



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes



TWENTY- FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

17th 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

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Gospel Reflection

Forgiveness

I don't like the phrase: 'Forgive and forget'. Remembering can be an important part of healing. Forgiving is about giving up the desire 'to get even', making sure that the 'punishment fits the crime'. It is that sort of forgiveness which we dare to ask of God for ourselves. But here's the catch: it is that sort of forgiveness which we must practise towards others.

When we don't, we are like the principal debtor in Jesus' story. In harshly dealing with a minor debtor, he refused to share his king's quality of forgiveness. If we don't pass on this aspect of God's life to others, then we are warned that we will end up in a hellish situation unable to share in the fullness of Divine life.

It is easy to talk 'Big Picture' forgiveness. It is much harder within the family or circle of acquaintances. It seems impossible to simply will it. But we have to ask for the grace to do it.

We could pause for a moment to pray:

'Our Father who art in Heaven . . . forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.'

Fr Michael Tate

Quote of the Day



St. Francis De Sales

**Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!**

1st Reading*Sirach 27:30 – 28:7**A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus*

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner.

He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin.

Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord?

Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins?

Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments.

Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

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

**Responsorial Psalm***Ps 102:1-4. 9-12. R. v.8*

**The Lord is kind and merciful;
slow to anger and rich in compassion.**

2nd Reading*Romans 14:7-9**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans*

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

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Thanks be to God.*

Gospel*Mt 18:21-35*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew*

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

three meet in my name, I shall be

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

Communion Antiphon*Cf Psalm 35:8*

**How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of
your wings.**

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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.

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!

St Patrick's Working Bee - Sat 23rd Sept 8am



If you're free, come and join our working bee. Bring your gloves, muscles and might, To clean and beautify our St Patricks site.

All equipment and tools are supplied, Bill and Brian will be your guide.

Once the church is all tidy and neat, Have a drink and something to eat. We encourage both women and men, Just turn up, we'll see you then

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

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.



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



Fr Vijay is on leave

Fr Vijay will be away from 11/9 - 11/10/2023 to visit his family in India. We wish him a safe journey and a joyous and peaceful time with his family.



SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Celebration:

St Patrick's: Sunday 17th September 9am

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 , 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 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 Michael's Charismatic Prayer Group

Every Thursday night at Mater Dei Catholic Church 1008 King George Rd, Blakehurst (Parking - turn left at Princess Hwy)

6.30pm: Rosary

7pm: Praise and worship and Reconciliation

7.30pm: Talk or Mass or Adoration



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.

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:

Janet Bahn, Elaina Lewis, Sue Gardiner, Elizabeth Kennedy, Joan Maurice, Norm Inch, Frances Long, Leesa Brischetto, Joan Volk.

Anniversaries:

Albert Saldine, Tom Byron, Francesco Paino, Rufina Gonsalves, Anne Wheatley, Crisogono Bartolo JR, Joyce Basile, Clare Bradley, Nichole Hardy, Phyllis Henderson, Jimmy Ross, Mary & Jim McPherson, Frank & Natasha Esther, Steven Peli, Jim Young.

General Intention:

Dominic Khanh, Hanna, Mansour & Crowe families, Derek & Carmela Lee, Peter Vinh, for the intention of McLoughlin & Gillfeather family, John Field & George Sultana, Roger Brown, Rob Ellery, Sybil & Gerald Pereira, Glynis Arango & Brown, Pereira, D'Souza, Rosario, Arango families, Peter Long, Alf Pandoleon, Joseph & Veronica Ritchie, Joseph Dao & Dominic Tran, Bouslas Zoghbi, Joseph & Nazha Nassif, Eddie Obeid, Jimmy Tauro & Jacob's mum, Jack Southwell, Dominic Doan, Paul & Tim Burke, All Souls in Purgatory, 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

16th/17th Sept	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> Norma Coorey Terese Jones Van Doan
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	David Raish Volunteer	Terese Jones Norma Coorey	Margaret Yasbek Norma V	Volunteer Nazira Hanna	<i>Counters:</i> Stephanie Siaso John Tesoriero
<i>Acolytes/ Servers</i>	Jonathan Tran	Andrew Mills	Ruben Nool	Ryan Romero	Other Ministries
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Sybella & Milla C Edward B, Charlotte K Thomas L	Volunteers	Lachlan Brunton Charlie Deng, Gabriel Zdunek	Hannah H, Illijana L, Mackenzie H, Chloe J	<i>Communion to the Sick</i> Magdalene Vetter Josephine Jones Gabi Bietresato
23rd/24th Sept	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	<i>Counters:</i> Jeanette Carroll Maureen Singleton
<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 Gabi Bietresato	Louise Anderson Kim Barbagallo	Anne Maree Morris Volunteer	
<i>Acolytes/ Servers</i>	John Tesoriero	Jon D'astoli	Lisa Kerry	Cheryl Beaver	
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	

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	16th/17th Sept		23rd/24th Sept	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	Kevin	Jason	Moses	Kevin
<i>Readers:</i>	Marie Carr Roza Bulic	Pat Nolan Dawn Poole	Siobhan Van Den Nieuwenhuizen Waneta 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>		Sue-Ann Burton Peter Volk		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.