



# St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes


**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**
**19th February 2023**
**St Christopher's Catholic Church**

233 Tower Street Panania NSW 2213

[www.stchristopherpanania.org.au](http://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](http://www.stpatrickrevesbyheights.org.au)
**Mass Times**
**Saturday Vigil:** 5:30pm

**Sunday:** 9am

**Tuesday- Friday:** 8am,

**Exposition & Benediction**

 7:30 am - 8am, 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month

**Reconciliation**
**Saturday:** 4.45 pm-5:15 pm

**Baptisms**

 10:30am, 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Catholic Church Panania

St Patrick's Catholic Church Revesby Heights

**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

### Warfare and the Church

'Be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect.' Is Jesus advocating rather static fault-less-ness? Not very appealing! No, the Greek word is closer to the idea of a perfect wine – one that has matured and has reached its full potential. So, Our Lord is saying, 'Be a person who is everything you are capable of being.'

Our Lord gives a striking example of the challenge. God does not withhold life-giving sun and rain from people because they are bad or dishonest, nor extinguish the life of human beings because they are evil, because they are enemies.

What are the implications for Church teaching on capital punishment or warfare? Note that Jesus' command: 'You must be ...' is directed to You in the plural. It is communal, social. The Church community must listen. Is the Holy Spirit moving us in a direction not experienced since its first three centuries?

We could pause for a moment to pray on behalf of those who want to do us harm, the better to hear: 'Blessed are the peacemakers.'

Fr Michael Tate

### Quote of the Day



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*"A good reputation  
is better than  
all kinds of  
empty satisfactions."*

St Francis De Sales

## Entrance Antiphon

*Ps 12:6* belongs to God.

***O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.  
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.  
I will sing to the Lord who has been  
bountiful with me.***

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

## Gospel Acclamation

*1 Jn 2:5*

## 1st Reading

*Lv 19:1-2. 17-18*

*A reading from the book of Leviticus*

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy. "You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."'

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

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13*

***The Lord is kind and merciful.***

## 2nd Reading

*1 Cor 3:16-23*

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

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ

## Gospel

*Mt 5:38-48*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Matthew*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

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



## Communion Antiphon

*Ps 9:2-3*

***I will recount all your wonders,  
I will rejoice in you and be glad,  
and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.***

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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.**



## Return of Palms

This weekend Palms can be returned to the parishes to be burned to be used as ashes for Ash Wednesday. The burning of the palms will occur at a ceremony in the St Christopher's school grounds on Tuesday 21st February at 9am



## Project Compassion this weekend

Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and for **All Future Generations**. With

your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**.

You can donate through the Boxes and envelopes available at the church foyer or visit [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion). Or by calling 1800 024 413

## Ash Wednesday Mass - 22nd February

St Patrick's : 8am

St Christopher's: 9.15am (With St Christopher's  
Primary school)  
7pm

## Commissioning of Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

This weekend, we will be commissioning five new Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at the 9:30am Mass at St Christopher's. We congratulate the following people: Readers and Extraordinary Ministers: Kim Barbagallo, Monika Bradvica, Lynda Cameron, Cathy Moussa, Steve Iacono and Pauline O'Shea (Reader). We thank them sincerely for saying yes to these very important ministries for agreeing to serve our parish communities.

## ENROLLING AT ST CHRISTOPHER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

St Christopher's is a co-educational Catholic Primary School and has a current enrolment of 620 students, with three streams and 21 class groups. Our school operates within an area of large cultural diversity, with the students enrolled reflecting an amalgam of 25 cultural backgrounds. St Christopher's was opened in January 1955 by the Sisters of St Joseph and continues today to practice the values and traditions of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

If you would like more information or you would like your child to join our wonderful community you are invited to attend one of our school tours on either Friday 24th February @ 9am-11am or Saturday 25th February @ 2pm - 4pm. Please contact the school office on 9771 5492 to book a timeslot.

Enrolment forms can be completed online and are available via the school website: <https://stcpanania.syd.catholic.edu.au/enrolment/enrol-now>

## 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.

## Agape Youth Launch

This weekend after the 9:30am Mass at St Christopher's, 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. If you have not registered your child but they would like to attend, it is not too late! Come on down to the Primary School Hall after 9:30am Mass on Sunday to register at the door! 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 online, please scan the code or via <https://forms.gle/8QtQnajEwNoQ3TbY7>



## Parish Lenten Program

As we begin our Lenten journey with Ash Wednesday this week, there will be several Lenten groups running at St. Christopher's and St. Patrick's, following the Archdiocesan Lenten companion. All are welcome to any of these groups. Lenten groups will be run at the following times:

St. Patrick's Meeting Room - Wednesdays (starting from 1st March) at 9am and 7:30pm

St. Christopher's Church Meeting Room - Wednesdays (starting from 1st March) at 7pm

## RITE OF SENDING OF THE CANDIDATE & CATECHUMENS FOR ELECTION

For the last 6 months Jenn, Lattana, Elizabeth, Shevaughn and Denis have been doing the RCIA Program and we are now in the next step of them being Baptised. Next Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> February at the 9.30am Mass we will be celebrating Mass for our Candidate and Catechumens who will be attending the Rite of Election at St. Mary's Cathedral in the afternoon from 2.00 - 4.00pm. Please stay for the morning tea after the 9.30am Mass on the 26th Feb. to meet and welcome our RCIA.

## St Patrick's PPC Meeting - Tuesday 21st February

Location: Church meeting room

Time: 7.30pm

**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**

22nd Feb: Ash Wednesday Masses  
 St Patrick's: 8am  
 St Christopher's: 9.15am & 7pm  
 26th Feb: Rite of the sending of the candidate &  
 catechumens for election @ 9.30am Mass  
 St Christopher's



*Mass Intentions*

**Let Us Pray for our Parish Community**

**Recently Deceased:**

John Murphy, Maureen McCullagh, Michael Mae, Dragica Jovic, Cardinal George Pell, Margaret Bell, Glenda Austin.

**Anniversaries:**

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

**General Intention:**

Melinda Woods, Anne Garben (Birthday) Clare & Cyril Gillfeather, Akash Anthony, Roger Brown, Rob Ellery, Gerald & Sybil Pereira, Brown, Pereira, Arango & Rosario families, Bui Family, Thelma McDermott, Souls in Purgatory, Maria Luong, Isaac Sandroussi, Chovaifaity & Sandroussi families, Jimmy, Maria Chuoi, Dominic 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:**

Gemma O'Shea, Anthony Trad, Helena Kokoszka, Mr Ho, Eriw Burwicle, Jenny Lau, Bronwyn Pearson, Jeff Giltinan, 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 Rodrigues, Suzanne Moig, Junior Zoran Stojanovski, Pat Tunncliff, Pat Tindall, Sick members of the Legion of Mary.

**ST CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKEND ROSTERS 2023**

| 18th/19th Feb               | Sat. 5.30pm                        | Sun 8am                         | Sun 9.30am                           | Sun 5pm                        | Other Ministries                                                                |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Readers:</b>             | Gabrielle Innes<br>Louise Anderson | Volunteer<br>Tanya Nguyen       | Lea De Angelis<br>Andrew Mills       | Nazira Hanna<br>Volunteer      | <b>Communion to the Sick</b><br>Terese Jones<br>Gabi Bietresato<br>Norma Coorey |
| <b>Communion Ministers:</b> | David Raish<br>Volunteer           | Terese Jones<br>Gabi Bietresato | Margaret Yasbek<br>Magdalene Vetter  | Volunteer<br>Nazira Hanna      | <b>Counters:</b><br>Stephanie Siaoisi<br>John Tesoriero                         |
| <b>Acolytes/ Servers</b>    | Jonathan Tran                      | Andrew Mills                    | Ruben Nool                           | Ryan Romero                    | <b>Other Ministries</b>                                                         |
| 25th/26th Feb               | Sat. 5.30pm                        | Sun 8am                         | Sun 9.30am                           | Sun 5pm                        | Other Ministries                                                                |
| <b>Readers:</b>             | Louise Harvey<br>Clare Lourey      | George Elias<br>Ron Woods       | Gabriela Bietresato<br>Sam Coorey    | Michelle Ryan<br>Tanya Nguyen  | <b>Communion to the Sick</b><br>Magdalene Vetter<br>Van Doan<br>Josephine Jones |
| <b>Communion Ministers:</b> | Frank O'Brien<br>Renee Taylor      | Magdalene Vetter<br>Van Doan    | Louise Anderson<br>Stephanie Siaoisi | Anne Maree Morris<br>Volunteer | <b>Counters:</b><br>Jeanette Carroll<br>Maureen Singleton                       |
| <b>Acolytes/ Servers</b>    | John Tesoriero                     | Jon D'astoli                    | Andrew Mills                         | Cheryl Beaver                  |                                                                                 |

**ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2023**

|                             | 18th/19th Feb                  |                              | 25th/26th Feb                   |                                    |
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|                             | Sat Vigil: 5.30pm              | Sun: 9am                     | Sat Vigil: 5.30pm               | Sun: 9am                           |
| <b>Acolytes/Servers:</b>    | Chris                          | Jason                        | Chris                           | Ray                                |
| <b>Readers:</b>             | Marge Salone<br>Barbara Sherry | Tess Hughes<br>Volunteer     | Marie Carr<br>Liam Carr         | Pat Nolan<br>Dawn Poole            |
| <b>Communion Ministers:</b> | Sue Chant<br>Elena Salgueira   | May Coorey<br>Joan Jones     | Alison Simler<br>Barbara Sherry | Cathy Moussa<br>Volunteer          |
| <b>Counters:</b>            |                                | Sue-Ann Burton<br>Peter Volk |                                 | Elena Salgueira,<br>Charlie Howard |



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](mailto: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.