



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



**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A 5th March 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: 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

### 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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## Gospel Reflection

### *Transfigured Bodysouls*

We have to get rid of the idea that the soul is a dot of energy in some hidden core of our body. In fact, the body is in the soul. There is no part of my body which is not immersed in my soul. It is my whole person, bodysoul, which needs to be saved. As Thomas Aquinas says: 'If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.'

Today's Gospel does not portray an out-of-body experience of religious ecstasy. Jesus' body was translucent, totally radiant with Divine Light. Further, this transfiguration was not a solitary experience for Jesus. Peter, James and John witnessed it precisely because it told them what our Heavenly Father desired as their destiny beyond martyrdom, if only they would listen to Jesus. Heavenly salvation will involve my whole person, bodysoul, being transformed. But could a person, during their earthly existence, share in the transfiguration experience of Christ?

We could pause for a moment to 'Google' or otherwise get hold of my favourite story of a saint – St Seraphim of Sarov – and pray that we may share with his disciple the bodily experience of 'immeasurable wellbeing' – 'infinite joy in our hearts'.

*Fr Michael Tate*

## Quote of the Day



## Entrance Antiphon

*Cf. Ps 26:8-9*

## Gospel Acclamation

*Mt 17:5*

***Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.  
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
hide not your face from me.***

***Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!***

## 1st Reading

*Gen 12:1-4*

*A reading from the book of Genesis*

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:

I will curse those who slight you.

All the tribes of the earth

shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

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

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22*

***Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.***

## 2nd Reading

*2 Tm 1:8-10*

*A reading from the second letter of St Paul to  
Timothy*

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

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



## Gospel

*Mt 17:1-9*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Matthew*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

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

## Communion Antiphon

*Mt 17:5*

***This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well  
pleased; listen to him.***



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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.**





### Welcome Fr Tom Jose MSFS

This week, we welcome Fr Tom who will be joining our Parish Communities for a couple of months. We look forward to getting to know Fr Tom. If you see Fr Tom in your travels, please say hello and introduce yourself. He is looking forward to getting to know the St. Christopher's and St Patrick's communities.

### RCIA NEWS

Congratulations to Jenn, Elizabeth, Lattana, Shevaughn and Denis who were presented at St. Mary's Cathedral last Sunday in preparation for their reception into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. May God continue to bless you and open your hearts to Him as we continue with the next stage (Purification and Enlightenment). Thank you to Anne Weeks for the beautiful Morning Tea and for coming to the Cathedral with us. Thank you to Roza Bulic who was also with us at the Cathedral and for your continued support of our Candidate and Catechumens.

### 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.



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

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



**St Patrick's:** Every Friday during Lent after 8am Mass.

**St Christopher's:** Every Friday during Lent at 7pm

### St Patrick's day - 18th March

Parishioners of St. Christopher's and St. Patrick's are cordially invited to our annual St Patrick's Day party. Last year was good but this year will be better!! Come along on Saturday, 18th March 2023, following the St. Patrick's 5.30 pm Vigil Mass at St. Patrick's Conference Centre (300 The River Rd). There will be food and drinks along with music, games, prizes and entertainment. Come along to what is sure to be a good night and remember, be keen and wear **green**!!



### 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.

### Parish Pilgrimage - Footprints of Jesus



Just a reminder that Fr Salas will be leading a pilgrimage in the footsteps of Christ from 21st May - 3rd June 2023. There are only a few spots remaining on the pilgrimage

so if you're interested in being part of this experience, please contact Fr. Salas through the Parish Office. Registrations must close 15th March 2023!

### Agape Youth

Agape Youth is our new youth ministry which launched last weekend after the St Christopher's 9:30am Mass in the Primary School Hall. It was great to meet those children who attended our first session. After feedback and further discussion, we have decided to open Agape Youth for anyone in Years 3-7. 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! If you would like to register your child online, please scan the code or use the link <https://forms.gle/8QtQnajEwNoQ3TbY7>

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Ben via the Parish Office 9774 3662.



### Project Compassion



After losing her father when she was just 10-years-old, Laxmi was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty.

But with the support of our partner Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club, became a leader in her school and is now a mentor to other children in her village.

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



### Sacramental Programme 2023

The pamphlets of the 2023 sacramental programme are available at the church's foyer.

### RIP - Maxine Stellar

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Maxine Stellar. The Stellar family were great supporters and assistance of our community. The Crucifix above the Tabernacle was donated by the family. Our condolences go out to the family for their loss.

### Statue of Our Lady

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



**St. Christopher's & St. Patrick's Parish Contacts**  
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**Parish Secretary:** Van Doan  
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**Parish Pastoral Council**  
 Chairperson: Anne Weeks  
 Secretary: Dympha Paterson  
**Parish Finance Committee**  
 Chairperson: John Tesoriero  
 Parish Safeguarding Officer: Jeanette Carroll

**St. Patrick's Church**

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**Parish Finance Committee**  
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 Secretary: Pat Nolan  
 Parish Safeguarding Officer: Siobhan Van Den Nieuwenhuizen

**COMING EVENTS**

5th & 19th Mar: Agape Youth in school Hall after 9.30am Mass  
 18th Mar: St Patrick's Day



*Mass Intentions*

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

**Recently Deceased:**

Maxine Stellar, Peter Ho, Hugh Ross, Noreen Dorn, Ellen Whittingstall & Tom Olds, Maureen McCullagh, Maria Garufo.

**Anniversaries:**

Genesius Sulaiman Tjoa & Pudjian Witorsa, Dominick McDermott & Anne Sutton, Maria & Joseph.

**General Intention:**

Ken Wilson, Jose Quintal, Athol Hughes, Melinda Woods, Anne Garben (Birthday) Clare & Cyril Gillfeather, Akash Anthony, Isaac Sandroussi, Chovaifaity & Sandroussi families, Dominic & Maria Doan, Paul & Tim Burke, Deceased members of the Legion of Mary.

**The Sick and Infirm:**

Robert Charadia, Moussa Debs, Pedro Priou, Michael Hains, Gemma O'Shea, Anthony Trad, Helena Kokoszka, Eriw Burwicle, Bronwyn Pearson, 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 McLoughlin, Alma Tahan, Martin Hannagan, Sam Law, Therese Nasser, Denis Kovc, Jim O'Neill, Anne Coome, Stephen Sinclair, Vincent Doan, Mary Israel, Rudolf Rodriques, Pat Tunncliff, Pat Tindall, Sick members of the Legion of Mary.

**ST CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKEND ROSTERS 2023**

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

**ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2023**

	4th/5th Mar		11th/12th Mar	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
<b>Acolytes/Servers:</b>	Chris	Jason	Chris	Ray
<b>Readers:</b>	Siobhan Van Den Nieuwenhuizen Wanieta Young	Lynda Cameron Mary Cameron	Monika Bradvica Steve Iacono	Cathy Moussa Roza Bulic
<b>Communion Ministers:</b>	Volunteer Elena Salgueira	May Coorey Joan Jones	Alison Simler Barbara Sherry	Cathy Moussa Volunteer
<b>Counters:</b>		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](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.