



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


**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A**
**23rd April 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

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**De La Salle College**

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**Mount St Joseph College**

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## *St. Francis De Sales' Books that can transform your Spiritual Life*

St. Francis, who combined a powerful intellect with an extraordinarily active apostolic life, wrote about lofty things in a simple, accessible way. Here are his five books.

**1. The Art of Loving God:** St. Francis speaks of the simple virtues of everyday life, the virtues that are so important for growing in holiness and flourishing in community. This also addresses the needs of laypersons.

**2. Roses Among Thorns:** He speaks of how to place ourselves in the presence of God; how busy people ought to pray; how to handle vices, virtues and discernment; how to have charity and patience with your family; and what to do in times of dryness or restlessness.

**3. The Sign of the Cross:** It comes from St. Francis' courageous efforts to bring Protestants back to the True Faith during the Reformation. It is a powerful explanation and defence that traces the origins of the Sign of the Cross back to the Church Fathers, the Apostles, and Our Lord Himself.

**4. An Introduction to the Devout Life:** In this book, he leads his readers gently through what it means to live a devout life; shows us how to approach God in prayer and the Sacraments; and explains why we should cultivate sixteen particular virtues in order to please and love God better. He also suggests remedies to spiritual difficulties, encouragement for challenges, and meditations to orient us toward a life of truly *becoming holy*.

**5. Treatise on the Love of God:** This book addresses every imaginable topic related to God's great love for us. It also tells us how we can grow in perfection so that we can strive to love Him as He deserves.

*Fr Vijay Boilla MSFS*

**Books about St Francis De Sales can be purchased online from Amazon and other groups. You can also visit our Piety stall at St Christopher's for assistance with getting these books.**

## **Entrance Antiphon**

*Cf. Ps 65:1-2*

***Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.***

## **1st Reading**

*Acts 2:14, 22-33*

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me.

So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.

You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

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

## **Responsorial Psalm**

*Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. v.11*

***Lord, you will show us the path of life.***

## **2nd Reading**

*1 Pt 1:17-21*

*A reading from the first letter of St Peter*

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

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

## **Gospel Acclamation**

*Jn See Lk 24:32*

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:  
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.  
Alleluia!***

## **Gospel**

*Lk 24:13-35*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

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

## **Communion Antiphon**

*Lk 24:35*

***The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus  
in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.***

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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.**



## WYD fund raising for Redemptoris Mater Seminary Weekend 22nd/23rd Apr

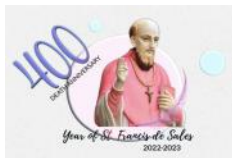
There will be a fund raising at all Masses this weekend to support the Samaritans of paying their way to WYD in Lisbon this year.



**Tuesday 25/4/23 - Masses**  
**St Christopher's : 9.15am**  
(No 7pm Mass)  
**St Patrick's: 8am**

## 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 - Information Evening

There will be an information evening on Friday, 28th April at 6pm in the St. Christopher's Church Meeting Room for anyone who is going on the Holy Land Pilgrimage with Fr. Salas. If you are going on this pilgrimage, please attend.

## St Christopher's Garden Club

You are invited to join our Garden Club! We will be meeting on the first Saturday every month at 10am (after Morning Mass)

First meeting will be Saturday May 6th at 10am. Please call and leave your name and phone number with parish office or just turn up if you are Interested.



## Mother's Day Celebrations - St. Patrick's



Celebrate Mother's Day in a special way this year and assist women in need. Parishioners are invited to bring new toiletries, scarfs, beanies, gloves, blankets etc. to either Mass on the weekend of 13th/14th May 2023 and place items in front of the altar before Mass. Afterwards, these goods will be given to a local support group to distribute to women living on the streets.



## Thank You Fr. Tom Jose MSFS

Fr. Tom has been appointed Assistant Priest at Holy Family, Menai. Although Fr. Tom has only been with us for a short period of time, he has quickly become an important part and dear friend to our community. We thank him for his service and contribution to the community during his time with us and wish him every blessing in the next chapter of his ministry.



## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Children in Year 3 or above who have received the Sacrament of Baptism are invited to make their Reconciliation this year.

Once completing Reconciliation they are able to make their Communion in the following term.

**Parent Preparation Evening: Wed 10th May at 7.00pm in St. Christopher's Church.** All parents wishing to have their child make their Reconciliation must attend this evening. Important information regarding the programme will be provided at this meeting.

**Enrolment:** the online enrolment form will be available on Thur 11th May and will be closed Sun 14th May at both parishes website.

**Commitment Weekend:** Presentation of candidates for Reconciliation on the weekend of 20th/21st May - Sat. 5.30pm Mass or any Sunday Mass at both parishes. **This is a compulsory part of the Reconciliation Programme.**

**Reconciliation Lessons:** Lessons commence Tuesday 23rd or Wednesday 24th May @ 6.30pm for four consecutive weeks at 300 The River Rd, Revesby Heights (**Attendance at all lessons is compulsory**)

## Celebration of the Sacrament:

St. Christopher's Church.

Wednesday 21st June - 5pm OR 6.30pm

## Agape Youth

Agape Youth is run fortnightly on Sunday at 10:30am in the St. Christopher's School Hall 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 link: <https://forms.gle/8QtQnajEwNoQ3TbY7>

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Ben via the Parish Office. We will resume for Term 2 on Sunday, 7th May.



## Opening Hours of St Christopher's Church

Due to the recent installation of surveillance cameras within the church and surrounding grounds, we are now able to keep the Church open throughout the week. Parishioners and friends are welcome and encouraged to use this opportunity to stop into the church for some quiet prayer.

## Statue of Our Lady: St Christopher's & St Patrick'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 St Christophe's - Josephine 0418 405 402



**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**

Tuesday 25th April: Anzac day Masses  
 St Christopher's: 9.15am - No 7pm Mass  
 St Patrick's: 8am  
 Sunday 30 April @ 9.30am : Celebration of the year of  
 St. Francis De Sales  
 at St Christopher's



*Mass Intentions*

**Let Us Pray for our Parish Community**

**Recently Deceased:**

Jim O'meara, Samantha Joe Mekkunel, Melanie Dunn, Anthony Trad, Elias Chouaifaity.

**Anniversaries:**

Kevin Weeks, Margaret Staines & Michael Harte, Therese Boukaram, Margaret Shehan, Gioan Tran, Danny Federici, Jane Zammit, Deidre Whitcroft, Deebe Assad, Jose Santos, Frank Sherry, Richard Gonsalves, Gwen & Bill Williams, John Moro, Margaret McLeish, Norma Brady.

**General Intention:**

Pray for all Souls, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Peter Ho, Ray Parry, Fr Pat McAuliffe & Kathleen Lathan, Jose Quintal, Bob & Cath Davis, deceased members of the Carr & Davis families, Thomas Mullane, Camilla & William, Julia, John, Terrence Hoad, Betty & Beard, Gordan & Meg Jordon, Jenny Lenthalm, Jenny John Kirby, Mary Latham, Joanna Weston, Hanna & Mansour families, Joseph & Veronica Ritchie & Alf Pandoleon, Lina & Ottaviano Serafin, Steven Peli, Angela & Sean McLoughlin, Thomas McLoughlin, John Field, George & Andreana Sultana, Joseph & Frances Field, Roger Brown, Rob Ellery and Brown, Pereira, D'Souza, Arango, Rosario Families, Dominic & Maria Doan, Paul & Tim Burke, Deceased members of the Legion of Mary.

**The Sick and Infirm:**

Lisa Field, Aria Zimmermann, Di Mason, Robert Charadia, Moussa Debs, Pedro Priou, Michael Hains, Helena Kokoszka, Eriw Burwicle, Bronwyn Pearson, Margaret Azzi, Miriam Priou, Maria Koh, Giovanna Iacono, John Esther, Rosanne Sukkar, Bill & Dina Papadopoulos, 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 Rodrigues, Pat Tunnicliff, Pat Tindall, Sick members of the Legion of Mary.

**ST CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKEND ROSTERS 2023**

22nd/23rd Apr	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
<b>Readers:</b>	Louise Harvey Clare Lourey	George Elias Ron Woods	Gabriela Bietresato Sam Coorey	Michelle Ryan Tanya Nguyen	<b>Communion to the Sick</b> Magdalene Vetter Terese Jones Josephine Jones
<b>Communion Ministers:</b>	Frank O'Brien Renee Taylor	Magdalene Vetter Terese Jones	Louise Anderson Kim Barbagallo	Volunteer Anne Maree Morris	<b>Counters:</b> John Tesoriero Joanne Carney
<b>Acolytes/ Servers</b>	John Tesoriero	Volunteer	Lisa Kerry	Cheryl Beaver	<b>Other Ministries</b>
29th/30th Apr	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
<b>Readers:</b>	Alan Tuohy Michael Mallia	Joe Nguyen George Elias	Michael Dumlao Gabriela Bietresato	Tanya Nguyen Volunteer	<b>Communion to the Sick</b> Magdalene Vetter Ellen Russell Van Doan
<b>Communion Ministers:</b>	Barbara Tesoriero Jeanette Carroll	Magdalene Vetter Ellen Russell	Norma Coorey Valasi Zimmerman	Volunteer Stephanie Siaoisi	<b>Counters:</b> Philip Weeks John Tesoriero
<b>Acolytes/ Servers</b>	John Tesoriero	Jon D'Astoli	Tony O'Shea	Ryan Romero	

**ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2023**

	22nd/23rd Apr		29th/30th Apr	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
<b>Acolytes/Servers:</b>	Chris	Jason	Kevin	Moses
<b>Readers:</b>	Marge Salone Barbara Sherry	Tess Hughes Garry Solway	Marie Carr Volunteer	Pat Nolan Dawn Poole
<b>Communion Ministers:</b>	Elena Salgueira Volunteer	May Coorey Joan Jones	Alison Simler Barbara Sherry	Cathy Moussa Volunteer
<b>Counters:</b>		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](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.