



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes


FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B
2ND DECEMBER 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

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Assistant Priest

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St Patrick's Catholic Church Revesby Heights

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Gospel Reflection
Timely Living and the End of History

Our Lord portrays himself as the Master who goes away on a journey. It is certain that he will return, even if no-one in his household knows exactly when. That is *our* situation. What do we do in anticipation?

Our Lord, the Master, indicates we have a choice. We can close our eyes and enter into the world of dreams where we create our own fantasy futures, or we can stay awake and alert to do what Our Lord wants us to do: 'He left his *servants* in charge, giving to each his work.'

You and me – his servants – have a particular role or work in and for this phase of human history. A deep down intuition, prompted by the Holy Spirit, indicates what this is. We must be true to this assignment.

We could take a moment to pray that, when the Lord returns, we may hear: 'Come, good and *faithful* servant, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world.'

Fr Michael Tate



Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 24:1-3

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19 R. v.4

**To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
And let none who hope in you be put to shame.**

Advent Wreath Liturgy Prayer

**The First Candle, called the Prophet's
Candle, which is to remind us of the Old
Testament prophecies about the Messiah,
is now lit.**



Priest: Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world, come that we may have life in its fullness.

All: Come and let your light shine forth in our lives.

Priest: Lord Jesus, you are the flower from the root of Jesse, the sign of salvation for all.

All: Come and let your light shine forth in our lives.

Priest: Lord Jesus, you were heralded by the prophets as the one who would save the people from their sins.

All: Come and let your light shine forth in our lives.

Priest: Let us pray that we may take Christ's coming seriously.

All: Father in heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of your love and our minds are searching for the light of your Son. Increase our longing for Christ our saviour and increase our strength of will for doing good, that the day of his coming may find us rejoicing in his presence, where he lives and reigns with you in the Holy Spirit our God for ever and ever.

Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 63: 16-17, 64: 1. 3-8

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, Our Redeemer is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance. Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down – at your Presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

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

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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.

**Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face
and we shall be saved.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

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

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 84: 8

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your
salvation. Alleluia!**

Gospel

Mark 13: 33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'



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

Communion Antiphon

Psalm 84: 13

**The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall
yield its increase.**



Volunteers Christmas Party St Christopher's /St Patrick's



All volunteers in the various parish ministries are invited to attend an end of year celebration Mass followed by a Celebration supper.

Date: Wednesday 6th Dec 2023

Time: 6pm for Mass

Location: St Patrick's Church and after at 300 The River Road (Enter from the De La Salle Car Park on River Road)

Please use the sign on sheet in the foyer to confirm your attendance, or call parish office 9774 3662, email stcpanania@hotmail.com

St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal will be held on the weekend of 1/2 December at Christopher's & St Patrick's. A sausage sizzle will be held after the 8am and 9.30am Masses at Christopher's.

BAPTISM

St Christopher's & St Patrick's Parish- es welcome the families of those being baptised this weekend: John Michael Read & Myles Ioana Taatia Let us keep the children and their families in our prayers



**PLEASE NOTE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON
TUESDAY 5TH DECEMBER—
STAFF ATTENDING RETREAT DAY.**

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Friday 8th December

An Hour of Grace will be held at St Christopher's from Noon to 1pm. All are welcome.



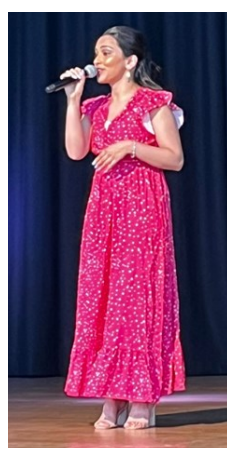
Fr Salas Birthday—2nd December

Please join us next weekend (01/02 December) for a cuppa after the 5.30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass at St Patrick's and 9.30am Mass at StChristophers.



St. Patrick's Revesby Heights marked its Golden Jubilee with a heartfelt Mass by Bishop Richard Umbers, followed by a delightful morning tea at De La Salle College Hall. Gratitude is extended to Roza Bulic and the Parish

Pastoral Council for organizing the event, along with parish volunteers, Michael Hollis and the De La Salle College community's invaluable support. Warren Loy, Principal of St. Christopher's Primary School, and staff curated exceptional musical performances, featuring Irish, Samoan, and Indian entertainers. The gracious presence of David Coleman MP and Kylie Wilkinson MP added to the celebration. Special thanks go to Narelle Archer, Mount St Joseph's Principal, contributors to the Mass, Maureen Sherry for choir organization, and Ms. Noa and the Samoan Youth Choir for enhancing the occasion. Heartfelt appreciation is extended to all attendees, with a special mention to those who contributed food for the morning tea, creating a warm and communal atmosphere.



St. Christopher's & St. Patrick's Parish Contacts
Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9.00am-3.00pm
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St. Christopher's Church
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Parish Finance Committee
 Chairperson: John Tesoriero
 Parish Safeguarding Officer: Jeanette Carroll

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Parish Safeguarding Officer: Siobhan Van Den Nieuwenhuizen

COMING EVENTS

End of Year School Mass for St Christopher's School will be held on Friday 8th December at 9.15am



Mass Intentions

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

Recently Deceased:

Michel Altahhan, Liam Grant, Spencer Geddes, Margaret Sullivan, Eunice Fraydon, Faye Gordon, Cecelia Donohue, Rose Kerr, Helen Kokoszka.

Anniversaries:

Thomas Gregory Conway, Toufic and Tamam Coorey, Tony Khoury, Lubon Salegueira, Mickalina Azzopardi & Evelyn Jones, Patrick McKenna, Roger Brown, Tony Jabbour, Fr Barry Nobbs, Marija Petrak, K L Porinchu, Jose Quintal

General Intention:

Hanna, Mansour & Crowe families, Deceased of Youssib & Nabiha Dagher Family, Dominic Doan, Paul & Tim Burke, Cecilia Gaveran, Gillfeather & McLoughlin Families, Deceased members of the Legion of Mary, Holy Souls in Purgatory.

The Sick and Infirm:

Richard Hurst, Margaret Maloney, Mario Bosquet, Igor Mileusnic, Jack Mullane, Leonie Mullane, Baby Lexi, Gerry & David Shepherd, Owen & Marie McLoughlin, Micky Long, Joan Jones, 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, Eric 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

2nd/3rd Dec.	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
Readers:	Clare Lourey Chris Tran	Ron Woods Stephanie Siaoosi	Sam Coorey Joe Nguyen	Julie Nugent Tanya Nguyen	Communion to the Sick Megan Perex Norma Coorey Margaret Yasbek
Communion Ministers:	Jacqueline Bull Volunteer	Megan Perez Jeff Giltinan	Caroline Khouri Therese Jones	Gabi Bietresato Volunteer	Counters: Marie Lourye John Tesoriero
Acolytes/ Servers	Jonathan Tran	Jon D'astoli	Jon D'astoli	Dennis Lister	Other Ministries
Altar Servers	Sybella & Milla C, Charlie F, Rose C, Mary I	Volunteers	Natalie Bulic Spencer & Grace Favotto	Campbell, Joshua, Nathanial, Duran, Annika K	Communion to the Sick Ann-Maree Darcy Ellen Russell Josephine Jones
9th/10th Dec	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Counters:
Readers:	Michael Mallia Sue Bracken	Steve Darcy Carolyn Ford	Mary Chan Pauline O'Shea	Volunteer Tanya Nguyen	John Tesoriero Stephanie Siaoosi
Communion Ministers:	Jeanette Carroll Barbara Tesoriero	Ann-Maree Darcy Ellen Russell	Norma Verjoustinsky Bernadette Saleme	Stephanie Siaoosi Volunteer	
Acolytes/ Servers	John Tesoreiro	Aldrae C.	Tony O'Shea	Cheryl Beaver	
Altar Servers	Sybella Carney Milla Carney Edward Barnett Charlotte Kavanagh Thomas Larsen	Volunteers	Lachlan Brunton Charlie Deng Gabriel Zdunek	Hannah Henry Illijana Lembryk Mackenzie Hooton Chloe Jabbour	

ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2023

	2nd/3rd Dec		9th/10th Dec	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
Acolytes/Servers:	Chris	Moses	Kevin	Jason
Readers:	Marge Salone Barbara Sherry	Tess Hughes Garry Solway	Marie Carr Roza Bulic	Pat Nolan Dawn Poole
Communion Ministers:	Elena Saigueira Steve Iacono	May Coorey Cathy Moussa	Elena Saigueira Barbara Sherry	Volunteer May Coorey
Counters:		Elena Saigueira Charlie Howard		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.