



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


**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**
**23th July 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**

Fr Vijay Kumar Boilla MSFS

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 Parish Office [stcpanania@hotmail.com](mailto:stcpanania@hotmail.com)

St Christopher's Catholic Church Panania

St Patrick's Catholic Church Revesby Heights

**St Christopher's Primary School**

02 9771-5492

**De La Salle College**

(02) 9773 7755

**Mount St Joseph College**

(02) 8724 6200



## Gospel Reflection

### *When words fail*

One loves someone so much – a child, a parent, a spouse or partner – yet when one tries to pray for that person the words seem only a pale shadow of the intensity of feeling and total love one feels. Stop! Simply put the person or situation before God and say nothing. The Holy Spirit will express our heartfelt prayer for us.

One's heart is breaking with grief for someone close who is very ill or dying. Or one feels a terrible anxiety or anguish. Words don't come easily even though one wants to pray. Stop! Put the person or situation before God and say nothing. The Holy Spirit will express our heartfelt prayer for us.

Perhaps accentuated by the constant messaging of social media, when trying to pray we can get anxious when there is a lull in the noise and no words come.

We could pause for a moment to relax and to allow the Spirit to express our plea in a way which could never be put into words.

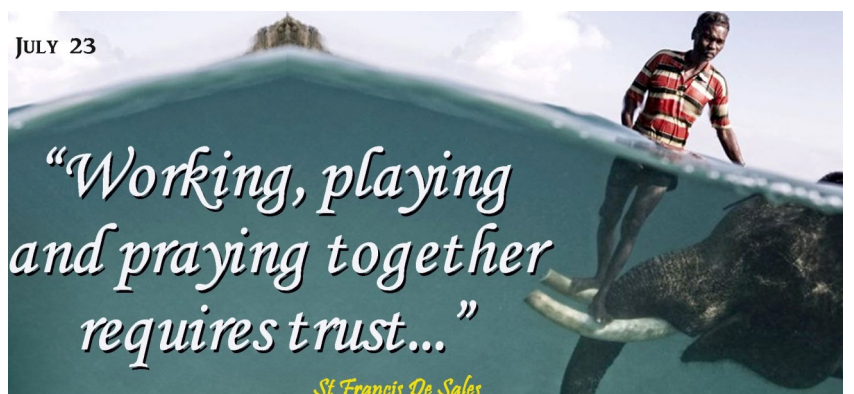
Fr Michael Tate

## Quote of the Day

JULY 23

*"Working, playing  
and praying together  
requires trust..."*

St Francis De Sales



## Entrance Antiphon

*Ps 53:6,8*

the mind of God.

***See, I have God for my help.***

***The Lord sustains my soul.***

***I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,  
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.***

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

## Gospel Acclamation

*See Matthew 11:25*

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;  
you have revealed to little ones  
the mysteries of the kingdom.***

***Alleluia!***

## 1st Reading

*Wisdom 12:13.16-19*

*A reading from the book of Wisdom*

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything,  
to whom you might have to prove that you never  
judged unjustly.

Your justice has its source in strength,  
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.  
You show your strength when your sovereign  
power is questioned and you expose the insolence  
of those who know it;

but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in  
judgement,

you govern us with great lenience, for you have  
only to will, and your power is there.

By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your  
people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his  
fellow men, and you have given your sons the good  
hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

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

## Gospel

*Mt 13:24-30*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Matthew*

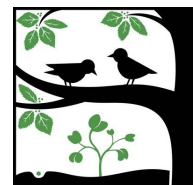
Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."'

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16. R. v.5*

***Lord, you are good and forgiving.***

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



## Communion Antiphon

*Ps 110:4-5*

## 2nd Reading

*Rom 8:26-27*

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

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to

***The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,  
has made a memorial of his wonders;  
he gives food to those who fear him.***

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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.**



## Feast of St Christopher - 25 July

The patron Saint of our parish is St Christopher which means Christ-bearer. St Christopher was martyred during the persecution of the Roman Emperor Trajan Decius. We ask St Christopher to look upon us and give thanks for his intercessions to God for us. Happy Feast Day to all.

## MINISTRY DRIVE - St Christopher's

The PPC will be running a MINISTRY DRIVE to attract new volunteers for the many ministries in our Parish on the weekend of 29/30 July. There will be a sausage sizzle after all Masses so come along and chat to PPC members and consider whether you have some time to offer in service to the Parish.

## Position Vacant – Ministry/Liturgy Coordinator St Christopher's Panania & St Patrick's Revesby Heights.

The parish Ministry/ Liturgy Coordinator supports Fr Salas, the parish priest, in meeting the pastoral care needs of the parish. If you are a people person and enjoy networking and meeting new people and would like to be involved in the pastoral life of the parish then please contact the parish office for a copy of the position description.

This position is part time for 12 hours per week and the salary is negotiable. This position will involve working on weekends.

Email: [stcpanania@hotmail.com](mailto:stcpanania@hotmail.com)

Phone: 9774 3662

## 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.

## PLANNED GIVING

RECEIPTS FOR YEAR ENDING 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023 AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP

ENVELOPES FOR YEAR ENDING 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024 AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP CREDIT CARD, BPOINT & APPEAL RECEIPTS FOR YEAR ENDING 2023 ALSO AVAILABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARISH ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE, CREDIT CARDS & ENVELOPES (Please complete Planned Giving Form) or via WEBSITE, TAP & GO MACHINE.

PLEASE CONTACT PARISH OFFICE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION Phone: (02) 97743662 OR email: [stcpanania@hotmail.com](mailto:stcpanania@hotmail.com)



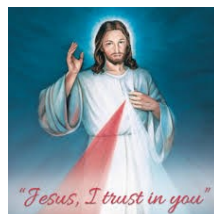
## St Patrick's - Volunteers needed

You may have been wondering about giving back to your Parish



community. There are a variety of roles within our Parish such as reading, cleaning, altar serving, serving in the pious good stall, visiting the sick or lonely, counting, preparing flowers, etc. If you would like to help, come and talk to Father, a member of the Parish Pastoral Council or see Van in the office about how you can use your skills within the parish.

All training is provided.



## Divine Mercy Prayer Group

Every Monday, St Patricks Church has a Devine Mercy Prayer Group.

If you are free on Mondays at 6pm and would like to join in, please come along, bring a friend and join us in the rosary and reflecting on the diary of St Faustina. The group is open to anyone from both parishes.



## RIP - Neil Mason

Sad to announce the passing of Neil Mason who was an Acolyte in our parish.

Neil & his wife Gloria were long time members of our parish and were involved in many ministries before moving to Moruya on the far south coast 5 years ago. Our prayers and condolences are with the family.

## RIP - Stan Kramarzewski

Stan was parishioner of St Christopher's parish. Our prayers and condolences are with the family. The Funeral service is at Sacred Heart Catholic Chapel, Barnet Ave Rookwood on Friday 28th July at 10.30am

## Overshadowed: Filled with the Power of the Holy Spirit, 18-20 August 2023

Join the MGL Sisters in a weekend retreat exploring what happens we say yes to the Holy Spirit.

Experience the life-changing power of deepening in God's love, surrendering to Jesus and living under the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Venue: Carmel House, 345 St Andrews Rd, Varroville NSW

Booking: <http://www.trybooking.com/CFBQX> (by 11 August)

Contact: Katherine - [mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com](mailto:mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com)

## 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



**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

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Secretary: Pat Nolan

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Siobhan Van Den Nieuwenhuizen

**COMING EVENTS**



*Mass Intentions*

**Let Us Pray for our Parish Community**

**Recently Deceased:**

Neil Mason, Beth Kenny, Nazih Abdulnour, Baby Jade, Stanislaw Kramarzewski, Pat Tunncliff.

**Anniversaries:**

Jesus Syquia, Ted Nash, Anh Pham, John Byron, Wencelau Anthony, Shelia Wormleaton, Patricia Togher, William Hanley, George Dunstan, Nick Cordero & Br. Michael Warner, Rosina Bonamo, Rosa Hoang & Joseph Dao, Fr Brian Conaghan, Fr Colin Mason & Clare Young, Paul Byron & Patricia Palmer, Maria Doan, Joseph Muttathukattil.

**General Intention:**

Jose Quintal, Hanna & Mansour families, Giuse Hung, Bernard Togher and Togher, Natili, Ottaviani & Brown families, Roger Brown, Rod Ellery & Brown, Pereira, Arango, Rosario families, Sandroussi & Choufaity families, The poor Souls in Purgatory, Anna Ngoc, Anna Nhieu, Phaolo Muoi, Glenn O'Brien & Family, Cecilia Abela & Jane Zammit, Shirley Melanie, Alexadre Arekion, Norm Ronan, Dominic Doan, Paul & Tim Burke, Deceased members of the Legion of Mary.

**The Sick and Infirm:**

Nenita Nool, George Ormerod, Sryani Genge, Betty McDermott, Marlene Ronan, 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 Burwile, 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, Marie McLoughlin, Alma Tahan, Martin Hannagan, Jim O'Neill, Anne Coome, Mary Israel, Stephen Sinclair, Pat Tindall, Sick members of the Legion of Mary.

**ST CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKEND ROSTERS 2023**

22nd/23rd July	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm
<b>Readers:</b>	Louise Harvey Volunteer	George Elias Ron Woods	Gabriela Bietresato Sam Coorey	Michelle Ryan Tanya Nguyen
<b>Communion Ministers:</b>	Frank O'Brien Renee Taylor	Margaret Yasbek Norma Coorey	Louise Anderson Kim Barbagallo	Anne Maree Morris Volunteer
<b>Acolytes/ Servers</b>	John Tesoriero	Aldrae Cruz	Lisa Kerry	Cheryl Beaver
29th/30th July	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm
<b>Readers:</b>	Alan Tuohy Michael Mallia	Joe Nguyen George Elias	Michael Dumlao Gabriela Bietresato	Tanya Nguyen Volunteer
<b>Communion Ministers:</b>	Barbara Tesoriero Jeanette Carroll	Margaret Yasbek Ellen Russell	Norma Coorey Valasi Zimmerman	Volunteer Stephanie Siasosi
<b>Acolytes/ Servers</b>	John Tesoriero	Jeff Giltinan	Rennie Velarde	Ryan Romero

**Other Ministries**

**Communion to the Sick**  
 Norma Coorey  
 Margaret Yasbek  
 Josephine Jones

**Counters:**

Philip Weeks  
 John Tesoriero

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 Margaret Yasbek  
 Ellen Russell  
 Van Doan

**Counters:**

John Tesoriero  
 Marie Lourey

**ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2023**

	22nd/23rd July		29th/30th July	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
<b>Acolytes/Servers:</b>	Kevin	Moses	Chris	Ray
<b>Readers:</b>	Marie Carr Roza Bulic	Pat Nolan Dawn Poole	Siobhan Van Den Nieuwenhuizen Wanieta Young	Lynda Cameron Mary Cameron
<b>Communion Ministers:</b>	Elena Salgueira Alison	May Coorey Cathy Moussa	Elena Salgueira Monika Bradvica	May Coorey Joan Jones
<b>Counters:</b>		Bill Woods Brian Quinn		Dorothy Gonsales 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.