



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes


TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A
25th June 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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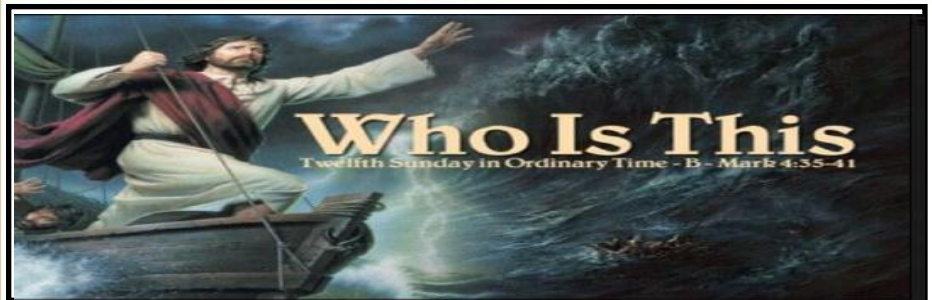
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Gospel Reflection

House-tops and Sparrows

Our Gospel reads: '... not one [sparrow] falls to the ground without your Father knowing.'

But that is a bad translation. The Greek simply says 'not one [sparrow] will fall to the ground without your Father.' Full stop! Our Heavenly Father accompanies a dying sparrow as it dies! That is the measure of the Creator's love for all creatures. God wants to – does – enter into the moment of death, our moment of death.

Now, that would be consoling if I were facing what Jesus was foreseeing for his disciples in the first century.

One of the first Christian groups to hear this Gospel was that set around the Tigris River running through Baghdad in modern day Iraq. Now they face terrible persecution from fanatical Muslims. We can barely imagine hearing today's Gospel amongst the remnant, left in Baghdad today. How does 'Do not be afraid' really sound to them?

So, we could pause for a moment to pray for those for whom today's Gospel is a challenge beyond our imagining.

Fr Michael Tate

Quote of the Day



Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 27:8-9

***The Lord is the strength of his people,
a saving refuge for the one he has anointed.
Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage,
and govern them for ever.***

1st Reading

Jer 20:10-13

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah said:

'I hear so many disparaging me,
"Terror from every side!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All those who used to be my friends
watched for my downfall,
"Perhaps he will be seduced into error.
Then we will master him
and take our revenge!"
But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;
my opponents will stumble, mastered,
confounded by their failure;
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.
But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice,
who scrutinise the loins and heart,
let me see the vengeance you will take on them,
for I have committed my cause to you.
Sing to the Lord,
praise the Lord,
for he has delivered the soul of the needy
from the hands of evil men.'

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



Responsorial Psalm

Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

2nd Reading

Rom 5:12-15

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even

though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 15:26. 27

***Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says
the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses.
Alleluia!***

Gospel

Mt 10:26-33

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew*

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

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

Communion Antiphon

Ps 144:15

***The eyes of all look to you, Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.***

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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.

Holy Father's Appeal

Our parish, in union with all parishes around the world, will hold the annual Holy Father's Appeal next weekend – 1st and 2nd July – for which we ask your support. Through your gift, you can help Pope Francis bring hope, faith, and the spirit of Christ to our less fortunate brothers and sisters around the world. Thank you. Donate by phone 1800 753 959 or through our parish collection or visit the link below:
www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-holy-fathers-appeal



Year 5 Parish Family Mass

This Sunday, 25th June at the St. Christopher's 5pm Mass, we will be celebrating a Family Mass for all our Year 5 children and their families. Children and family members will take on an active role in the Mass. All are welcome!

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

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.

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.

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 Christophe's - Josephine 0418 405 402



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

Contact: Maryanne at emiclo@bigpond.com

Sacrament of First Reconciliation - Congratulations and Special Thanks

On Wednesday, 21st June, nearly 70 children from St Christopher's and St Patrick's received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation after weeks of preparation and formation. We congratulate the children on this milestone in their faith journey and we continue to pray for them as they continue in their formation, leading up to their First Holy Communion. A special thanks to Anne Maree Morris for her hard work and dedication in organising and facilitating the program and to Norma Coorey, Kim Barbagallo, Marianne Bishara and the sacramental team, for their continuous support.

25th Anniversary of the Order of MSFS in Australia

Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 1st July at 5.30pm at St Christopher's church
All are welcome

Archdiocesan Youth Camp

At this year's Archdiocesan Youth Camp, participants from Years 9-12 (under 18's only) will be immersed in the theme 'Purpose: Know, Love, Serve'. Participants can expect games & activities, social time, prayer and liturgy, talks, Q&A panels and much more! Spots are limited so get in quick. Please see the details below:

Date: 10-12 July 2023 (July School Holidays)

Location: The Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops.

Participants: All high schoolers welcome aged 14-17.

To register, please scan the QR code below. For more information, please contact Ben via the Parish Office.



Aid to the
Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND



One of the major works of Aid to the Church in Need is providing transport to priests, sisters, and catechists to reach the faithful, who are often at great distances and must go through difficult terrain. In 2022, ACN provided 1,253 pastoral vehicles. This included 564 cars, 406 bicycles, 252 motorcycles, 16 boats, 11 buses, and 4 trucks for the pastoral work of the Church – particularly in Latin America and Africa. Can you help us supply transport to priests and religious again in 2023? Visit www.aidtochurch.org/ transport or scan the QR code to make an offering and learn more.

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:

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

Sat. 1st July - 5.30pm Mass at St Christopher's
 25th Anniversary of the Order of MSFS
 in Australia
 1st/2nd July - Holy Father's Appeal



Mass Intentions

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

Recently Deceased:

Rosaria Mollica, Colleen Bush, Barry Sinclair, Harvey Thompson, Jackie Costerllo Foster, Dina Papadopoulos, Adrienne Alesander.

Anniversaries:

Maria Doan, Joseph Muttathukattil, Diego Calabro, Noelene Byron, Clarence Clemons, Irene Burns, Joseph Basile, Gertrude Smith, Ron O'Brien, John Reardon, Shirley Helm, Dominick & Finbar McDermott, Bett Pacey, Mary & Les Gapps, Giulio Iannilli, Patrick Heffron.

General Intention:

Anna Nhieu, Hanna & Mansour families, Georgy Pierre, Sandra Biasetto, Jose Quintal, Hazel, Dominico Khanh, Maria Chuoi, Deceased members of Yousib & Dagher, Yousib & Adele families, Dominic Doan, Paul & Tim Burke, Deceased members of the Legion of Mary.

The Sick and Infirm:

Pat Coates, Ivette Charadia, Ursula O'Shea, 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 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

24th/25th June	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	STC School Students	Communion to the Sick Magdalene Vetter Norma Coorey Josephine Jones
Communion Ministers:	Frank O'Brien Renee Taylor	Magdalene Vetter Norma Coorey	Louise Anderson Anne Maree Morris	Volunteer Kim Barbagallo	Counters: Stephanie Siaso John Tesoriero
Acolytes/ Servers	John Tesoriero	Jon D'astoli	Lisa Kerry	Cheryl Beaver	Other Ministries
1st/2nd July	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Communion to the Sick
Readers:	Clare Lourey Chris Tran	Ron Woods Stephanie Siaso	Sam Coorey Joe Nguyen	Julie Nugent Tanya Nguyen	Ellen Russell Norma Coorey Magdalene Vetter
Communion Ministers:	Caroline Khouri Josephine Jones	Ellen Russell Magdalene Vetter	Jacqueline Bull Terese Jones	Gabi Bietresato Volunteer	Counters: Jeanette Carroll Maureen Singleton
Acolytes/ Servers	Jonathan Tan	Aldrae Cruz	Richard Hurst	Denis Lister	

ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2023

	24th/25th June		1st/2nd July	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
Acolytes/Servers:	Kevin	Moses	Chris	Jason
Readers:	Marie Carr Roza Bulic	Pat Nolan Dawn Poole	Siobhan Van Den Nieuwenhuizen Wanieta Young	Lynda Cameron Mary Cameron
Communion Ministers:	Elena Salgueira Monika	May Coorey Joan Jones	Elena Salgueira Steve Iacono	May Coorey Cathy Moussa
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.