



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes


FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A
5th February 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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St Christopher's Primary School

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De La Salle College

(02) 9773 7755

Mount St Joseph College

(02) 8724 6200


Gospel Reflection
Salty and Radiant

You are the salt of the earth, you are the light of the cosmos. 'You' is in the plural. So these descriptions are meant to apply to us as a Christian community.

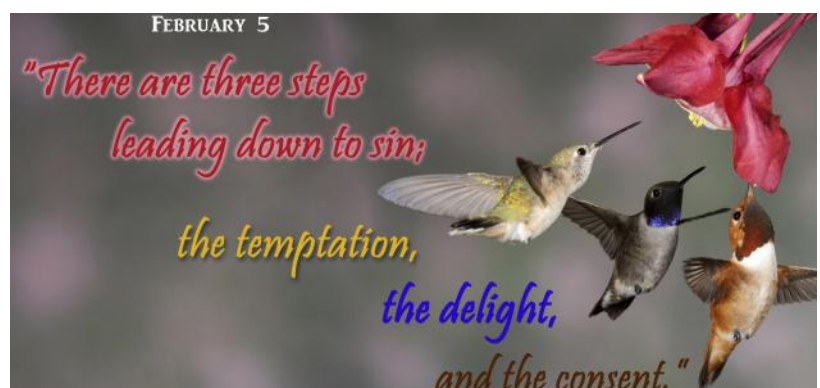
Salt in the ancient world was a preservative for food. So, we are the ones who are to preserve the earth, to prevent its deterioration, to keep it life-giving.

Salt has to penetrate food to have an effect. We have to penetrate the world with our Sermon on the Mount values. Staying self-contained as a perfect little band of Christians is about as useful as salt remaining in the saltshaker. In Our Lord's scary opinion we would quite rightly be trampled underfoot.

How are we light for the cosmos? By 'good works'? No, a truer translation is by 'beautiful works'. These are those things we do which have grace, elegance and proportion and are therefore pleasing to observe: beautifully-good-works.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we remain salty and tangy, doing good beautifully and elegantly.

Fr Michael Tate

Quote of the Day


Entrance Antiphon

***O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.***

Ps 94:6-7

arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

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

1st Reading

Is 58:7-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:
Share your bread with the hungry,
and shelter the homeless poor,
clothe the man you see to be naked
and turn not from your own kin.
Then will your light shine like the dawn
and your wound be quickly healed over.
Your integrity will go before you
and the glory of the Lord behind you.
Cry, and the Lord will answer;
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'
If you do away with the yoke,
the clenched fist, the wicked word,
if you give your bread to the hungry,
and relief to the oppressed,
your light will rise in the darkness,
and your shadows become like noon.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 111:4-9. R. v.4

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

2nd Reading

1 Cor 2:1-5

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

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 8:12

***Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
the man who follows me
will have the light of life.
Alleluia!***

Gospel

Mt 5:13-16

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men. 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

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

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 106:8-9

***Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things.***

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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.



Fr Stephen's 70th Birthday

This coming Thursday, Fr. Stephen will be celebrating his 70th birthday. We pray for his continued good health and blessings on the future. There will be a light birthday celebration for Fr. Stephen next weekend after the 5:30pm Vigil Mass at St. Patrick's and the 9:30am Mass at St. Christopher's.

Mass Offerings and Communion To The Sick Update

If you would like to offer a Mass to a loved one, please complete an envelope with details clearly written to avoid any misread names and please leave your contact number, should we need any clarification. We are also wishing to update our communion to the sick list so if you would like to add a name to the list or remove a name, please contact the Parish Office 9774 3662.

Catechist wanted

Do you love talking about Jesus Christ our Saviour and spreading the word of God? Then this is your Ministry!

All training and support provided, great benefits, school holidays off.

If you would like to learn more about this Ministry. Please contact the Catechist Co-Ordinator's

St Christopher's: Pauline O'Shea - 0405 578 103

St Patrick's: Cathy Moussa - 0421 087 530, Monika Bradvica - 0412 131 693,

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



Counter's Roster for St Christopher's parish is available from the Piety Store.

Synod of Bishops Continental Stage

The Church around the world has entered the Continental Stage for the Synod of Bishops on Synodality.

Groups around the country are praying with and responding to the Document for the Continental Stage, which was published recently. Download prayer resources, including for use in liturgies, read the document and access the submission portal at: www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch

Parish Pilgrimage - Footprints of Jesus



If you have ever thought about going to the Holy Land, Fr. Salas will be leading a pilgrimage in the footsteps of Christ from 21st May - 3rd June 2023. On Thursday

night, an information night was held for all who are interested in attending the pilgrimage. If you were unable to attend the information night but would still like to find out more information about the pilgrimage, please speak to Fr. Salas after Mass or contact the Parish Office 9774 3662. Registrations close 20th February 2023.

Youth Leaders Urgently Needed!

In two weeks, the parishes of St Christopher's and St Patrick's will be launching our new youth group, Agape Youth for anyone in Years 5-7. It will be an opportunity to gather, have some fun, explore the faith and to be inspired by Christ. Initiatives like this can't happen without the support of volunteers. We are in desperate need of youth leaders between the age of 18-35 to assist with running the youth group. It would be a fortnightly commitment at most. If you are interested in getting involved in this important parish ministry to revive our church, please contact Ben via the Parish Office. If you would like to register your child,



<https://forms.gle/8QtQnajEwNoQ3TbY7>

Used Postage Stamps Wanted—St Christopher's

If you have any used postage stamps that you are wanting to throw away, please leave them at the St Christopher's Piety Stall as we are collecting them for charity.



School Mass

We would like to advise parishioners that the 9:15am Parish Mass next Friday, 10th February will be the St. Christopher's Primary School Opening Mass.

Samoan Mass - St Patrick's Church

There will be a Mass for Samoan Community every Third Sunday at 11am starting from Sunday 19th March 2023.

CCTV Surveillance

For security of the church, 24 hour surveillance camera have been installed inside and around the church.

St. Christopher's & St. Patrick's Parish Contacts
Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9.00am-3.00pm
Address: 237 Tower Street, Panania

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: Dymphna 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



Mass Intentions

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

Recently Deceased:

Michael Mae, Dragica Jovic, Cardinal George Pell, Margaret Bell, Glenda Austin, Teura Snow & Ra Yoni.

Anniversaries:

Cecilia Gaveran, Louis & George Hanna, Angela Cardwell & Mary Ellen Singleton, Dallas Sterling, Warren Bruce, Allan Baragry, Joy Ackapadickal, Maria Tesoriero, Michael Singleton, John Elias

General Intention:

Jimmy, Maria Chuoi, Dominico Khanh, Angela Gillfeather, Cathy Thompson & family, Jim Burns, Dominic & Maria Doan, Paul & Tim Burke, Deceased members of the Legion of Mary.

The Sick and Infirm:

Mr Ho, Eriw Burwicle, Jenny Lau, Bronwyn Pearson, Jeff Giltinan, Mary Cosgrove, Margaret Azzi, Miriam Priou, Maria Koh, Marie Solway, Giovanna Iacono, John Esther, Rosanne Sukkar, Bill & Dina Papadopoulos, Alana Boruta, McLoughlin & Gillfeathers families, Geordan Smith, Margaret O'Donnell, Kathleen Mulligan, Tom Bradley, Marie & Owen McLoughlin, Alma Tahan, Martin Hannagan, Sam Law, Therese Nasser, Denis Kovc, Jim O'Neill, Anne Coome, Sira Raveane, Bernadette Lawrance, Kerry & Russ, Stephen Sinclair, Vincent Doan, Mary Israel, Rudolf Rodriques, Suzanne Moig, Junior Zoran Stojanovski, Pat Tunncliff, Pat Tindall, Sick members of the Legion of Mary.

ST CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKEND ROSTERS 2023

4th/5th Feb	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
Readers:	Clare Lourey Chris Tran	Ron Woods Stephanie Siaosi	Sam Coorey Joe Nguyen	Julie Nugent Tanya Nguyen	Communion to the Sick Megan Perez Ann-Maree Darcy Ellen Russell
Communion Ministers:	Caroline Khouri Josephine Jones	Megan Perez Jeff Giltinan	Jacqueline Bull Terese Jones	Gabi Bietresato Volunteer	Counters: Philip Weeks John Tesoriero
Acolytes/ Servers	Jonathan Tran	Jon D'Astoli	Richard Hurst	Denis Lister	Other Ministries
11th/12th Feb	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
Readers:	Michael Mallia Sue Bracken	Steve Darcy Carolyn Ford	Mary Chan Pauline O'Shea	Volunteers Tanya Nguyen	Communion to the Sick Norma Coorey Margaret Yasbek Josephine Jones
Communion Ministers:	Jeanette Carroll Barbara Tesoriero	Norma Coorey Margaret Yasbek	Norma Verjoustinsky Bernadette Saleme	Stephanie Siaosi Volunteer	Counters: John Tesoriero Marie Lourey
Acolytes/ Servers	John Tesoriero	Jon D'Astoli	Tony O'Shea	Cheryl Beaver	

ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2023

	4th/5th Feb		11th/12th Feb	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
Acolytes/Servers:	Chris	Jason	Chris	Ray
Readers:	Siobhan Van Den Nieuwenhuizen Wanieta Young	Lynda Cameron Mary Cameron	Monika Bradvica Steve Iacono	Cathy Moussa Roza Bulic
Communion Ministers:	Sue Chant Elena Salgueira	May Coorey Joan Jones	Alison Simler Barbara Sherry	Cathy Moussa Volunteer
Counters:		Dorothy Gonsales, Seamus McKenna		Maureen Sherry 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.