



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



**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD YEAR A**

**9th 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

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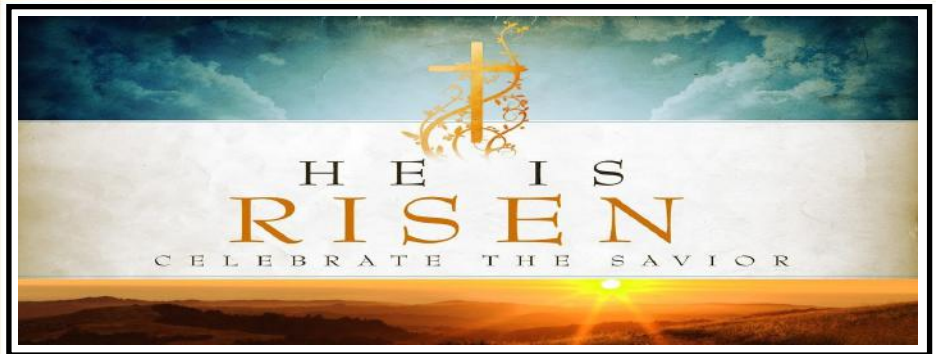
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***"They saw the empty tomb and believed"***

Today, we celebrate Easter, the feast of all feasts, the feast of faith and hope. As St Paul Says "If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is empty and your faith comes to nothing" (1Cor 15: 14). Yes, the resurrection of Jesus is the crowning point of the history of our salvation and foundation of our Christian faith. For this reason, the Easter acclamation "Alleluia" becomes our song of joy to praise and thank the Lord for the wonders that our Lord has worked for us.

Mary of Magdala loved Jesus beyond words, and that was what led her to the tomb the next day morning looking for him. But to her surprise, she could see only the empty tomb. This was the same experience that the disciples had when they went to look for him. But, the love that they had for Jesus removed all their fears and doubts, and they began to believe in the mystery of the risen lord. Therefore, to understand the mystery of the risen lord we need love him in the first place, because, the more we love him the more he will reveal his mystery to us. And to experience him, we need to gather in his name and listen to his words, and partake in the divine fellowship, the Eucharist.

The feast of Easter invites us to be the messengers of the resurrection and to witness the risen Lord. We need to proclaim Jesus who is the source and foundation of hope, love and joy. We all need to die with him and die to self to rise with him to new life. Let's try to understand this deeper significance of Easter and wish one another on this occasion of celebrating the joy of the Risen Lord.

***Wish you all a very Happy Easter***  
***Fr Salas Muttathukattil MSFS***

## **EASTER VIGIL**

**First Reading :** *Gen 1:1. 26-31*

### **Responsorial Psalm**

*Ps 103:1-2. 5-6. 10. 12-14. 24. 35. R. see v.30*

**(R.)** *Lord, send out your Spirit,  
and renew the face of the earth.*

**Second Reading:** *Ex 14:15 – 15:1*

### **Responsorial Psalm** *Ex 15:1-6. 17-18. R. v.1*

**(R.)** *Let us sing to the Lord;  
he has covered himself in glory.*

**Third Reading** *Is 55:1-11*

### **Responsorial Psalm** *Is 12:2-6 R. v.3*

**(R.)** *You will draw water joyfully from the springs of  
salvation.*

**Fourth Reading** *Rom 6:3-11*

### **Gospel** *Mt 28:1-10*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

## **EASTER SUNDAY**

### **Entrance Antiphon**

*Cf. Ps 138:18,5-6*

*I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.  
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.  
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge,  
alleluia, alleluia.*

### **1st Reading**

*Acts 10:34. 37-43*

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

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

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## **Responsorial Psalm**

*Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24*

*This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.*

### **2nd Reading**

*Col 3:1-4*

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

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Thanks be to God.*



### **Gospel Acclamation**

*1 Cor 5:7-8*

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;  
let us feast with joy in the Lord.  
Alleluia!*

### **Gospel**

*Jn 20:1-9*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

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

### **Communion Antiphon**

*1 Cor 5:7-8*

*Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;  
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened  
bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.*

**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.**





## Congratulations to RCIA Candidate & Catechumens

During the Easter Vigil Mass this weekend, we will



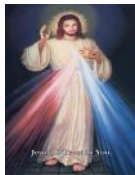
welcome 1 candidate and 4 catechumens who will be fully initiated into our Catholic Church. This is a very exciting and faith filled time in their journey. The Parish community of St. Christopher's and St. Patrick's wishes to congratulate the new members of our Catholic Church and we send them lots of prayers and well wishes. Please join us at the Easter Vigil in welcoming them to our Catholic family!



Grateful thanks to all those parishioners who have generously assisted with the Easter Services this year. Your help at this busy time is much appreciated.

## Holy Land collection - Thank you

As encouraged by Pope Francis. Through this collection, you join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. When you contribute to the Holy Land Collection, you become an instrument of peace in the land where Jesus walked.



## Divine Mercy Novena

Please join us as a Parish Community in praying the Divine Mercy Novena which begins on Good Friday and concludes on Divine Mercy Sunday

## Syrian Earthquake Appeal - Weekend 15th/16th Apr

There will be a third collection at all Masses next weekend to support the Syrian Earthquake appeal with the aim of providing much needed support to the communities in Syria that have been affected by more than a decade of civil war and now, the recent earthquake.

## St Christopher's PPC Meeting - Tuesday 11th Apr

Location: Parish Centre

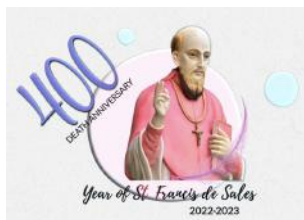
Time: 7pm

## Sacramental Programme 2023

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

## 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 .



## Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations.

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



## 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 via the link: <https://forms.gle/8QtQnajEwNoQ3TbY7> If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Ben via the Parish Office.



## Opening Hours of 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 during parish office hours. Parishioners and friends are welcome and encouraged to use this opportunity to stop into the church for some quiet prayer.



## Maureen Batch 90th birthday

Wishing Maureen a grand and glorious 90th birthday! May God bless her and fill her heart with happiness.

## 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 Christopher's - Josephine 0418 405 402



**St. Christopher's & St. Patrick's Parish Contacts**  
**Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9.00am-3.00pm**  
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**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**

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*Mass Intentions*

**Let Us Pray for our Parish Community**

**Recently Deceased:**

Melanie Dunn, Anthony Trad, Elias Chouaifaity, Jose K.M, Jim O'Meara, Marie Solway.

**Anniversaries:**

Monalisa San Juan, Deidre Whitcroft, Dominic Han & Maria Hong, Georgy Pierre, John Poole, Deebe Assad, Jose Santos, Frank Sherry, Richard Gonsalves, Gwen & Bill Williams, John Moro, Margaret McLeish, Norma Brady.

**General Intention:**

Thomas Mullane, 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, Ray Gurney, Keith Wheeler, Jose Quintal, Akash Anthony, Dominic & Maria Doan, Paul & Tim Burke, Deceased members of the Legion of Mary.

**The Sick and Infirm:**

Lisa Field, Aria Zimmermann, Di Mason, Georgina Kermode, Robert Charadia, Moussa Debs, Pedro Priou, Michael Hains, Anthony Trad, 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 Rodriques, Pat Tunnicliff, Pat Tindall, Sick members of the Legion of Mary.

**ST CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKEND ROSTERS 2023**

8th/9th Apr	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	NO 5pm Mass	Other Ministries
<b>Readers:</b>	Tanya N, Clare L Gabi B	Tanya Nguyen Ron Woods	Pauline O'shea Sam Coorey		<b>Communion to the Sick</b> N/A
<b>Communion Ministers:</b>	Jeanette Carroll Kim Barbagallo	Ellen Russell Gaby Bietresato	Bernadette Saleme Magdalene Vetter		<b>Counters:</b> Jeanette Carroll Maureen Singleton
<b>Acolytes/ Servers</b>	John T, Jonathan T Allan F	Jon D'Astoli Richard Hurst	Tony O'Shea Volunteer		
15th/16th Apr	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
<b>Readers:</b>	Gabrielle Innes Louise Anderson	Volunteer Tanya Nguyen	Lea De Angelis Andrew Mills	Nazira Hanna Volunteer	<b>Communion to the Sick</b> Norma Coorey Gabi Bietresato Van Doan
<b>Communion Ministers:</b>	David Raish Volunteer	Van Doan Gabi Bietresato	Margaret Yasbek Magdalene Vetter	Volunteer Nazira Hanna	<b>Counters:</b> George Elias Dennis Lister
<b>Acolytes/ Servers</b>	Jonathan Tran	Andrew Mills	Ruben Nool	Ryan Romero	

**ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2023**

	8th/9th Apr		15th/16th Apr	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
<b>Acolytes/Servers:</b>	Kevin F & Moses P	Kevin F & Jason S	Chris	Ray
<b>Readers:</b>	Monika Bradvica Volunteer	Steven Iacono, Pat N Cathy Mousa	Monika Bradvica Steve Iacono	Cathy Moussa Roza Bulic
<b>Communion Ministers:</b>	Elena Salgueira Barbara Sherry	Cathy Mousa May Coorey	Alison Simler Barbara Sherry	Cathy Moussa Volunteer
<b>Counters:</b>		Bill Woods Brian Quinn		Dorothy Gonsales, Seamus Mc Kenna



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.