



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes



TWENTY- FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

24th 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 Christopher's Primary School

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(02) 9773 7755

Mount St Joseph College

(02) 8724 6200



Gospel Reflection

No Salvation outside the Church?

This is a story of the day labourers of Jesus' time. The 'early birds' contracted for the just wage of one denarius and did the hard work over the course of a long day. They were outraged when latecomers also received a denarius.

This little parable circulated in the Christian community of the first century because there was great antagonism between the Jews who became followers of Jesus and the non-Jews, the 'Gentiles'. Jewish Christians looked at their long history of hardship preparing for the coming of the Messiah. And, now, here were these Gentiles who had done nothing by comparison, and God appeared to be granting them whatever it took to enjoy the 'daily bread' of the Kingdom of God.

Jewish Christians had to be shocked out of *their* idea that God's grace could *not* be lavished on those outside the boundaries of the Chosen People.

We could pause to pray to be taken by happy surprise by those billions of people outside the Church who, by the grace of God, will share with us 'the Bread of Life', given for the salvation of *all* the world

Fr Michael Tate

Quote of the Day



Entrance Antiphon

*I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.*

1st Reading

Isaiah 55:6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

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



Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18.

The Lord is near to all who call him.

2nd Reading

Philippians 1:20-24. 27

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to
the Philippians*

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life
or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but
then death would bring me something more; but
then again, if living in this body means doing work
which is having good results – I do not know what I
should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to
be gone and be with Christ, which would be very
much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body
is a more urgent need for your sake.
Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be
unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

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

Gospel Acclamation

See Acts of the Apostles 16:14

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!*

Gospel

Mt 20:1-16

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is
like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire
workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement
with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent
them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third
hour he saw others standing idle in the market place
and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I
will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about
the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he
went out and did the same. Then at about the
eleventh hour he went out and found more men
standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you
been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one
has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You
go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner
of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers
and pay them their wages, starting with the last
arrivals and ending with the first." So those who
were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward
and received one denarius each. When the first
came, they expected to get more, but they too
received one denarius each. They took it, but
grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came
last" they said "have done only one hour, and you
have treated them the same as us, though we have
done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He
answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not
being unjust to you; did we not agree on one
denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to
pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no
right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious
because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first,
and the first, last.'

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

Communion Antiphon

Psalm 118:4-5

*You have laid down your precepts to be carefully
kept; may my ways be firm in keeping
your statutes.*

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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 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 Patrick's site.

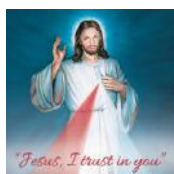
All equipment and tools are supplied, Bill and Brian will be your guide.

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

Special blessing for all HSC students

There will be a **special blessing for all HSC students** at all Masses on the weekend of 7th/8th October. Please come along if you are doing the HSC this year and receive your blessing for the exams ahead of you.

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



SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Dear Parishioners of St Christopher's and St Patrick's

We are blessed and excited to congratulate our 65 candidates who made their First Holy Communion last 2 weekends. With a further 1 candidate in next weekend!

I can confirm all candidates have prepared well to receive this most beautiful Sacrament.

Our parishes are alive and well, with the Holy Spirit moving amongst us.

A note from the candidates - We thank you all for your prayers and support during our preparation for our First Holy Communion. Also a big thank you to Ann Maree, Norma, Stephanie, Josephine, Marianne, Kim & school teachers.

We know, after receiving Jesus for the first time, he will always be with us, protecting and guiding us.

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 Patrick's Parish Revesby Heights
cordially invites you to attend the Mass
and Celebration on the occasion of the

50TH

ANNIVERSARY
OF ST. PATRICK'S
PARISH

SUNDAY
26 NOVEMBER 2023
9.00AM

CELEBRANT:
MOST REVEREND RICHARD UMBERS
AUXILIARY BISHOP OF SYDNEY

Please join us for Morning Tea in the College Hall, Ferndale Road
following the Mass at St Patrick's Church,
294 The River Road, Revesby Heights.



St. Christopher's & St. Patrick's Parish Contacts
Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9.00am-3.00pm
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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:

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

Anniversaries:

Giuseppe Iacono, Albert Salone, Ketty & Germaine Perrin, Tom Byron, Francesco Paino, Rufina Gonsalves, Anne Wheatley, Crisogono Bartolo JR, Joyce Basile, Clare Bradley, Nichole Hardy.

General Intention:

Jose Quintal, Sue & Anthony, 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 Aranjo & Brown, Pereira, D'Souza, Rosario, Aranjo families, Dominic Doan, Paul & Tim Burke, All Souls in Purgatory, Deceased members of the Legion of Mary.

The Sick and Infirm:

Baby Lexi, Thomas Coorey, Gerry & David Shepherd, Owen & Marie McLoughlin, Micky Long, Igor Mileusnic, 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, 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

23rd/24th Sept	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 Josephine Jones Gabi Bietresato
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Frank O'Brien Renee Taylor	Magdalene Vetter Gabi Bietresato	Louise Anderson Kim Barbagallo	Anne Maree Morris Volunteer	<i>Counters:</i> Jeanette Carroll Maureen Singleton
<i>Acolytes/ Servers</i>	John Tesoriero	Jon D'astoli	Lisa Kerry	Cheryl Beaver	Other Ministries
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	<i>Communion to the Sick</i> Megan Perez Norma Coorey Margaret Yasbek
30th Sep/1st Oct	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	<i>Counters:</i> George Elias Dennis Lister
<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	Megan Perez Jeff Giltinan	Jacqueline Bull Terese Jones	Gabi Bietresato Volunteer	
<i>Acolytes/ Servers</i>	John Tesoriero	Denis Lister	Richard Hurst	Denis Lister	
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	

ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2023

	23rd/24th Sept		30th Sep/1st Oct	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	Chris	Moses	Kevin	Ray
<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 acono	May Coorey Cathy Moussa
<i>Counters:</i>		Sue-Ann Burton Peter Volk		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.