



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes



THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD YEAR A

6th August 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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Gospel Reflection

Transfigured Bodysouls

We have to get rid of the idea that the soul is a dot of energy in some hidden core of our body. In fact, the body is in the soul. There is no part of my body which is not immersed in my soul. It is my whole person, bodysoul, which needs to be saved. As Thomas Aquinas says: 'If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.'

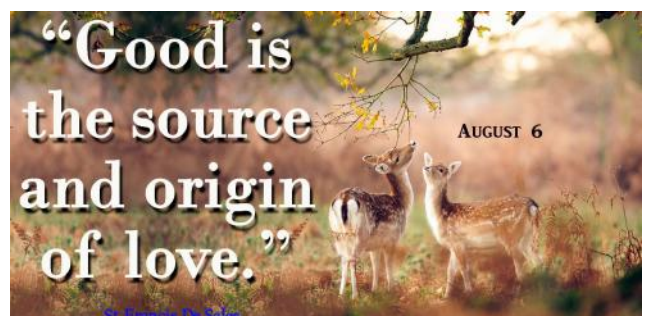
Today's Gospel does not portray an out-of-body experience of religious ecstasy. Jesus' body was translucent, totally radiant with Divine Light. Further, this transfiguration was not a solitary experience for Jesus. Peter, James and John witnessed it precisely because it told them what our Heavenly Father desired as their destiny beyond martyrdom, if only they would listen to Jesus.

Heavenly salvation will involve my whole person, bodysoul, being transformed. But could a person, during their earthly existence, share in the transfiguration experience of Christ?

We could pause for a moment to 'Google' or otherwise get hold of my favourite story of a saint – St Seraphim of Sarov – and pray that we may share with his disciple the bodily experience of 'immeasurable wellbeing' – 'infinite joy in our hearts'.

Fr Michael Tate

Quote of the Day



Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Matthew 17:5

***In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared.
The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved
Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.***

1st Reading

Daniel 7:9-10. 13-14

A reading from the book of Daniel

As I watched:

Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat.

His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool.

His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire.

A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence.

A thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.

A court was held and the books were opened.

I gazed into the visions of the night.

And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man.

He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence.

On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants.

His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

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



Responsorial Psalm

Ps 96:1-2. 5-6. 9. R. vv.1. 9.

The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

2nd Reading

2 Peter 1:16-19

A reading from the second letter of St Peter

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my

Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 17:5

***Alleluia, alleluia!
This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my
delight: listen to him.
Alleluia!***

Gospel

Mt 17:1-9

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

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

Communion Antiphon

Cf 1 John 3:2

***When Christ appears, we shall be like him,
for we shall see him as he is.***

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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.



CWF Parish Appeal - 5th/6th Aug

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) August 2023 Appeal is happening this weekend 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 or complete the parish envelope. All donations contribute to our Parish target.

St Christopher's Parish Morning Tea - This weekend



There will be morning tea after 9.30 am Mass this weekend. Please join us for a 'cuppa' and chat.

The Feast of the Assumption - Tuesday 15th August

Mass will be celebrated at St. Patrick's at 8am and St. Christopher's at 9:15am (with School) & 7pm. As the Feast of the Assumption is a Holy Day of Obligation, we as Catholics, are expected to attend Mass at some stage during the day so we encourage you to attend Mass if you're capable of doing so.

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 8 hours per week and the salary is negotiable. This position will involve working on weekends.

Email: stcpanania@hotmail.com, Phone: 9774 3662

Pilgrimage to Marry Mackillop Place North Sydney

St Christopher's Catholic school are organising a Pilgrimage on Tuesday 22nd August.

Time: Meet at St Christopher's school 8.45am – Train to North Sydney. Tour of Museum, Church and Grounds of Marry Mackillop Place.

Lunch - TBC North Sydney

We will be back at school in time for school pick up.

Cost - Approx \$15 plus Train fare & lunch

To reserve a spot please use the link below

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1FAIpQLSfX1o6XIMM3vnIOAK25ay2omiK4uo-QhLT_E0KYpcbBPqsTogg/viewform or email

Marianne.bishara@syd.catholic.edu.au



SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



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

Commitment Weekend: The presentation of Candidates for 1st Communication on the weekend 12th/13th Aug - Saturday 5.30pm or any Sunday Mass at both parishes. This is a compulsory part of the Communion programme.

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.

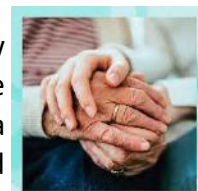
Morning Tea @ St Patrick's Church

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 13th August. Everyone is welcome!



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 9774 3662.



PLANNED GIVING

RECEIPTS FOR YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE 2023 AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP

ENVELOPES FOR YEAR ENDING 30TH 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



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 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

Tuesday 15th Aug: The Assumption of the Blessed Mary
 St Christopher's : 9.15am & 7pm Mass
 St Patrick's: 8am Mass



Mass Intentions

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

Recently Deceased:

Bale Faga, Geoff Connolley, Neil Mason, Nenita Tobias-Nool, Marie O'Brien, Declan Saad, Beth Kenny, Nazih Abdunour, Baby Jade.

Anniversaries:

Julia Hoad, Peter Man, Amado San Juan, Thelma McDermott & Sandra Young, Jesus Syquia, Nash, Anh Pham, John Byron, Wencelaus Anthony, Shelia Wormleaton, Anan Nhieu, Louis, Cathy Williams.

General Intention:

Will Wilcox, Jenny Lentholt, Jim & Helen Traey, John, Terren, Jean & Vincent Hoad, Emily Burn, Mary Ellen & Aileen Gilfeather, Georgy Pierre, Jimmy Taro, Nazha & Joseph Nassif, Boulos Zoghbi, Eddie Obeid & Souls in Purgatory, Cathy Williams, Hanna & Mansour families, Susan, Sneha & Mario, Hai Tuoc, Louis, Jose Quintal, Dominic Doan, Paul & Tim Burke, Deceased members of the Legion of Mary.

The Sick and Infirm:

Nenita Nool, Sarah & Asher McLoughlin, Sebastian & Pedro Priou, Pedro Roza, George Ormerod, Sryani Genge, Betty McDermott, 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 & Gilfeathers 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

5th/6th Aug	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
Readers:	Volunteer Chris Tran	Ron Woods Stephanie Siaoosi	Sam Coorey Joe Nguyen	Julie Nugent Tanya Nguyen	Communion to the Sick Megan Perez Norma Coorey Margaret Yasbek
Communion Ministers:	VOLUNTEER Josephine Jones	Megan Perez Jeff Giltinan	Jacqueline Bull VOLUNTEER	Gabi Bietresato Volunteer	
Acolytes/ Servers	Jonathan Tran	Aldrae Cruz	Richard Hurst	Denis Lister	
Altar Servers	Sybella & Milla C, Charlotte K, Gabrielle P	Volunteers	Alyssa S Gabriel Z, Mary I	Duran M, Phyl C, Chloe J	Counters: Stephanie Siao John Tesoriero
12th/13th Aug	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
Readers:	Michael Mallia Sue Bracken	Steve Darcy Carolyn Ford	Mary Chan Pauline O'Shea	Volunteers Tanya Nguyen	Communion to the Sick Norma Coorey Gabi Bietresato Ellen Russell
Communion Ministers:	Jeanette Carroll Barbara Tesoriero	Norma Coorey Ellen Russell	Norma Verjoustinsky VOLUNTEER	Volunteer Stephanie Siaoosi	
Acolytes/ Servers	John Tesoriero	Aldrae Cruz	Tony O'Shea	Cheryl Beaver	
Altar Servers	Sybella & Milla Carney Charlie Felice, Rose Crowton	Volunteers	Natalie Bulic Mary Ibrahim	Campbell Meilak Nathanial Falas	Counters: Jeanette Carroll Maureen Singleton

ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2023

	5th/6th Aug		12th/13th Aug	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
Acolytes/Servers:	Kevin	Jason	Chris	Moses
Readers:	Monika Bradvica Steve Iacono	Cathy Moussa Ann Papalli	Marge Salone Barbara Sherry	Tess Hughes Garry Solway
Communion Ministers:	Elena Salgueira Steve Iacono	May Coorey Cathy Moussa	Elena Salgueira Barbara Sherry	May Coorey Joan Jones
Counters:		Maureen Sherry Brian Quinn		Sue-Ann Burton, Peter Volk



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.