, Rose C Mary I	Volunteers	Natalie Bulic Spencer Favotto Grace Favotto	Campbell Meilak Nathanial Falas Luke Abounader	<i>Communion to the Sick</i> Josephine Jones Ann-Maree Darcy Van Doan
11th/12th Nov	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	<i>Counters:</i> George Elias Dennis Lister
<i>Readers:</i>	Michael Mallia Sue Bracken	Steve Darcy Carolyn Ford	Mary Chan Pauline O'Shea	Volunteer Tanya Nguyen	
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Jeanette Carroll Barbara Tesoriero	Ann-Maree Darcy Van Doan	Norma Verjoustinsky Bernadette Saleme	Volunteer Stephanie Siasosi	
<i>Acolytes/ Servers</i>	John Tesoriero	Aldrae Cruz	Tony O'Shea	Cheryl Beaver	
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Sybella & Milla C Edward B, Jeff P, Abi W, Mary I	Volunteers	Chloe Jabbou	Hannah Henry Illijana Lembryk Mackenzie Hooton	

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	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	Chris	Ray	Kevin	Moses
<i>Readers:</i>	Marge Salone Barbara Sherry	Tess Hughes Garry Solway	Marie Carr Roza Bulic	Pat Nolan Dawn Poole
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Elena Salgueira Steve Iacono	May Coorey Cathy Moussa	Elena Salgueira Barbara Sherry	May Coorey Volunteer
<i>Counters:</i>		Bill Woods Brian Quinn		Dorothy Gonsales Seamus McKenna



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.