



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes


SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A
12th 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 Patrick's Catholic Church Revesby Heights

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De La Salle College

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Mount St Joseph College

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Gospel Reflection

Truth-Telling

We have just heard the least observed command of Our Lord in the Sermon on the Mount. Referring to oaths he taught, 'Do not swear at all ... instead let your "yes" mean yes and your "no" mean no. Whatever goes beyond these simple words is from the Evil One.'

This is strong language. Why does Our Lord say this?

In the same Sermon on the Mount, he teaches us the proper use of God's name: 'Our Father'. It is our privilege as adopted children of God to use God's name in that way. The use of God's name for oath-swearing is an abuse.

Our Lord was trying to establish a new sort of society (The Kingdom) within which truth-telling was of paramount importance, where there is no two-tiered way of speaking the truth.

Truth telling should issue simply from the character of the person – the truthful person truthes.

We know this at the very private level of intimate relationships. As a Church, we need to heed this passage and listen to the epistle of St James recalling this passage almost verbatim. (James 5:12-13)

We could pause for a moment to pray that the Church herself heeds the Great Commission: 'Teach them to keep all that I have commanded you.' (Matthew 28:20)

Fr Michael Tate

Quote of the Day



Entrance Antiphon

**Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.**

Cf. Ps 30:3-4

through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

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

1st Reading

Sir 15:15-20

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

If you wish, you can keep the commandments,
to behave faithfully is within your power.
He has set fire and water before you;
put out your hand to whichever you prefer.
Man has life and death before him;
whichever a man likes better will be given him.
For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;
he is almighty and all-seeing.
His eyes are on those who fear him,
he notes every action of man.
He never commanded anyone to be godless,
he has given no one permission to sin.

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

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34*

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

2nd Reading

1 Cor 2:6-10

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

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him. These are the very things that God has revealed to us

Gospel Acclamation

See Mt 11:25

**Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of
the kingdom.
Alleluia!**

Gospel

Mt 5:20-22, 27-28, 33-34, 37

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew*

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

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



Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 77:29-30

**They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.**

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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

Last Thursday, Fr Stephen celebrated 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 This 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. Please also include which Parish the intention is for. 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.

Lenten Program 2023

Lent is fast approaching! We have received the Lenten Companion for 2023 from the Archdiocese and we are hoping to use it as the basis of a Lenten Group. The companion booklet is set out in a lectio Divina style where we are invited to reflect on the Gospel for each Sunday and how it speaks to us in our own lives in a small group setting. Please keep an eye out in the bulletin for details about the Lenten program that will be run in St. Christopher's and St. Patrick's.

Return of Palms

From this weekend and next weekend, Palms can be returned to the parishes to be burned to be used as ashes for Ash Wednesday.



The burned of the palms will occur at a ceremony in the St. Christopher's school grounds on Tuesday 21st February at 11.45am

Catechist

Last Saturday St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catechists celebrated Catechist Sunday. Several catechists received years of service awards. Our parish values the great work our catechists do for our children and for the Lord.

St Christopher's Catechists are invited to the meeting on Wed 1st Mar @1pm in the church meeting room.



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!

Next Sunday 19th February, 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, please scan the code or via the link <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.



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.

Combined PPC & Finance committee meeting St Christopher's

Date: Wednesday 15/02/2023

Time: 7.30pm

Location: St Christopher's Parish Centre

Commissioning of New Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers

Next Sunday, 19th February at the St Christopher's 9:30am Mass, we will commission our new Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers from St Christopher's and St Patrick's who completed training in August. They will receive their certificates. Those Ministers and readers have been sent an email.

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: Dympha 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

Parish Finance Committee

Chairperson: John Tesoriero

Secretary: Pat Nolan

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Siobhan Van Den Nieuwenhuizen

COMING EVENTS

19th Feb: 9am - 1pm Agape Youth launch in School Hall
 9.30am Mass Commissioning of Readers and
 Ministers of Holy Communion



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:

Len Khoury, Lawrence Huynh, Dominic & Maria Phan, Baby Lucas Pullinger, Kevin Byron, Cecilia Gaveran, Louis & George Hanna, Angela Cardwell & Mary Ellen Singleton, Dallas Sterling, Warren Bruce, Allan Baragry.

General Intention:

Akash Anthony, Roger Brown, Rob Ellery, Gerald & Sybil Pereira, Brown, Pereira, Arango & Rosario families, Bui Family, Thelma McDermott, Souls in Purgatory, John Murphy, Maria Luong, Isaac Sandroussi, Chovaifaity & Sandroussi families, 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:

Anthony Trad, 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 Tunnicliff, Pat Tindall, Sick members of the Legion of Mary.

ST CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKEND ROSTERS 2023

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 Siaoisi Volunteer	Counters: John Tesoriero Marie Lourey
Acolytes/ Servers	John Tesoriero	Jon D'Astoli	Tony O'Shea	Cheryl Beaver	Other Ministries
18th/19th Feb	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
Readers:	Gabrielle Innes Louise Anderson	Volunteer Tanya Nguyen	Lea De Angelis Andrew Mills	Nazira Hanna Volunteer	Communion to the Sick Terese Jones Gabi Bietresato Van Doan
Communion Ministers:	David Raish Volunteer	Terese Jones Gabi Bietresato	Margaret Yasbek Magdalene Vetter	Volunteer Nazira Hanna	Counters: Stephanie Siaoisi John Tesoriero
Acolytes/ Servers	John Tesoriero	Andrew Mills	Ruben Nool	Ryan Romero	

ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2023

	11th/12th Feb		18th/19th Feb	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
Acolytes/Servers:	Chris	Ray	Chris	Jason
Readers:	Monika Bradvica Steve Iacono	Cathy Moussa Roza Bulic	Marge Salone Barbara Sherry	Tess Hughes Volunteer
Communion Ministers:	Alison Simler Barbara Sherry	Cathy Moussa Volunteer	Sue Chant Elena Salgueira	May Coorey Joan Jones
Counters:		Maureen Sherry Brian Quinn		Sue-Ann Burton Peter Volk



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.