



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

20th 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

02 9774-3662

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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

On Catholic Dogs

A pagan woman approaches a Jewish man and she begs Jesus to heal her daughter.

Jesus gives a dismissive answer to the woman: 'It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the house dogs.' The children are obviously the Jewish people.

This remarkable pagan woman stands her ground and engages in a verbal joust with Jesus! She argues: 'Yes, Lord, but even the house dogs get the crumbs that fall from their master's table.'

Jesus recognises her faith and the daughter was healed. This story was put in the Gospels to show how Jesus extended his saving mission to non-Jews in Pagan territory.

That is Good News for billions of non-Jewish people over the course of history since then and into the future. That is why we are truly 'Catholic', which, as you know, is the Greek for 'world-wide'.

We could pause for a moment to celebrate this Canaanite woman as the first 'Catholic'!

Fr Michael Tate

Quote of the Day

AUGUST 20



St Francis De Sales

**Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.
Alleluia!**

1st Reading*Isaiah 56:1.6-7*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

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

Responsorial Psalm*Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4*

O God, let all the nations praise you!

2nd Reading*Romans 11:13-15. 29-32*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

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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.

Gospel*Mt 15:21-28*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew*

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.



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

Communion Antiphon*Psalm 129:7*

***With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.***



Vinnies Winter Appeal

The recent Vinnies Winter Appeal raised a total of \$2,958. This goes a long way to supporting the poor and disadvantaged in our Parish. During the last financial year Vinnies assisted 41 local families. Total assistance provided was \$16,455. This work would not be possible without your generous support. Thank you.

St Patrick's Fathers Day

Help us to celebrate Fathers Day in a special way... by donating a small something which can be given to those in need. Parishioners are asked to bring in brand new socks, jocks, beanies, toiletries, blankets, etc to the Saturday evening or Sunday morning masses on 2nd/3rd September. Before Mass, parishioners are invited to leave their items on the altar as reminder of their own fathers. These items will then be given to a local organisation to distribute to those who are homeless or in need. Thank you kindly, your gifts are greatly appreciated.



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_EOKYpcbBPqsTogg/viewform or email Marianne.bishara@syd.catholic.edu.au

Parents, Grandparents, Friends & Carers please join us on the Pilgrimage.



SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

All lessons will be at 300 The River Rd, Revesby Heights

Time: 6.30pm—7.30pm

Lesson1: Tuesday & Wednesday 15th & 16th August

Lesson2: Tuesday & Wednesday 22nd & 23rd August

Lesson3: Tuesday & Wednesday 29th & 30th August

Lesson4: Tuesday & Wednesday 5th & 6th September



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.

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.

A WOMEN'S OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE A CURSILLO 3-DAY WEEKEND

A Cursillo weekend will be held at Carmel House, Varroville (Nr Campbelltown) from Thursday evening

5th October to Sunday afternoon 8th October 2023.

To view brochure and find out more, please scan the QR code, or ring Geraldine Dayball on 0421 329 365. or email cursillo3dayweekend@hotmail.com



PLANNED GIVING

The Planned Giving contributions have significantly reduced in the last 5 years. Contributions towards the Parish Planned Giving assists in formulating a budget each year to the upkeep and maintenance of the Parish. To contribute, please complete forms located in the foyer or contact parish office 9774 3662.



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:
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

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 Secretary: Pat Nolan
Parish Finance Committee
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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:

Kevin Barnes, Mary Bowers, Joan Volk, Giovanna Iacono, Bale Faga, Geoff Connolley.

Anniversaries:

Tim Burke, Henry Byers, Anthony Coorey, Ben Penrose, Ofelia Bartolo, John Azzopardi, Moussa Trad, Julia Hoad, Ofelia Bartolo, Maria Pham & Dominic Tran, Henry Byers, Ben Penrose, Colleen Woods, Julia Hoad, Peter Man, Amado San Juan, Maureen Kelly.

General Intention:

Nick Boris, Tom & Taman Coorey, Therese Boukaram, George Buidang, Lawrence, Will Wilcox, Jenny Lentholt, Jim & Helen Traey, John, Terren, Jean & Vincent Hoad, Emily Burn, Mary Ellen & Aileen Gillfeather, Georgy Pierre, Jimmy Taoro, Nazha & Joseph Nassif, Boulos Zoghbi, Eddie Obeid & Souls in Purgatory, Dominic Doan, Paul & Tim Burke, Deceased members of the Legion of Mary.

The Sick and Infirm:

Joan Jones, Nenita Nool, Margaret Sullivan & Jenny Breen, 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, Michael Hains, Helena Kokoszka, Eriw Burwicle, Bronwyn Pearson, Margaret Azzi, Miriam Priou, Maria Koh, 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

19th/20th Aug	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
<i>Readers:</i>	Gabrielle Innes Louise Anderson	Volunteer Ron Woods	Lea De Angelis Andrew Mills	Nazira Hanna Tanya Nguyen	<i>Communion to the Sick</i> Margaret Yasbek Gabi Bietresato Norma Coorey
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Volunteer David Raish	Margaret Yasbek Gabi Bietresato	Magdalene Vetter VOLUNTEER	Volunteer Nazira Hanna	<i>Counters:</i> George Elias Dennis Lister
<i>Acolytes/ Servers</i>	Johnathan Tran	Andrew Mills	Ruben Nool	Ryan Romero	Other Ministries
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Sybella & Milla C Edward B, Jeff P, Abi W	Volunteers	Chloe J, Mary I, Spencer & Grace F	Hannah H, Illijana L, Mackenzie H	<i>Communion to the Sick</i> Magdalene Vetter Van Doan Josephine Jones
26th/27th Aug	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	<i>Counters:</i> John Tesoriero Joanne Carney
<i>Readers:</i>	Louise Harvey Clare Lourey	George Elias Ron Woods	Gabriela Bietresato Sam Coorey	Michelle Ryan Tanya Nguyen	
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Frank O'Brien Renee Taylor	Magdalene Vetter Van Doan	Louise Anderson Kim Barbagallo	Volunteer Anne Maree Morris	
<i>Acolytes/ Servers</i>	John Tesoriero	Jon D'astoli	Lisa Kerry	Cheryl Beaver	
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Sybella & Milla C Charlotte K, Thomas L	Volunteers	Lachlan B, Charlie D Gabriel Z & Mary I	Campbell M, Joshua K & Annika K	

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	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	Kevin	Ray	Chris	Jason
<i>Readers:</i>	Marie Carr Roza Bulic	Pat Nolan Dawn Poole	Siobhan Van Den Nieuwenhuizen Wanieta Young	Lynda Cameron Mary Cameron
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Elena Salgueira Alison	May Coorey Cathy Moussa	Elena Salgueira Monika Bradvica	May Coorey Volunteer
<i>Counters:</i>		Elena Salgueira Charlie Howard		Bill Woods 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.