



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes


FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A
7th May 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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Gospel Reflection

Mutual Indwelling

The disciples are full of premonitions that their beloved leader was about to be cruelly done to death, leaving them abandoned. Yet he tells them: 'Let not your hearts be troubled.'

Why shouldn't their hearts, our hearts, be troubled by the disappearance of Our Lord's physical presence? The answer is because there is a purpose to his passage through death. It was to bring about a situation where our Risen Lord could share his life in ever more intimate fashion with his followers.

How does this come about?

At every Mass, after the gifts are brought to the altar, I pour a little water into the chalice of wine, saying: 'By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.'

What a powerful verb! By grace, we can participate in the Divine Life of the Risen Lord.

As the Greek saints of the early church used to say in very daring fashion: 'God became human so that humans might become God.'

We anticipate this at every Holy Communion when, as Pope John Paul II used to say: 'We digest, as it were, the secret of the Resurrection.'

We could pause for a moment after Communion to reverence the Divine Life dwelling in us, a truly Holy Communion!

Alleluia!

Fr Michael Tate

Quote of the Day

"The worm breeds in the most exquisite and ripest apples, similarly, jealousy arises in the most ardent and compelling love of the married."

St Francis De Sales

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 97:1-2

***O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.***

1st Reading

Acts 6:1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.



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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19

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

2nd Reading

1 Pt 2:4-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

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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.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

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Gospel Acclamation

Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

***I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia!***

Gospel

Jn 14:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you.

I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too.

From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 15:1,5

***I am the true vine and you are the branches, says
the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him,
bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.***

St. Francis De Sales Celebrations - Thank You!

Last Sunday, Bishop Danny Meagher and various special guests joined our parish community of St. Christopher's in celebration of the Year of St. Francis de Sales and to commemorate the 400th anniversary of his death. Many in attendance commented on the beautiful liturgy and the community spirit present in the celebrations following the Mass. We thank all who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to organise the liturgy, music, entertainment, food and refreshments and to make this special day run so smoothly. We hope to have more events where we can bring the parish community together.



Ordination Anniversary of Fr Salas

This Monday, 8th May, will be the anniversary of Fr Salas' ordination to the Priesthood. Our Parish communities are grateful to Fr Salas for his continuous support and ministry to St Christopher's and St Patrick's. We pray for Fr Salas as he continues his journey in service and pray for his continued good health and future.

In honour of his Ordination Anniversary, we will have a morning tea after 9.30am Mass this Sunday.

CWF Parish Appeal—6th/7th May

Help keep alive 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.

Donate at: <https://www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-cwf/> or complete the parish envelope at Mass today. Give generously. Your tax deductible gift changes lives. Thank you!



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.



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

In celebration of Mother's Day, on the weekend of 13th/14th May, we invite parishioners at St Christopher's to bring a flower and place it at the foot of the Altar to honour Mary, our Mother, and our own Mother and the mother figures in our lives.



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.



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 13th at 10am. Please call and leave your name and phone number with parish office or just turn up if you are Interested.



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.

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: Dymphna 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

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Secretary: Pat Nolan

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Siobhan Van Den Nieuwenhuizen

COMING EVENTS

Sunday 14th May: Happy Mother's day



Mass Intentions

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

Recently Deceased:

Joma Salic, Michael Scott, Margaret Clare Baragry, Jim O'meara.

Anniversaries:

Dominic Doan, John Foley, Remy Norbert, Josette & Didier, Therese Boukaram, Anthony Bova, Brian Poole, Dave Young, Kevin Weeks, Margaret Staines & Michael Harte, Margaret Shehan, Deebe, Assad, Jose Santos, Frank Sherry, Richard Gonsalves, Gwen & Bill Williams, John Moro, Margaret McLeish, Norma Brady.

General Intention:

Raminda & Ravi Rodrigo, Peter Man, Monica Christensen, Sue Mac Donald, Veronica Taylor & Kathleen Ross, Joe & Muriel Rodrigo,, 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, Camilla & William, Dominic & Maria Doan, Paul & Tim Burke, Deceased members of the Legion of Mary.

The Sick and Infirm:

Manfred Adam, Anne Hanna, 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, Stephen Sinclair, Pat Tunnicliff, Pat Tindall, Sick members of the Legion of Mary.

ST CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKEND ROSTERS 2023

6th/7th May	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
Readers:	Clare Lourey Chris Tran	Ron Woods Stephanie Siaosi	Sam Coorey Joe Nguyen	Julie Nugent Tanya Nguyen	Communion to the Sick 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	Other Ministries
13th/14th May	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
Readers:	Michael Mallia Sue Bracken	Steve Darcy Carolyn Ford	Mary Chan Pauline O'Shea	Volunteers Tanya Nguyen	Communion to the Sick Ann-Maree Darcy Ellen Russell Josephine Jones
Communion Ministers:	Jeanette Carroll Barbara Tesoriero	Ann-Maree Darcy Josephine Jones	Norma Verjoustinsky Bernadette Saleme	Volunteer Stephanie Siaosi	Counters: Stephanie Sia John Tesoriero
Acolytes/ Servers	John Tesoriero	Jon D'Astoli	Tony O'Shea	Cheryl Beaver	

ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2023

	6th/7th May		13th/14th May	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
Acolytes/Servers:	Chris	Ray	Kevin	Moses
Readers:	Siobhan Van Den Nieuwenhuizen Waneta Young	Lynda Cameron Mary Cameron	Monika Bradvica Steve Iacono	Cathy Moussa Roza Bulic
Communion Ministers:	Elena Salgueira Steve Iacono	May Coorey Cathy Moussa	Elena Salgueira Barbara Sherry	May Coorey Joan Jones
Counters:		Elena Salgueira, Charlie Howard		Bill Woods Brian Quinn



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.