



# St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes


**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**
**12th November 2023**
**St Christopher's Catholic Church**
**233 Tower Street Panania NSW 2213**
[www.stchristopherpanania.org.au](http://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: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays

**Weddings** (by appointment)

**St. Patrick's Catholic Church**
**294 The River Road Revesby Heights NSW 2212**
[www.stpatrickrevesbyheights.org.au](http://www.stpatrickrevesbyheights.org.au)
**Mass Times**
**Saturday Vigil:** 5:30pm

**Sunday:** 9am

**Tuesday- Friday:** 8am,

**Exposition & Benediction**

 7:30 am - 8am, 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month

**Reconciliation**
**Saturday:** 4.45 pm-5:15 pm

**Baptisms**

 10:30am, 4<sup>th</sup> 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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(02) 8724 6200



## Gospel Reflection

### *The Hour and the Time*

Israel was often portrayed as a bride in Jewish scriptures. So, the question was: 'When would the Bridegroom – the Anointed One of God, the Christ – appear?' Jesus' warning is to the attendants of the bride: 'Be alert, be vigilant, be prepared.' Some (the five foolish attendants) did miss the moment: the earthly ministry of Jesus of Nazareth.

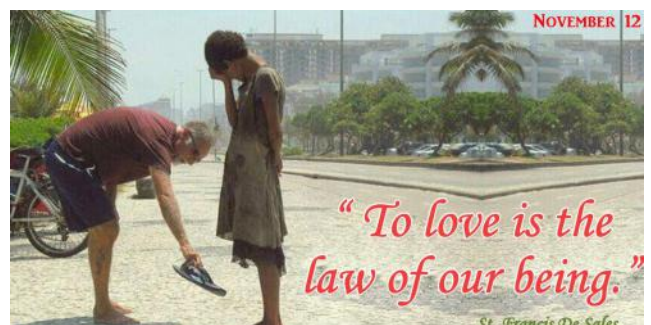
But his warning is also for the Catholic Church which is the new Bride of Christ. We are the attendants to the Bride and the imperative applies to us also: Be alert, be vigilant. Be prepared for the eruption, the intervention of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Bridegroom, into our history, into our moment of time.

For example, is Christ coming to meet us in the modern movements which demand to hold authority accountable, or which press for just recognition of women? We can foolishly remain in the dark or we can wisely try to throw light on these questions. Only then we will be able to discern whether indeed it is the Lord who is approaching.

We could pause to pray that we be ready when the Bridegroom responds to the ancient prayer: 'Come, Lord Jesus!'

*Fr Michael Tate*

## Quote of the Day



*"To love is the  
law of our being."*

*St. Francis De Sales*

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***Let my prayer come into your presence.  
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.***

***Alleluia, alleluia!  
Be watchful and ready:  
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.  
Alleluia!***

**1st Reading***Wisdom 6:12-16*

*A reading from the book of Wisdom*

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.  
By those who love her she is readily seen,  
and found by those who look for her.  
Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes  
herself known to them.  
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;  
you will find her sitting at your gates.  
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;  
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave  
you.  
She herself walks about looking for those who are  
worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as  
they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet  
them.

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

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

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

**2nd Reading***1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the  
Thessalonians*

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those  
who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve  
about them, like the other people who have no hope.  
We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it  
will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God  
will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the  
Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive  
until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage  
over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the  
voice of the archangel will call out the command and  
the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those  
who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and  
then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in  
the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the  
air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such  
thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

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Thanks be to God.*

**Gospel***Mt 25:1-13*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Matthew*

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of  
heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their  
lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them  
were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish  
ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil,  
whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as  
their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew  
drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry,  
"The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At  
this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their  
lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones,  
"Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But  
they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for  
you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy  
some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when  
the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in  
with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed.  
The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they  
said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you  
solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because  
you do not know either the day or the  
hour.'

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

**Communion Antiphon***Cf Psalm 22:1-2*

***The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall  
want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he  
gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.***



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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.**





### CWF November Parish Appeal

On behalf of this parish, we sincerely thank you for supporting the Charitable Works Fund (CWF) November Appeal.

Through your generous gift, we are able to continue in our mission to provide care for the most vulnerable in our community through our CWF agencies and ministries, and to promote the good works of our faith in our seminaries, schools and universities. For more information, please visit [www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf](http://www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf)

### Care And Concern

If you know of anyone who wishes a visit from any of our Priests' or are unable to attend Mass and wish one of our Ministers to bring the Eucharist after 8am Sunday Mass, Please contact the parish office on 97743662 or email [stcpanania@hotmail.com](mailto:stcpanania@hotmail.com)

### 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 in the foyer.



### Piety Stall

Christmas cards & Confirmation gifts and cards are available in the Piety stall.

### Benilde College Bankstown Reunion

A reunion of the students from the 1974 6th Form classes at Benilde Bankstown is being planned to be held in October 2024. The organising committee is in the process of making contact with all ex students from all of De La Salle feeder schools to Benilde. In particular we are interested in establishing contact with those students coming from Revesby De La Salle who would have attended Benilde High School in 1973 & 1974. For more info please contact Paul O'Brien on 0478788708 or [psobrien66@gmail.com](mailto:psobrien66@gmail.com)

### Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal

An estimated 1 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs.

With your support, we will be able to help our partners on the ground to assist people displaced and affected by the current conflict.

Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal.

You can donate online [www.caritas.org.au/gaza](http://www.caritas.org.au/gaza) or phone 1800 024 413



### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

For children in Year 6 or above who have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and Eucharist.

#### Lesson 4 and Retreat Day:

Friday 17th November begin with Mass at 9.15am and concluding at 3pm in St Christopher's Church & School ground.

**Celebration:** at St Christopher's Church

Saturday 18th November 2023 @ 11am & 2pm

### Parish Finances

This weekend there will be a short presentation of the parishes finances at all Masses for both parishes.

### SCAM WARNING

Dear Parishioners,

There have been reports of SMS message scams targeting individuals and parishes in the Archdiocese. These scams impersonate the members of our parish, including myself, asking for urgent help and often requesting gift card purchases for those in need. Rest assured that neither I nor any member of our parish staff would ever ask for such assistance through SMS or any other unsolicited means. If you receive suspicious messages, contact us directly via phone or in person.

Fr Salas Muttathukattil MSFS - Parish Priest

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

**50<sup>TH</sup>** 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**  
**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**

**Saturday 18th November:** The Sacrament of Confirmation at  
 St Christopher's Church @ 11.am & 2.pm



*Mass Intentions*

**Let Us Pray for our Parish Community**

**Recently Deceased:**

Eunice Fraydon, Nena Syquia, Faye Gordon, Cecelia Donohue.

**Anniversaries:**

Joakim Nguyen, Mickalina Azzopardi & Evelyn Jones, Patrick McKenna, Roger Brown, Tony Jabbour.

**General Intention:**

Tinh Nguyen, Nghi & Dung Hoang, Rodolfo & Felisa Pena, Georgy Pierre, Deceased of Youssib & Nabiha Dagher Family, Dominic Doan, Paul & Tim Burke, Deceased members of the Legion of Mary.

**The Sick and Infirm:**

Igor Mileusnic, Jack Mullane, Leonie Mullane, Baby Lexi, Gerry & David Shepherd, Owen & Marie McLoughlin, Micky Long, 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 Burwile, 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**

11th/12th Nov	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
<i>Readers:</i>	Michael Mallia Sue Bracken	Steve Darcy Carolyn Ford	Mary Chan Pauline O'Shea	Volunteer Tanya Nguyen	<i>Communion to the Sick</i> Josephine Jones Ann-Maree Darcy Van Doan
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Jeanette Carroll Barbara Tesoriero	Ann-Maree Darcy Van Doan	Norma Verjoustinsky Bernadette Saleme	Volunteer Stephanie Siaosi	<i>Counters:</i> George Elias Dennis Lister
<i>Acolytes/ Servers</i>	John Tesoriero	Aldrae Cruz	Tony O'Shea	Cheryl Beaver	<b>Other Ministries</b>
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Sybella & Milla C Edward B, Jeff P, Abi W, Mary I	Volunteers	Chloe Jabbou	Hannah Henry Illijana Lembryk Mackenzie Hooton	<i>Communion to the Sick</i> Terese Jones Gabi Bietresato VOLUNTEER
18th/19th Nov	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	<i>Counters:</i> John Tesoriero Joanne Carney
<i>Readers:</i>	Gabrielle Innes Louise Anderson	Volunteer Ron Woods	Lea De Angelis Andrew Mills	Nazira Hanna Tanya Nguyen	
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	David Raish Volunteer	Terese Jones Gabi Bietresato	Margaret Yasbek Magdalene Vetter	Volunteer Nazira Hanna	
<i>Acolytes/ Servers</i>	Jonathan Tran	Andrew Mills	Ruben Nool	Ryan Romero	
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Charlotte Kavanagh Thomas Larsen Mary Ibrahim	Volunteers	Lachlan Brunton Charlie Deng Gabriel Zdunek	Campbell Meilak Joshua Kollannur Annika Kollunar	

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	11th/12th Nov		18th/19th Nov	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	Kevin	Moses	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 Barbara Sherry	May Coorey Volunteer	Elena Salgueira Alison	May Coorey Cathy Moussa
<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](mailto: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.