



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD YEAR A

21st 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

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Gospel Reflection

Where is the Body?

Our Risen Lord Jesus Christ could have continued to appear to groups of followers, century after century – until now!

But, he didn't, because the disciples had to be weaned of his Risen-mode of appearance among them lest they think that the victory over Death is meant for human beings alone.

But, as St Paul says, the Risen Lord is the One who 'fills all creation' with His power radiating out from his Risen Humanity.

However, dis-appearance is not the same as absence. We believe that Our Risen Lord is present in many modes, including as St Paul says '... the Church which is His Body'.

That is why the figures in white rebuke the disciples: 'Why do you stand looking into Heaven?'

The Disciples had, rather, to ready themselves to be the Spirit-filled body of Jesus Christ in their own time and place. As we do.

We might pause for a moment to stop staring into Heaven, to ready ourselves to receive the Holy Spirit as at Pentecost in order to be 'The Church which is His Body.'

Fr Michael Tate

Quote of the Day



St Francis De Sales

Entrance Antiphon

Acts 1:11

***Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at
the heavens?***

***This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven
will return as you saw him go , alleluia.***

1st Reading

Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

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



Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6

***God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.***

2nd Reading

Eph 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of

glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 28:19. 20

***Alleluia, alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!***

Gospel

Mt 28:16-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

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

Communion Antiphon

Mt 28:20

***Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, 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.



Dempsey Medal 2023 - Congratulations



Brian Quinn from St. Patrick's and June Colin-Thome from St. Christopher's will be presented with the Dempsey Medal this Sunday at 10:30am at St. Mary's Cathedral for their ongoing efforts and contribution to their parish communities over many years. We congratulate them on this achievement and are truly grateful for their support to our communities. Please keep our recipients in your prayers.



Year 2 Parish Family Mass - Sunday 21st May

This Sunday at the 9:30am Parish Mass at St Christopher's, there will be a Family Mass for all Year 2 families. Masses such as this allow our school and parish communities to come together as one in celebration of the Holy Eucharist. All are welcome!

Fr Salas - Pilgrimage (21st May - 3rd June)

Fr Salas and parishioners who will be accompanying him will be leaving on his Pilgrimage this Sunday evening. Wishing them a safe journey and return with plenty of stories on tracing the footsteps of Christ.

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. Please make sure that Mass intention envelopes are not placed in this box as they can get mixed up. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group—St Patrick's



Every Monday evening at 6pm, there is a Divine Mercy prayer group held at St. Patrick's Parish, lead by Moses and Anne Papalii. It is an opportunity for parishioners of St. Patrick's and St. Christopher's to come together to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Holy Rosary and reflect on the Diary of St. Faustina. The group is open to anyone from both parishes.

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 Year 2 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.

Youth Leaders Needed!

Agape Youth had a successful Term 1 with close to 30 children in attendance over the three sessions. In order to keep this important ministry running and due to safeguarding laws, we are in need of youth leaders to help run the group. If you are between the age of 18-30 and would be available fortnightly on a Sunday morning from 10:30am to 12:30pm during school terms and would be interested in getting involved, please contact Ben as soon as possible via stcpministry@gmail.com or contact the Parish Office.

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 emiclo@bigpond.com



St. Christopher's & St. Patrick's Parish Contacts
Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9.00am-3.00pm
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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 28th May: Agape Youth @ 10.30am
 Sunday 11th June: Feast of Corpus Christi
Walk with Christ - 1pm at St Mary's Cathedral
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:

Eileen Gibson, Kevin Hocking, Joma Salic, Michael Scott.

Anniversaries:

John Burns, Kevin Burns, Marthe Dodin, Belinda Cooper, Rosa Hoang & Maria Pham, Walter Scerri, Rosana Byron & Toni Curew, John Foley.

General Intention:

Maria Chuoi, Deceased member of Bui Family, Bernard Togher, Patricia Togher, Natili & Ottaviani families, 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, 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

20th/21st May	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
Readers:	Gabrielle Innes Louise Anderson	Volunteer Tanya Nguyen	STC School Students	Nazira Hanna Volunteer	Communion to the Sick Terese Jones Gabi Bietresato Van Doan
Communion Ministers:	David Raish Volunteer	Terese Jones Gabi Bietresato	Margaret Yasbek Magdalene Vetter	Volunteer Nazira Hanna	Counters: Jeanette Carroll Maureen Singleton
Acolytes/ Servers	Jonathan Tran	Jon D'Astoli	Ruben Nool	Ryan Romero	Other Ministries
27th/28th May	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
Readers:	Louise Harvey Clare Lourey	George Elias Ron Woods	Gabriela Bietresato Sam Coorey	Michelle Ryan Tanya Nguyen	Communion to the Sick Magdalene Vetter Josephine Jones Norma Coorey
Communion Ministers:	Frank O'Brien Renee Taylor	Magdalene Vetter Norma Coorey	Louise Anderson Kim Barbagallo	Anne Maree Morris Volunteer	Counters: George Elias Dennis Lister
Acolytes/ Servers	John Tesoriero	Jon D'Astoli	Lisa Kerry	Cheryl Beaver	

ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2023

	20th/21st May		27th/28th May	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
Acolytes/Servers:	Chris	Jason	Kevin	Ray
Readers:	Marge Salone Barbara Sherry	Tess Hughes Garry Solway	Marie Carr Volunteer	Pat Nolan Dawn Poole
Communion Ministers:	Elena Salgueira Alison	May Coorey Cathy Moussa	Elena Salgueira Monika Bradvica	May Coorey Joan Jones
Counters:		Dorothy Gonsales Seamus McKenna		Maureen Sherry 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.