



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes


FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A
30th April 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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Celebration of 400th Death Anniversary of St. Francis De Sales

"Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!" (1 Chronicles 16:34). A reason to rejoice today is the Celebration of 400th Death Anniversary of St. Francis De Sales as we, the priests, belonging to the order of St. Francis de sales, working in the Archdiocese of Sydney, conclude the Year of St. Francis De Sales this weekend as our Superior General, Rev. Fr. Abraham Vettuvilil announced April 2022 - April 2023 as the Year of St. Francis de Sales. We cordially invite you to be part of our joy.

To have a glance at St. Francis, he was born on August 21, 1567, France and was ordained priest in 1593. At 35, he became Bishop of Geneva. He is popularly known as the gentleman saint. He is the patron saint of writers and journalists because by preaching and distributing the little pamphlets he wrote to explain true Catholic Doctrine. He died on 28 December 1622 and was buried on 24 January 1623. He was beatified in 1661 by Pope Alexander VII, who then canonized him four years later. He was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius IX in 1877.

400 years have passed since his death, yet it is His relevant spirituality and unfailing inspiration that continues to encourage and empower the Order of MSFS to render its untiring services in around 23 countries over the past 185 years. At this juncture, we humbly thank the Lord for blessing the Order to be instrumental for the salvation of many across the world.

St. Francis De Sales! Pray for us.

Quote of the Day



APRIL 30

"Reason accompanied by
passion becomes odious."

St. Francis De Sales

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 32:5-6

***The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
alleluia.***

1st Reading

Acts 2:14. 36-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.' Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22:1-6. R. v.1

***The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.***

2nd Reading

1 Pt 2:20-25

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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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.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 10:14

***Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!***

Gospel

Jn 10:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.' Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

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

Communion Antiphon

***The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.***

CWF Parish Appeal



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) May 2023 Appeal will be happening on 6th & 7th May and we need your help.

Please keep alive the vital ministries of the church in service to those who need it most.

In hospitals, churches, schools, communities and families, your donation is making our world a loving, caring and compassionate place.

Give generously. **Your tax-deductible gift changes lives.**

Donate at www.ourfairhourworks/give-to-cwf or complete the parish envelop.

All donations contribute to our Parish target.



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

This 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.



Mother's Day - May 14th



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.

St Christopher's

Please bring a flower to lay at the foot of the Altar to honour our Our Blessed Mother Mary and also our own mothers.

Dempsey Medal Recipients 2023

We are proud to announce the Dempsey Medal recipients for 2023. Brian Quinn from St. Patrick's and June Colin-Thome from St. Christopher's have been chosen as the recipients for 2023 for their ongoing hard work and contribution to their parish communities over many years. We thank them both for their contributions to our parish communities. Brian and June will be presented with their Dempsey Medal during Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral on Sunday, 21st May 2023 at 10:30am. Please keep our recipients in your prayers.



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 Sun, 7th May.



RCIA Certification Course

If you are interested in becoming involved in the RCIA programme you may wish to attend the Archdiocesan RCIA Certification Course. This year's course will have a greater emphasis on evangelisation and what it means to walk with people towards conversion. The course begins on Wednesday, 3 May, and is held each fortnight, finishing July 12.

Please contact the Parish office if you would like further information.

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.



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

Sunday 30 April @ 9.30am : Celebration of the year of
 St. Francis De Sales
 at St Christopher's
 Sunday 7th May: Agape Youth in St Christopher's school hall



Mass Intentions

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

Recently Deceased:

Jim O'meara, Samantha Joe Mekkunel.

Anniversaries:

Dominic Doan, Remy Norbert, Josette & Didier, Therese Boukaram, Anthony Bova, Brian Poole, Dave Young, Kevin Weeks, Margaret Staines & Michael Harte, 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:

Anna Nhieu, Galerielie McLoughlin, Joaquim, Philomena & Delano D'Silva, Annie & Paul D'Souza, Tom, Tamam & Anthony Coorey, 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, 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, Mary Israel, Pat Tunnicliff, Pat Tindall, Sick members of the Legion of Mary.

ST CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKEND ROSTERS 2023

29th/30th Apr	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
Readers:	Alan Tuohy Michael Mallia	Joe Nguyen George Elias	Michael Dumlaio Gabi Bietresato	Tanya Nguyen Volunteer	Communion to the Sick Magdalene Vetter Ellen Russell Van Doan
Communion Ministers:	Barbara Tesoriero Jeanette Carroll	Magdalene Vetter Ellen Russell	Norma Coorey Valasi Zimmerman	Volunteer Stephanie Siaosi	Counters: Philip Weeks John Tesoriero
Acolytes/ Servers	John Tesoriero	Jon D'Astoli	Tony O'Shea	Ryan Romero	Other Ministries
6th/7th May	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Communion to the Sick
Readers:	Alan Tuohy Michael Mallia	Joe Nguyen George Elias	Michael Dumlaio Gabriela Bietresato	Tanya Nguyen Volunteer	Megan Perez Norma Coorey Margaret Yasbek
Communion Ministers:	Caroline Khouri Josephine Jones	Megan Perez Margaret Yasbek	Jacqueline Bull Terese Jones	Gabi Bietresato Volunteer	Counters: John Tesoriero Marie Lourey
Acolytes/ Servers	Jonathan Tran	Jon D'Astoli	Richard Hurst	Denis Lister	

ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2023

	29th/30th Apr		6th/7th May	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
Acolytes/Servers:	Kevin	Moses	Chris	Ray
Readers:	Marie Carr Volunteer	Pat Nolan Dawn Poole	Siobhan Van Den Nieuwenhuizen Wanieta Young	Lynda Cameron Mary Cameron
Communion Ministers:	Alison Simler Barbara Sherry	Cathy Moussa Volunteer	Elena Salgueira Steve Iacono	May Coorey Cathy Moussa
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.