

St Christopher's & St Patrick's

Catholic Parishes



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

14th November 2021

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

Exposition & Benediction

8:30 am - 9am, 1st Friday of the month

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4.45 pm-5:15 pm

Baptisms

Weddings (by appointment)

Parish Priest

Fr Salas Muttathukattil MSFS

Assistant Priest

Fr Bhaskar Mendam MSFS



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Parish Office

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Gospel Reflection

Angelic Swords of Light

Have you ever seen those pictures of angels? They are like babies with delicate gossamer wings. How sentimental, how pathetically trivial, how untrue. Angels are more like the light-swords wielded by Luke Skywalker in Star Wars. The good angels are lightning flashes of energy serving God's purpose in the battle against evil forces which can seem to dominate our worlds, private and social.

God loved us into existence in order to share in his life, but there are forces at work trying to frustrate that. There is a cosmic-scale battle going on. Who is on our side in that battle? The angels. Who are they? They are non-bodily beings of great intelligence and power. Those are the angels, and those who have chosen to love and serve God are on our side.

Some are archangels with a cosmic-scale brief. We hear of one in the first reading: 'Michael, the great Prince who stands guard over your people'. Others are our individual Guardian Angels so that when powers of darkness seem to engulf us, we can turn to our Guardian Angel and say: 'Fight for me', and that light-sword of God will engage in battle because that is that sort of angel's way of serving God.

We could pause a moment to pray, thanking God for the Archangels who guard our church community and for our personal Guardian Angels, and asking our Lord Jesus Christ to command those angels to gather us as his chosen to share His glory.

Fr Michael Tate

Our quote for the day



The Lord said:

I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

1st Reading Dn 12:1-3

A reading from the prophet Daniel

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 15:5. 8-11. R.v.1

Keep me safe, O God: you are my hope.

2nd Reading

Heb 10:11-14, 18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

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

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful, and pray constantly,
that you may be worthy to stand before
the Son of Man.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mk 13:24-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 72:28

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

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





COVID UPDATE

- * Churches across the Archdiocese of Sydney are open to all people regardless of vaccination status. The number permitted is according to the 2sqm rule, with the exception of people from the same household.
- * Masks must be worn while inside a church.
- * Covid Check-in is also required via the Service NSW App or a written record.
- * If those attending weddings and funerals are all vaccinated no person limit.
- * Those not vaccinated that attend funeral or wedding, then the ceremony must be "small": maximum 11 at a wedding and 10 at a funeral.
- * Vaccinated members of the congregation are permitted to sing, but masks must still be worn.
- * More information is available on www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-frequently-asked-questions/.

Update for Volunteers from the Safeguarding Office of the Archdiocese

The Archdiocesan Safeguarding Office has made changes to the list of volunteers who need to have a Working With Children Check. We have been advised that the ONLY volunteers who MUST have a WWCC are Sacramental Coordinators, Sacramental Group Leaders, Catechists, Children's Liturgy Coordinators, Children's Choir Ministry Leaders, Acolytes and Senior Altar Servers, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Wardens/Collectors. Volunteers in these roles who do not have a WWCC or those whose WWCC have expired cannot be engaged in child related work. Volunteers who have a WWCC need to renew it before expiry date and you should receive an email reminder from the NSW Office of the Children's Guardian.

It is also a requirement of the Safeguarding Office that all volunteers who are required to have a WWCC also need to complete Safeguarding Induction Training. This training can be done online and is very quick and simple. The link for the training is: https://forms.gle/9ebT3voEAtfP7P8R9

In order to register for training, you will need to provide an email address. Volunteers who work in Sydney Catholic Schools will need to use their personal email address and not their work email to do this online training. Once you have completed the training, you will receive a Certificate to verify training is complete. Could you please email this to safeguardingstcpanania@gmail.com. If anyone is worried about completing this training online, we will offer a training session in the near future. Please let us know if you would prefer this.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

This weekend we have 60 candidates from our parishes to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Holy Spirit.



St Patrick's Announcement

Approval for the lease of 300 The River Road Revesby Heights has been given to The Catholic Vietnamese Community of Sydney by the Most Rev Anthony Fisher, Archbishop of Sydney. Once the lease has been created by the Chancery, work will commence to accommodate the Vietnamese Community and hopefully join the parish community early 2022.

Say NO to the Euthanasia Bill with Monica Doumit

NSW Independent MP Alex Greenwich tabled his euthanasia bill in parliament last week. It is more critical than ever for parishioners to act now and voice their opposition to the proposed bill. The anti-euthanasia coalition, HOPE has developed an online tool that will allow you to send an email directly to your state MP and to all members of the NSW Upper House. The tool is available here: https://www.noeuthanasia.org.au/petition_2108_ocp_nsw

Priests' Retirement Foundation Appeal

This weekend marks the start of the Priests' Retirement Foundation Appeal. Your generosity donations support our sick & retirement priests, providing them with appropriate accommodation and assistance with transition into retirement, medical and dental care, pastoral & other practical support - to give them a life of relative comfort and dignity in retirement. To donate please scan the QR code or use the link www.ourfaithourworks.org/prf

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

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

St. Christopher's Church

Parish Pastoral Council

Chairperson: Anne Weeks
Secretary: Dympna Paterson
Parish Finance Committee

<u>Parish Finance Committee</u> Chairperson: John Tesoriero

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Jeanette Carroll

St. Patrick's Church Parish Pastoral Council: Chairperson: Chris Russell

Secretary: Pat Nolan

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Saint of the day

15th Nov St Albert the Great

16th Nov Sts Margaret of Scotland & Gertrude

17th Nov St Elizabeth of Hungary

18th Nov Dedication of St Peter's and St Paul's Basilicas

19th Nov St James of Sasseau20th Nov St Maxientia



Recently Deceased:

Deacon Owen Rogers, Helen Connelly, Don Khoury

Anniversaries:

Michael & Francis Young, Giuse Nghi & Giuse Dung Hoang, Thomas Conway. Sydney Israel, Rosa Hoang, Joseph Dao, Maria Pham, Dominic My & Fr Joseph Dao

General Intention:

June Zoelfel & families, Anna Nhieu, Mickatina Azzopardi & Evelyn Jones, Maria Tinh Nguyen, Jose Quintal, Thanksgiving & All Souls, Paul Burke, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Deceased members of Legion of Mary.

The Sick and Infirmed:

Therese Nasser & John Coorey, Denis Kovc, John Esther, Eric Ellem, Alacoque Welsh, Jo Grosvenor, 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



	ST. CHRISTO	PHER'S WEEKEND	ROSTERS 2021			
13th/14th Nov	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries	
Readers:	Ron Woods Sue Bracken	Steve Darcy Carolyn Ford	George Elias Pauline O'shea	Rebecca Lee Bridget Weeks	Communion to the Sick Josephine Jones,, Ann-Maree Darcy Ellen Russell	
Communion Ministers:	Jeanette Carroll Carla Tesoriero	Ann-Maree Darcy Magdalene Vetter	Louise Anderson Bernadette Saleme	Volunteers Stephanie Siaosi		
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Acolytes/Servers:	Alan Freeman	John Coates	Tony O'Shea	Cheryl Beaver	Maureen Singleton	
20th/21st Nov	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries	
Readers:	Gabrielle Innes Louise Anderson	Maureen Singleton Natalie Salameh	Lea De Angelis Andrew Mills	Anita & Josie Hanna	Communion to the Sick Terese Jones, Josephine Jones, Norma Coorey Counters: George Elias Dennis Lister	
Communion Ministers:	David Raish Barbara Tesoriero	Terese Jones Norma Coorey	Margaret Yasbek Magdalene Vetter	Gabi Bietresato Nazira Hanna		
Acolytes/Servers:	John Tesoriero	Andrew Mills	Ruben Nool	Ryan Romero		

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	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	
Acolytes/Servers:	Chris	Jason	Chris	Kevin	
Readers:	Marge Salone Barbara Sherry	Yvonne Toleafoa Volunteer	Marie Carr Liam Carr	Tess Hughes Madeleine Pizzuti	
Communion Ministers:	Alison Simler Barbara Sherry	Madeleine Pizzuti Cathy Moussa	Sue Chant Elena Salgueira	May Coorey Joan Jones	



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.