



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

3rd September 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 Patrick's Catholic Church Revesby Heights

St Christopher's Primary School

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(02) 9773 7755

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(02) 8724 6200



Gospel Reflection

Get behind me, Satan'

We have to get one terrible thought out of our heads, i.e. that the Heavenly Father of Jesus wanted him to suffer a tortured, agonising death. Yet we do say: 'It was necessary that Jesus suffer and die.' What can this mean? I believe this refers to the necessity of divine mission and the necessity of divine love.

First, it was the Father's will that Jesus remain true to the mission to preach and embody the gospel of mercy and forgiveness. It was inevitable that powerful elites would find this intolerable and have Jesus eliminated. Secondly, God so loved the world where death ravages human beings, that God determined to absorb the suffering and pangs of death.

The temptation to avoid that dread-ful necessity lead Jesus to rebuke Peter: 'Get behind me, Satan', a terrible variation of the initial call: 'Come, follow me.'

We could pause for a moment to very consciously make the sign of the Cross, the consequence of Jesus' mission and love for us.

Fr Michael Tate

Quote of the Day

*"For he who sees better
sees less and he who
sees more does not
see so well."*

St Francis De Sales

SEPTEMBER 2



**Have mercy on me,
O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.**

1st Reading*Jeremiah 20:7-9**A reading from the prophet Jeremiah*

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.
I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.
Each time I speak the word, I have to howl
and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'
The word of the Lord has meant for me
insult, derision, all day long.
I used to say, I will not think about him,
I will not speak in his name any more.
Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones.
The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.

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

**Responsorial Psalm***Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2*

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

2nd Reading*Romans 12:1-2**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans*

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him,
I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings,
by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly
pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the
behaviour of the world around you, but let your
behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This
is the only way to discover the will of God and know
what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the
perfect thing to do.

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

**Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.
Alleluia!**

Gospel*Mt 16:21-27**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

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

Communion Antiphon*Psalm 30:20*

***How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.***



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

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.



SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

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

Time: 6.30pm—7.30pm

Lesson4: Tuesday & Wednesday 5th & 6th September

Retreat day: Friday 8th September (All day)

Celebration:

St Christopher's

Saturday 9th September 5.30pm

Sunday 10th September 11.30am & 2.30pm

St Patrick's: Sunday 17th September 9am



St Patrick's - Ministry Drive

The PPC will be hosting a ministry drive after mass on 16/17th Sept. Come along to enjoy some food/drinks, also to chat about various ministries and how your skills could be used in our parish. See you there!

PARISH 50TH JUBILEE - ST PATRICK'S



All are invited to celebrate this milestone on Sunday 26th November with 9am Mass with Archbishop Richard Umbers, followed by a special

Morning Tea in the Conference centre.

If you would like to contribute something sweet or savoury for the morning tea. Please contact Van at the parish office or email stcpanania@hotmail.com We are in need of photos from the last 10 years of various parish groups, leaders and committees as well as parish events. Please send them to the above email

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

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

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:

Kevin Barnes, Maria Bui, Neil Mason, Joan Volk.

Anniversaries:

Rufina Gonsalves, Nichole Hardy, Phyllis Henderson, Jimmy Ross, Mary & Jim McPherson, Frank & Natasha Esther, Steven Peli, Jim Young, Tim Burke, Catherine Anne, Catherine Therese, Denis Joseph & Buchanan family members, June Zoelfel, Carmilla Toleafoa, Anthony Coorey, Ben Penrose, Maria Pham & Dominic Tran, Henry Byers, Ben Penrose

General Intention:

Peter Long, Alf Pandoleon, Joseph & Veronica Ritchie, Joseph Dao & Dominic Tran, Boulas Zoghbi, Joseph & Nazha Nassif, Eddie Obeid, Jimmy Tauro & Jacob's mum, Jack Southwell, Jose Quintal, Simon Tan, Georgia Brown, Tom & Taman Coorey, Therese Boukaram, Emily Burn, Dominic Doan, Paul & Tim Burke, Deceased members of the Legion of Mary.

The Sick and Infirm:

Alfred Stevens, Micky Long, Igor Mileusnic, 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

2nd/3rd Sept	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
<i>Readers:</i>	Clare Lourey Chris Tran	Ron Woods Stephanie Siasosi	Sam Coorey Joe Nguyen	Julie Nugent Tanya Nguyen	<i>Communion to the Sick</i> Norma Coorey Ellen Russell Gabi Bietresato
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Caroline Khouri Josephine Jones	Ellen Russell Gabi Bietresato	VOLUNTEER	Margaret Yasbek Volunteer	
<i>Acolytes/ Servers</i>	Jonathan Tran	Denis Lister	Richard Hurst	Denis Lister	<i>Counters:</i> Philip Weeks John Tesoriero
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Sybella & Milla Carney Veronica Liang, Gabrielle Poole	Volunteers	Ilyssa Smith Chloe Jabbour	Duran Martin Phyl Allen Canete	
9th/10th Sept	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
<i>Readers:</i>	1st Holy Communion Mass	Steve Darcy Carolyn Ford	Mary Chan Pauline O'Shea	Volunteers Tanya Nguyen	<i>Communion to the Sick</i> Josephine Jones Ann-Maree Darcy Megan Perez
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	1st Holy Communion Mass	Ann-Maree Darcy Megan Perez	Norma Verjoustinsky VOLUNTEER	Volunteer Stephanie Siasosi	
<i>Acolytes/ Servers</i>	John Tesoriero	Aldrae Cruz	Tony O'Shea	Denis Lister	<i>Counters:</i> John Tesoriero Marie Lourey
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Sybella & Milla Carney Charlie Felice, Rose Crowton Jeff Phan	Volunteers	Natalie Bulic Spencer Favotto Grace Favotto Mary Ibrahim	Campbell M, Nathaniel F, Joshua K, Annika	

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	2nd/3rd Sept		9th/10th Sept	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	Kevin	Moses	Chris	Ray
<i>Readers:</i>	Monika Bradvica Steve Iacono	Cathy Moussa Ann Papalli	Marge Salone Barbara Sherry	Tess Hughes Garry Solway
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Elena Salgueira Steve Iacono	May Coorey Cathy Moussa	Elena Salgueira Barbara Sherry	May Coorey Volunteer
<i>Counters:</i>		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. 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.