



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


**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A**
**14th May 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**

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**Assistant Priest**

Fr Vijay Kumar Boilla MSFS

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St Christopher's Catholic Church Panania

St Patrick's Catholic Church Revesby Heights

**St Christopher's Primary School**

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## Gospel Reflection

### Parallel Truths

Today's Gospel speaks of an advocate. This translates a Greek word: 'paraclete'. Our Lord says: 'I will send you another Paraclete to be with you forever.' Our Lord was a Paraclete, and he would send another.

What does this strange sounding word mean? Here is a hint. We all know that parallel lines run, well, para-llel. They run alongside each other. A paraclete is a person who stands alongside someone and pleads their case.

That is how our Lord Jesus Christ saw himself. His role was not to condemn but to plead the case for mercy and compassion, to be the intercessor par excellence.

Our Lord promises another Paraclete dwelling within us, individually and as the body of Christ's disciples, the Holy Spirit advocating our cause, assisting us to live Truth-fully by the measure of the One who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. This Paraclete particularly assists us by acting as the Spirit of Truth.

We could pause for a moment to thank God for the two Paracletes, constantly pleading our case before the Throne of Mercy.

*Fr Michael Tate*

### Quote of the Day

**"God keeps this wonderful world  
in existence amidst constant change."**

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*St Francis De Sales*



## Entrance Antiphon

*Cf. Is 48:20*

***Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;  
proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.***

## 1st Reading

*Acts 8:5-8. 14-17*

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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



## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20*

***Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.***

## 2nd Reading

*1 Pt 3:15-18*

*A reading from the first letter of St Peter*

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

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

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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 14:23*

***Alleluia, alleluia!  
All who love me will keep my words, and my  
Father will love them and we will come to them.  
Alleluia!***

## Gospel

*Jn 14:15-21*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

Jesus said to his disciples:

“If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father,

and he will give you another Advocate

to be with you for ever,

that Spirit of truth

whom the world can never receive

since it neither sees nor knows him;

but you know him,

because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans;

I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me;

but you will see me,

because I live and you will live.

On that day

you will understand that I am in my Father

and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me;

and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father,

and I shall love him and show myself to him.’

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

## Communion Antiphon

*Jn 14:15-16*

***If you love me, keep my commandments, says the  
Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you  
youth Massanother Paraclete,  
to abide with you for ever , alleluia.***



“Good and Gentle God, we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women of theory who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings. “





## Happy 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. There will also be a **Morning Tea to celebrate Mother's Day and to welcome our newly Baptised parishioners after the 9:30am Mass at St. Christopher's.**

## 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.

## Year 2 Parish Family Mass - Sunday 21st May

On Sunday 21st May at the 9:30am Parish Mass at St. Christopher's, there will be a Family Mass for all Year 2 families. They will celebrate the Holy Eucharist with our parish community and take on roles within the Mass. All are welcome!

## Feast of Corpus Christi —Sunday 11th June

### Walk With Christ

The annual 'Walk With Christ' Eucharistic Procession will take place on Sunday 11th June in Sydney. There will be a festival in Martin Place from 1pm and the procession will begin at 2:30pm sharp, leaving from the corner of Martin Place and Pitt Street and will conclude at St. Mary's Cathedral. We encourage parishioners from our parish communities who are able to attend to be part of this beautiful celebration and to represent our parishes.



### Hour of Adoration

St Patrick's: after 9am Mass

St. Christopher's: after 9:30am Mass



## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

### 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>



Due to Mother's Day and Family Mass, Agape Youth will resume on Sunday, 28th May at 10:30am in the St. Christopher's Primary School Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Ben via the Parish Office.

## Care and Concern

Would you or someone you know benefit from a social visit? If you like a social visit or a phone call from a fellow parishioner or if you need anything at all, please complete a Care and Concern form, located in the Church foyer and place it in the clear box provided.

## 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



## CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL PENTECOST CELEBRATIONS

Please join the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in celebrating Pentecost 2023 with an uplifting, inspiring, encouraging Holy Spirit afternoon of Praise & Worship, Testimonies, Hearing the Word of God, and Prayer Ministry on Saturday 27th May 2pm-5.30pm at the Servants of Jesus Centre, 15 Park Road Seven Hills. Enquiries 9810 2499.

## MSJ 40 Year Reunion

The MSJ Graduating Class of 1983 will be gathering to celebrate this milestone.

When : September 9th, 2023 from Noon

Where : The Rocks

For more details contact Maryanne at

**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: 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

**Parish Finance Committee**

Chairperson: John Tesoriero

Secretary: Pat Nolan

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Siobhan Van Den Nieuwenhuizen

**COMING EVENTS**

Sunday 14th May: Happy Mother's day  
 Sunday 21st May: Year 2 Parish Family Mass @ 9.30am  
 Sunday 11th June: Feast of Corpus Christi - Walk with Christ  
 Adoration: St Patrick's after 9am Mass  
 St Christopher's after 9.30am Mass



*Mass Intentions*

**Let Us Pray for our Parish Community**

**Recently Deceased:**

Joma Salic, Michael Scott, Jim O'meara.

**Anniversaries:**

Belinda Cooper, Rosa Hoang & Maria Pham, Walter Scerri, Rosana Byron & Toni Curew, John Foley, Therese Boukaram, Anthony Bova, Brian Poole.

**General Intention:**

Noelene Byron, Alf Pandoleon, Joseph & Veronica Ritchie, Joyce & Andrea, McLoughlin & Gillfeather families, Hanna & Mansour Families, Dulcie Southwell, Glen San Juan, Julia, John, Terrence, Jean, Vincent Hoad, Edward & Bette Bear, Joanna Weston, Mary Latham, Jenny Quinn, Neil, Jan, Jim Tracey, Julia & Terrence Thomas, Raminda & Ravi Rodrigo, Peter Man, Monica Christensen, Sue Mac Donald, Veronica Taylor & Kathleen Ross, Joe & Muriel Rodrigo, Anna Nhieu, Galerelle McLoughlin, Joaquim, Philomena & Delano D'Silva, Annie & Paul D'Souza, Tom, Tamam & Anthony Coorey, Dominic & Maria Doan, Paul & Tim Burke, Deceased members of the Legion of Mary.

**The Sick and Infirm:**

Peter Yasbek, Glen San Juan, 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 Tunnickliff, Pat Tindall, Sick members of the Legion of Mary.

**ST CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKEND ROSTERS 2023**

| 13th/14th May               | Sat. 5.30pm                           | Sun 8am                            | Sun 9.30am                               | Sun 5pm                       | Other Ministries  |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|---|
| <b>Readers:</b>             | Michael Mallia<br>Sue Bracken         | Steve Darcy<br>Carolyn Ford        | Mary Chan<br>Pauline O'Shea              | Volunteers<br>Tanya Nguyen    | <b>Communion to the Sick</b><br>Ann-Maree Darcy<br>Ellen Russell<br>Josephine Jones |
| <b>Communion Ministers:</b> | Jeanette Carroll<br>Barbara Tesoriero | Ann-Maree Darcy<br>Josephine Jones | Norma Verjoustinsky<br>Bernadette Saleme | Volunteer<br>Stephanie Siaosi | <b>Counters:</b><br>Stephanie Sia<br>John Tesoriero                                 |
| <b>Acolytes/ Servers</b>    | John Tesoriero                        | Andrew Mills                       | Tony O'Shea                              | Cheryl Beaver                 | <b>Other Ministries</b>   |
| 20th/21st May               | Sat. 5.30pm                           | Sun 8am                            | Sun 9.30am                               | Sun 5pm                       | Communion to the Sick   |
| <b>Readers:</b>             | Gabrielle Innes<br>Louise Anderson    | Volunteer<br>Tanya Nguyen          | STC School Students                      | Nazira Hanna<br>Volunteer     | Terese Jones<br>Gabi Bietresato<br>Van Doan   |
| <b>Communion Ministers:</b> | David Raish<br>Volunteer              | Terese Jones<br>Gabi Bietresato    | Margaret Yasbek<br>Magdalene Vetter      | Volunteer<br>Nazira Hanna     | <b>Counters:</b><br>Jeanette Carroll<br>Maureen Singleton                           |
| <b>Acolytes/ Servers</b>    | Jonathan Tran                         | Jon D'Astoli                       | Ruben Nool                               | Ryan Romero                   |   |

**ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2023**

|                             | 13th/14th May                     |                            | 20th/21st May                  |                                    |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|                             | Sat Vigil: 5.30pm                 | Sun: 9am                   | Sat Vigil: 5.30pm              | Sun: 9am                           |
| <b>Acolytes/Servers:</b>    | Kevin                             | Moses                      | Chris                          | Jason                              |
| <b>Readers:</b>             | Monika Bradvica<br>Steve Iacono   | Cathy Moussa<br>Roza Bulic | Marge Salone<br>Barbara Sherry | Tess Hughes<br>Garry Solway        |
| <b>Communion Ministers:</b> | Elena Salgueira<br>Barbara Sherry | May Coorey<br>Joan Jones   | Elena Salgueira<br>Alison      | May Coorey<br>Cathy Moussa         |
| <b>Counters:</b>            |                                   | Bill Woods<br>Brian Quinn  |                                | Dorothy Gonsales<br>Seamus McKenna |



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.