



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



## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

31st DECEMBER 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

02 9774-3662

**Parish Office** [stcpanania@hotmail.com](mailto:stcpanania@hotmail.com)

St Christopher's Catholic Church Panania

St Patrick's Catholic Church Revesby Heights

#### St Christopher's Primary School

02 9771-5492

#### De La Salle College

(02) 9773 7755

#### Mount St Joseph College

(02) 8724 6200



## Gospel Reflection

### *The Liberation of Women*

In today's Gospel, Mary, having given birth, is regarded as ritually unclean. She could not take part in public worship until she was 'purified'. This involved offering up a couple of pigeons which she and Joseph had to buy.

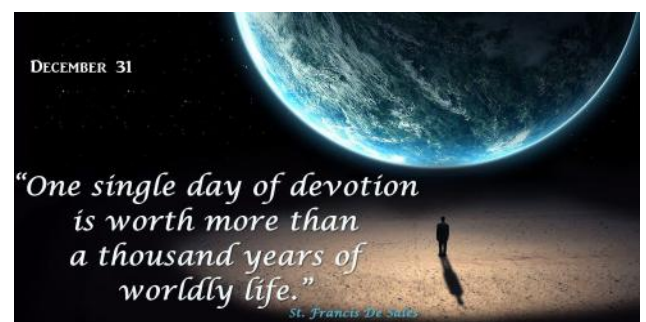
No wonder that, at the Cleansing of the Temple, Jesus shatters the cages in which the pigeons were kept! He was angry with a Temple system which saw Mary that way, which thought of all women giving birth that way. Indeed, his whole ministry is full of instances when women breach religious and cultural taboos in his presence, because of his presence.

This Feast of the Holy Family gives us the opportunity to thank God for our mothers who, like Mary, helped fulfil God's plan for humankind by birthing us into the world.

We could pause for a moment to pray that the Church changes rules and structures which confine women in cages built from ideologies foreign to the Gospel, lest those rules become swords which pierce Mary's soul.

Fr Michael Tate

## Quote of the Day



## Entrance Antiphon

***The shepherds went in haste,  
and found Mary and Joseph and  
the Infant lying in a manger.***

*Luke 2:16*

psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

## First Reading

*Sirach 3:2-6. 12-14*

*A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus*

The Lord honours the father in his children, and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons. Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins, he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune.

Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own, he shall be heard on the day when he prays. Long life comes to him who honours his father, he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord.

My son, support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life. Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in your health and strength; for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten but will serve as reparation for your sins.

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

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## Gospel Acclamation

*Colossians 3:15. 16*

***Alleluia, alleluia!  
May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
and the fullness of his message live within you.  
Alleluia!***

## Gospel

*Luke 2:22. 39-40*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

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

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 104:1-6. 8-9. R.vv.7.8*

***The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.***

## Second Reading

*Colossians 3:12-21*

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

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing

## Communion Antiphon

*Baruch 3:38*

***Our God has appeared on the earth,  
and lived among us.***

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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.**

### Christmas closure of Parish office

The office will be closed from Tuesday 26/12/2023 to 1/01/2024 and reopen on Tuesday 2/01/2024

### Communion - Visit to the sick

During the month of January 2024 there will be no regular Sunday Communion Visits to the Sick until the 28th January as most of the ministers are on holidays. If there is need anytime please contact parish office 9774 3662 and leave a message.

### Update from the Safeguarding Office

We have recently received notification from the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Office informing us that readers and wardens/money collectors will no longer have to provide a Working With Children number or complete Safeguarding training. We are sure this will be very welcome news to you if you are involved in these ministries. Thank you to everyone who has willingly complied with all requirements mandated by the Safeguarding Office.

Siobhan and Jeanette

### Used Postage Stamps Wanted—St Christopher's

If you have any used postage stamps that you are wanting to throw away, please leave them at the St Christopher's Piety Stall as we are collecting them for charity.



### 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. Please contact parish office 9774 3662



### ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH

Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> December

Normal Vigil Mass

5.30pm

31<sup>st</sup> December

Normal Sunday Masses

8.00am, 9.30am & 5pm

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 - New Year's Day

9.00am

### ST PATRICK'S PARISH

Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> December

Normal Vigil Mass

5.30pm

Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> December

Normal Sunday Mass

9.00am

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 - New Year's Day

8.00am

### Sacramental Programme 2024

The pamphlets of the 2024 sacramental programme are available at the church's foyer.





**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:**

Georgina Dorigo, Lorraine Lindsay, Christine Hooper, Elias Chouaifaity, Anna Vingerhoed & Joseph Mrzljak.

**Anniversaries:**

Hilda Khoury, Maria Catarina Nguyen, Patricia Samuel, Colleen Woods, Joseph Dalli, Pauline O'Shea Sr, Ernest Wormleaton, Thomas Conway, Mickalina Azzopardi & Evelyn Jones, Patrick McKenna, Roger Brown.

**General Intention:**

The Hanna, Mansour & Crowe families, Jack & Dulcie Southwell, Alf Pandoleon, Joseph & Veronica Ritchie, Antonio & Cecilia Gaveran and Deceased family members, Jose Andan, Rita Agustin and Deceased family members, John Azzopardi, Rob Ellery, Brown, Pereira, Arango, Rosario, D'Souza families, Jose Quintal, Deceased of Youssib & Nabih Dagher Family, Dominic Doan, Paul & Tim Burke, Cecilia Gaveran, Deceased members of the Legion of Mary.

**The Sick and Infirm:**

Annie Saffrett, Simon Boukaram, Pedro Priou, 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 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**

30th/31st Dec	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
<b>Readers:</b>	Alan Tuohy Michael Mallia	Joe Nguyen George Elias	Michael Dumlaio Gabriela Bietresato	Tanya Nguyen Carol Abi-Salloum	<b>Communion to the Sick</b> N/A
<b>Communion Ministers:</b>	Barbara Tesoriero Jeanette Carroll	Magdalene Vetter Volunteer	Norma Coorey Valasi Zimmerman	Volunteer Stephanie Siaoisi	
<b>Acolytes/ Servers</b>	John Tesoriero	Jeff Giltinan	Rennie Velarde	Ryan Romero	<b>Counters:</b> John Tesoriero Joanne Carney
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	
6th/7th Jan 2024	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
<b>Readers:</b>	Clare Lourey Chris Tran	Ron Woods Stephanie Siaoisi	Sam Coorey Joe Nguyen	Julie Nugent Tanya Nguyen	<b>Communion to the Sick</b> N/A
<b>Communion Ministers:</b>	Caroline Khouri Josephine Jones	Megan Perez Margaret Yasbek	Jacqueline Bull Terese Jones	Volunteers	
<b>Acolytes/ Servers</b>	John Tesoriero	Jon D'astoli	Richard Hurst	Denis Lister	<b>Counters:</b> Volunteers
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	

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	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
<b>Acolytes/Servers:</b>	Chris	Moses	Kevin	Ray
<b>Readers:</b>	Marge Salone Barbara Sherry	Tess Hughes Gary Solway	Marge Salone Barbara Sherry	Tess Hughes Volunteer
<b>Communion Ministers:</b>	Elena Salgueira Steve Iacono	May Coorey Cathy Mossa	Elena Salgueira Steve Iacono	May Coorey Lynda Cameron
<b>Counters:</b>		Sue-Ann Burton Peter Vol		Elena Salgueira & Charlie Howard



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.