



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

27th 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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St Christopher's Primary School

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Mount St Joseph College

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Gospel Reflection

What's in a Name?

Jesus had a sense of humour! Simon, son of Jonah, was far from being a rock solid supporter of Jesus. So Jesus gave him the nickname 'Rocky' which in the Greek is Petros.

Jesus puns with the nickname: 'You are Rocky and upon this rock I will build my church.' The natural personality of shifting sands was being transformed by the blessing just given (the only blessing bestowed upon an apostle by Jesus).

Notice that Jesus only makes promises about 'my church', not a church shaped by human imagination, e.g. modes of Roman Imperial rule or with a Eurocentric mindset.

Fortunately, we have a successor of St Peter responding to our Risen Lord's command to St Francis of Assisi, 'Rebuild my church'.

We could pause for a moment to pray that the Risen Lord showers the 265th successor of St Peter with every blessing so that the Church of Jesus the Christ continues to prevail over the forces of death which threaten humanity.

Fr Michael Tate

Quote of the Day

AUGUST 27
"Goodness does not
become better
by communicating
but by giving."

St Francis De Sales



Entrance Antiphon

Cf Ps 85:1-3

**Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord,
for I cry to you all the day long.**

1st Reading

Isaiah 22:19-23

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah.

I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority;

and he shall be a father

to the inhabitants of Jerusalem

and to the House of Judah.

I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder;

should he open, no one shall close,

should he close, no one shall open.

I drive him like a peg

into a firm place;

he will become a throne of glory

for his father's house.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. v.8

**Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.**

2nd Reading

Romans 11:33-36

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

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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 Acclamation

Matthew 16:18

**Alleluia, alleluia!
You are Peter, the rock on which
I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.
Alleluia!**

Gospel

Mt 16:13-20

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew*

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

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

Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 103:13-15

**The earth is replete with the fruits of your work,
O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth
and wine to cheer the heart.**



St Christopher's Morning tea this Sunday

There will be morning after 9.30am Mass.
All welcome!

Father's Day - St Christopher's Sunday 3rd Sept

A Sacred space will be in place for placing of Fathers name deceased and living for a blessing each Mass. Morning tea will be available after 9.30am Mass, with special treats for all our dads.

Father's Day - St Patrick's

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.



Priest's retirement Foundation Appeal - 3rd Sept

Each year our Archdiocese hosts the annual Father's Day Appeal to support retired priests and thank our Fathers for their wonderful service to our community. Your gift is a 'thank you' to our priests who've contributed in many ways in your life. They are friends who've counselled, comforted and provided spiritual nourishment through their wisdom and willingness to teach. Give generously. Your tax-deductible gift will make a big difference to our retired Fathers who need our care. The Archdiocese will match every donation two-for-one. For example, if you give \$100, the Archdiocese will add another \$200, making your contribution worth \$300. Thank you. Donate at www.ourfaithourworks/prf or complete the parish envelope

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

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

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

Time: 6.30pm—7.30pm

Lesson3: Tuesday & Wednesday 29th & 30th August

Lesson4: Tuesday & Wednesday 5th & 6th September

Retreat day: Friday 8th September (All day)

Celebration: at St Christopher's

Saturday 9th September 5.30pm

Sunday 10th September 11.30am & 2.30pm



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.



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.

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:
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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 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:

Kevin Barnes, Maria Bui, Neil Mason, Mary Bowers, Joan Volk, Giovanna Iacono.

Anniversaries:

Tim Burke, Catherine Anne, Catherine Therese, Denis Joseph & Buchanan family members, June Zoelfel, Carmilla Toleafoa, Henry Byers, Anthony Coorey, Ben Penrose, Ofelia Bartolo, John Azzopardi, Moussa Trad, Julia Hoad, Maria Pham & Dominic Tran, Henry Byers, Ben Penrose, Colleen Woods, Julia Hoad, Peter Man, Amado San Juan, Maureen Kelly.

General Intention:

Jose Quintal, Simon Tan, Georgia Brown, Nick Boris, Tom & Taman Coorey, Therese Boukaram, George Buidang, Lawrence, Will Wilcox, Jenny Lentholt, Jim & Helen Traey, John, Terren, Jean & Vincent Hoad, Emily Burn, 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 Rozo, 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

26th/27th Aug	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
<i>Readers:</i>	Louise Harvey Clare Lourey	George Elias Ron Woods	Gabriela Bietresato Sam Coorey	Michelle Ryan Tanya Nguyen	<i>Communion to the Sick</i> Magdalene Vetter Van Doan Josephine Jones
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Frank O'Brien Renee Taylor	Magdalene Vetter Van Doan	Louise Anderson Kim Barbagallo	Volunteer Anne Maree Morris	<i>Counters:</i> John Tesoriero Joanne Carney
<i>Acolytes/ Servers</i>	John Tesoriero	Jon D'astoli	Lisa Kerry	Cheryl Beaver	Other Ministries
<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	<i>Communion to the Sick</i> Norma Coorey Margaret Yasbek Ellen Russell
2nd/3rd Sept	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	<i>Counters:</i> Philip Weeks John Tesoriero
<i>Readers:</i>	Clare Lourey Chris Tran	Ron Woods Stephanie Siaosi	Sam Coorey Joe Nguyen	Julie Nugent Tanya Nguyen	
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Caroline Khouri Josephine Jones	Ellen Russell Margaret Yasbek	Jacqueline Bull VOLUNTEER	Gabi Bietresato Volunteer	
<i>Acolytes/ Servers</i>	Jonathan Tran	Denis Lister	Richard Hurst	Denis Lister	
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Sybella & Milla Carney Veronica Liang, Gabrielle Poole	Volunteers	Iyssa Smith Chloe Jabbour	Duran Martin Phyl Allen Canete	

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	26th/27th Aug		2nd/3rd Sept	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	Chris	Jason	Kevin	Moses
<i>Readers:</i>	Siobhan Van Den Nieuwenhuizen Wanieta Young	Lynda Cameron Mary Cameron	Monika Bradvica Steve Iacono	Cathy Moussa Ann Papalli
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Elena Salgueira Monika Bradvica	May Coorey Volunteer	Elena Salgueira Steve Iacono	May Coorey Cathy Moussa
<i>Counters:</i>		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. 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.