



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


**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**
**30th 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

### *The Language of Heaven*

A burning rubbish tip in Jerusalem (Gehenna) provided Jesus with one image of Hell. Here is John Henry Newman's image.

Have you travelled to a foreign country and can't speak the language? There is lots of weeping and gnashing of teeth.

What if you were born with a good ear for languages, but had deliberately never learnt the language of that other place? You would only have yourself to blame. It would be a living hell.

That is what happens at death. The soul is suddenly transported to a different dimension of existence, and it can be either heavenly or hellish depending on the choices and actions of a lifetime.

So, our lifetime project is to 'learn the language of heaven'. We can mainly do this by following the story of Jesus, the Word of God, the perfect conversation between humanity and God.

We could pause for a moment to move from incommunicado to communion by learning and practising the language of Heaven.

*Fr Michael Tate*

## Quote of the Day



**"For the priest, knowledge is the eighth sacrament."** St. Francis De Sales

## Entrance Antiphon

*Cf. Ps 67:6-7,36*

those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

**God is in his holy place,  
God who unites those who dwell in his house;  
he himself gives might and strength to his people.**

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

## 1st Reading

*1 Kings 3:5-7-12*

*A reading from the first book of the Kings*

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

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

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130. R. v.97*

**Lord, I love your commands.**

## 2nd Reading

*Rom 8:28-30*

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

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this;

## 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!**

## Gospel

*Mt 13:44-52*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Matthew*

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

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



## Communion Antiphon

*Ps 102:2*

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and never forget all his benefits.**

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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 - St Christopher's Church

This weekend we are celebrating the Feast of St. Christopher and the Parish Council has organised a sausage sizzle and Ministry Drive at all the Masses. Please join us after each Mass for a chat and be part of our parish community.

## CWF Parish Appeal



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) August 2023 Appeal will be happening on 5 and 6 August and we need your help. Please keep alive the 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. Give generously. Your tax-deductible gift changes lives. Thank you. Donate at [www.ourfaithourworks/give-to-cwf](http://www.ourfaithourworks/give-to-cwf) or complete the parish envelope. All donations contribute to our Parish target

## 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.

## 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



## SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

### Parent Preparation Evening:

Wednesday 2nd August at 7.00pm  
in St. Christopher's Church.

All parents wishing to have their child to receive the first Holy Communion must attend this evening. Important information regarding the programme will be provided at this meeting.

**Enrolment:** the online enrolment form will be available on Thursday 3rd Aug and close Sunday 6th Aug 2023.

## 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.



## Morning Tea @ St Patrick's Church

St Patrick's Parish would like to celebrate our Dempsey Medal recipients, both past and present. Join us for a cuppa and a chat after 9am mass on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August. Everyone is welcome!



## 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.

## 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. 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**



*Mass Intentions*

**Let Us Pray for our Parish Community**

**Recently Deceased:**

Neil Mason, Nenita Tobias-Nool, Marie O'Brien, Declan Saad, Beth Kenny, Nazih Abdounour, Baby Jade, Stanislaw Kramarzewski, Pat Tunnicliff.

**Anniversaries:**

Thelma McDermott & Sandra Young, Jesus Syquia, Nash, Anh Pham, John Byron, Wencelaus Anthony, Shelia Wormleaton, Patricia Togher, William Hanley, Rosina Bonamo, Fr Brian Conaghan,

**General Intention:**

Cathy Williams, Susan, Sneha & Mario, Hai Truoc, Louis, ose Quintal, Hanna & Mansour families, Giuse Hung, Bernard Togher and Togher, Natili, Ottaviani & Brown families, Roger Brown, Rod Ellery & Brown, Pereira, Aranjio, Rosario families, Sandroussi & Choufaity families, Dominic Doan, Paul & Tim Burke, Deceased members of the Legion of Mary.

**The Sick and Infirm:**

Nenita Nool, Sebastian & Pedro Priou, Pedro Roza, 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**

29th/30th July	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
<b>Readers:</b>	Alan Tuohy Michael Mallia	Joe Nguyen George Elias	Michael Dumlao Gabriela Bietresato	Tanya Nguyen Volunteer	<b>Communion to the Sick</b> Margaret Yasbek Ellen Russell Van Doan
<b>Communion Ministers:</b>	Barbara Tesoriero Jeanette Carroll	Margaret Yasbek Ellen Russell	Norma Coorey Valasi Zimmerman	Volunteer Stephanie Siasosi	<b>Counters:</b> John Tesoriero Marie Lourey
<b>Acolytes/ Servers</b>	John Tesoriero	Jeff Giltinan	Rennie Velarde	Ryan Romero	<b>Other Ministries</b>
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Sybella & Milla C Edward B, Veronica L, Abi W	Volunteers	Lachlan B, Charlie D, Spencer F, Grace F and Gabriel Z	Hannah H, Illijana L, Mackenzie H	<b>Communion to the Sick</b> Megan Perez Norma Coorey Margaret Yasbek
5th/6th Aug	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Counters:
<b>Readers:</b>	Volunteer Chris Tran	Ron Woods Stephanie Siasosi	Sam Coorey Joe Nguyen	Julie Nugent Tanya Nguyen	Stephanie Siaso John Tesoriero
<b>Communion Ministers:</b>	VOLUNTEER Josephine Jones	Megan Perez Jeff Giltinan	Jacqueline Bull VOLUNTEER	Gabi Bietresato Volunteer	
<b>Acolytes/ Servers</b>	Jonathan Tran	Aldrae Cruz	Richard Hurst	Denis Lister	
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Sybella & Milla C, Charlotte K, Gabrielle P	Volunteers	Alyssa S Gabriel Z, Mary I	Duran M, Phyl C, Chloe J	

**ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2023**

	29th/30th July		5th/6th Aug	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
<b>Acolytes/Servers:</b>	Chris	Ray	Kevin	Jason
<b>Readers:</b>	Siobhan Van Den Nieuwenhuizen Wanieta Young	Lynda Cameron Mary Cameron	Monika Bradvica Steve Iacono	Cathy Moussa Ann Papalli
<b>Communion Ministers:</b>	Elena Salgueira Monika Bradvica	May Coorey Joan Jones	Elena Salgueira Steve Iacono	May Coorey Cathy Moussa
<b>Counters:</b>		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](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.