



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes


FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A
26th 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: 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

St Christopher's Primary School

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Mount St Joseph College

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A GLIMSE OF ST FRANCIS DE SALES



St Francis De Sales, born in a royal family, was destined by his father to be a lawyer so that the young man could eventually take his elder's place as an official in the province of Savoy in France. For this reason, Francis was sent to Padua to study law. After receiving his doctorate, he returned home and, in due time, told his parents that he wished to enter the priesthood. His father strongly opposed Francis in this, and only after much patient persuasiveness by Francis, his father finally consented. Francis was ordained and elected as the provost of the Diocese of Geneva which was a centre for the Calvinists (strongly anti-Catholic). Francis set out to convert them, especially in the district of Chablais, and preaching and distributing the little pamphlets, he explained to them the true Catholic doctrine. Though he faced opposition and threats, he persevered and had remarkable success.

At 35, he became bishop of Geneva. While administering his diocese he continued his ministry by preaching, hearing confessions, and catechising the children. His gentle character was a great asset in winning souls.

St. Francis wrote two books: the Introduction to the Devout Life and A Treatise on the Love of God which are read and appreciated even today due to their relevance and practicality. For his writings, he has been named patron of the Catholic Press. His writings, filled with his characteristic gentle spirit, are addressed to lay people. He wants to make them understand that they too are called to be saints. As he wrote in The Introduction to the Devout Life: "It is an error, or rather a heresy, to say devotion is unsuitable with the life of a soldier, a tradesman, a prince, or a married woman". This radical thought has enormously inspired and gave confidence to many lay faithful to practice holiness.

St Francis De Sales, Pray For Us

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 42:1-2

***Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against
a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.***

1st Reading

Ez 37:12-14

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 129. R. v.7

***With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.***

2nd Reading

Rom 8:8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

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

Gospel Acclamation

See Jn 11:25. 26

***Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die for ever
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!***

Gospel

Jn 11:3-7. 17. 20-27. 33-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said: 'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.

I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

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



Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 11:26

***Everyone who lives and believes in me
will not die for ever, says the Lord.***

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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.

St. Patrick's Day Celebrations



Last Saturday night (18th March) following the Vigil Mass at St. Patrick's, Revesby Heights, we celebrated the Parish Feast Day with a wonderful dinner attended by over 100 people. The night was filled with laughter, community, entertainment and friendly competition. We thank the Parish Pastoral Council of St. Patrick's and who were involved in working tirelessly behind the scenes to put this event together. We look forward to celebrating again next year!

Donation of Palms for Palm Sunday

Please leave all donation of Palms at side of the church from Thursday 30th to Sat morning 1st Apr before 10am. Volunteers are required to assist in the cutting of palms.



HOLY WEEK ROSTER (EASTER) —HELP NEEDED!

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S & ST. PATRICK'S

Please sign your name to assist at our Easter masses during Holy Week. See the Roster in the foyer (even if you are already rostered on). We need acolytes, readers, eucharistic ministers, altar servers, wardens and welcomers. This roster need to be finalised by Palm Sunday.



St. Patrick's: In church Meeting Room Wednesday at 9am and 7:30pm

St. Christopher's: In Church Meeting Room - Wednesday at 7pm

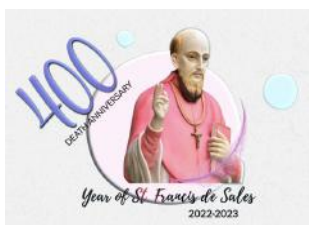


St Patrick's: Every Friday during Lent after 8am Mass.

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

Celebration of the year of St. Francis De Sales – 30 April 2023

On Sunday, 30th April at the St Christopher's 9:30 am Mass, Bishop Danny Meagher, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney, will be joining us to celebrate the Year of St Francis De Sales 2022-2023, commemorating the 400th Anniversary of the death of St. Francis de Sales. There will be a special celebration following the Mass in the St. Christopher's Primary School Hall. We would like to invite all parishioners to bring a cultural dish to share in the hall. If you are able to bring a dish to share, please contact the Parish Office 9774 3662.



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 ASAP through the Parish Office 9774 3662.

Agape Youth

Agape Youth is run fortnightly for Years 3-7. It is an opportunity to gather, have some fun, explore the faith and to be inspired by Christ. If you would like to register your child online, please scan the code below or via the following link: <https://forms.gle/8QtQnajEwNoQ3TbY7>



If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Ben via the Parish Office. Our final session for Term 1 which will be a movie morning will be held this Sunday 26th March at 10:30am in the St. Christopher's Primary School Hall.



Project Compassion brings together Australian schools, parishes and supporters to raise funds for people in vulnerable communities across the

world. This year, we introduced you to the story of four inspiring people whose lives have been transformed with your generous support: Laxmi, Tereesa, Priscilla and Thu. Today, they are creating a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations. 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.



EASTER CEREMONIES

LENTEN COMMUNITY RECONCILIATIONS:

St Christopher's: Wednesday 5th April 2023 at 7pm

HOLY THURSDAY MASS - 6th April

St. Christopher's: 7pm

St. Patrick's: 7pm

NO THURSDAY MORNING MASS

GOOD FRIDAY - 7th April 2023

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St. Christopher's: 10am (Confessions to follow)

St. Patrick's: 10am (Confessions to follow)

OUR LORD'S PASSION

St. Christopher's: 3pm

St. Patrick's: 3pm

NO SATURDAY MORNING MASS/BENEDICTION

EASTER VIGIL: SATURDAY— 8th April 2023

St. Christopher's: 5.30pm

St. Patrick's: 5.30pm

EASTER: SUNDAY - 9th April 2023

St. Christopher's: 8am, 9.30am

NO 5pm Mass

St. Patrick's: 9am

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
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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

26th Mar: Agape Youth in STC school Hall after 9.30am
 Mass
 St Christopher's school - Yr 1 Family Mass @
 5pm



Mass Intentions

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

Recently Deceased:

Marie Solway, Dolores Aleqro, Gwen Troy, Joan Kemp.

Anniversaries:

Colin Mills, Deebe Assad, Jose Santos, Frank Sherry, Richard Gonsalves, Gwen & Bill Williams, John Moro, Margaret McLeish, Norma Brady,

General Intention:

John Field, Jose Quintal, Akash Anthony, Dominic & Maria Doan, Paul & Tim Burke, Deceased members of the Legion of Mary.

The Sick and Infirm:

Di Mason, Georgina Kermode, 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, 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, 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

25th/26th Mar	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
Readers:	Louise Harvey Clare Lourey	George Elias Ron Woods	Gabriela Bietresato Sam Coorey	STC Students	<i>Communion to the Sick</i> Magdalene Vetter Van Doan Josephine Jones
Communion Ministers:	Frank O'Brien Renee Taylor	Magdalene Vetter Van Doan	Louise Anderson Stephanie Siaoosi	Anne Maree Morris Volunteer	Counters: John Tesoriero Marie Lourey
Acolytes/ Servers	John Tesoriero	Jon D'Astoli	Volunteer	Cheryl Beaver	Other Ministries
1st/2nd Apr	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
Readers:	Clare Lourey Chris Tran	Ron Woods Stephanie Siaoosi	Sam Coorey Joe Nguyen	Julie Nugent Tanya Nguyen	<i>Communion to the Sick</i> Megan Perez Norma Coorey Margaret Yasbek
Communion Ministers:	Caroline Khouri Josephine Jones	Megan Perez Jeff Giltinan	Jacqueline Bull Terese Jones	Gabi Bietresato Volunteer	Counters: Stephanie Siaoosi John Tesoriero
Acolytes/ Servers	John Tesoriero Jonathan Tran	Denis Lister	Richard Hurst	Denis Lister	

ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2023

	25th/26th Mar		1st/2nd Apr	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
Acolytes/Servers:	Chris	Ray	Chris	Jason
Readers:	Marie Carr Volunteer	Pat Nolan Dawn Poole	Siobhan Van Den Nieuwenhuizen Wanieta Young	Lynda Cameron Mary Cameron
Communion Ministers:	Elena Salgueira Volunteer	May Coorey Joan Jones	Alison Simler Barbara Sherry	Cathy Moussa Volunteer
Counters:		Sue-Ann Burton Peter Volk		Elena Salgueira, 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. 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.