



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



## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

14th JANUARY 2024

### 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: 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

#### 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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## Gospel Reflection

### *Named for the Cosmos*

What's in a name? A Lot, if it is God who confers the name. Jesus of Nazareth, the embodiment of God-for-us, knew the power of naming in relation to calling and destiny.

What is the name which God the creator gives to human beings, to humanity, i.e. to you and to me?

In the beautiful imagery of the Jewish Scriptures, in the book of Genesis, God breathed into the nostrils of a figure made of clay, and names the first human being 'Adam', a name which means 'earth creature' (Gen 2:7).

In today's Gospel, we see Jesus using his Divine power to name in relation to vocation and destiny.

God delegated to my parents, to your parents, the privilege of conferring a name. God has known you by that name, and your divinely desired role for the cosmos, even before you were conceived. (Jer 1:5)

That is the name with which you will answer at death and at the end of time to the question:

'My beloved [name],

did you fulfil your role and vocation as an earth creature to garden the earth (Gen 2:15),

to act as 'salt of the earth', i.e. to make it life-giving over a long period of time,

and to act as 'the light of the cosmos', i.e. to enable the cosmos, through your mind and heart, to love and praise its Creator. (Mat 5:13-16)?

How will you answer?

Fr Michael Tate

### Quote of the Day

*"We see many rich people steal, not due to necessity but avarice."*

St Francis de Sales

## Entrance Antiphon

Ps 65:4

***All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,  
and shall sing to you,  
shall sing to your name, O Most High!***

## First Reading

1 Samuel 3:3-10.19

*A reading from the first book of Samuel*

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am'. Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.' Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.



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

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv. 8.9

***Here am I, Lord;  
I come to do your will.***

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 6:13-15. 17-20

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

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too. you know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, which is in you since you have received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

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

## Gospel Acclamation

John 1:41. 17

***Alleluia, alleluia!  
We have found the Messiah:  
Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.  
Alleluia!***

## Gospel

John 1:35-42

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

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

## Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 22:5

***You have prepared a table before me,  
and how precious is the chalice that quenches  
my thirst.***

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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.**



## Vinnies Christmas Appeal

Parishioners raised an extraordinary \$3,948 in response to the local Vinnies Christmas Appeal. This allowed the local conference to bring joy to the lives of over 40 local families at this time of year. Thanks to all for your generosity.

## St Christopher's

Rosters for Piety Stall & Counters can be collected from Piety Stall  
Rosters for Acolytes & Communion Ministers can be collected from Sacristy  
Thank you for your fruitful ministry.

## Sacramental Programme 2024

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

## 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.

## ATTENTION: ST CHRISTOPHER'S EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

As you may have noticed, an email was sent to you this week with the attachment being the 2024 Roster. This has not changed from last year, only by those who have contacted me re their availability. Also please note that you are asked to proceed to the altar **AFTER THE OUR FATHER**, so you can be present on the altar for the Sign of Peace. A hard copy of the Roster is available in the Sacristy in the Folder where you sign in. Thank you once again for your continued support in this wonderful ministry.

## 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



## 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.



## Novena to St Francis De Sales

Monday 15/1 - Tuesday 23/1

There will be a Novena prayer for nine days in preparation for the feast of St Francis De Sales on January 24th. St Francis De Sales is patron of the order our priests Fr Salas and Fr Vijay. Please pray for our priests on the occasion of this important celebration for their order.

"All profitable correction comes from a calm and peaceful mind."  
*St Francis De Sales*

## Mass Offerings



If you would like to offer a Mass intention, please complete an envelope available in the church foyer with details clearly written to avoid any misread names and please leave your contact number, should we need any clarification. Please nominate which Parish and what the intention is for. We are also wishing to update our sick list so if you would like to add a name to the list or remove a name, please contact the Parish Office. The names will be removed from the sick list in bulletins after 5 weeks unless advised otherwise.

## Divine Mercy Prayer Group

Every Monday, St Patrick's Church has a Divine 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.



## 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

**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:**

Josip Kovac, Serge Fauvette, Marg Eggleston, Georgina Dorigo, Lorraine Lindsay.

**Anniversaries:**

Maria Tesoreiro, Margaret Lister, Bridget McLoughlin & Hugh O'Connell, Dulcie Southwell, Win Burns, Joseph & Maria Dao, Fr Joseph Dao, Dominic & Maria Pham.

**General Intention:**

David Madge & Nick Amigo, Poor souls in Purgatory, William & Peter Hanley, Pedro Priou & Silvana B, Georgy Pierre & Souls in Purgatory, Dominic Doan, Paul & Tim Burke, Deceased members of the Legion of Mary.

**The Sick and Infirm:**

Terry Cooper, Jolymay Sammut, Annie Saffrett, Simon Boukaram, Margaret Maloney, Mario Bosquet, Igor Mileusnic, Jack Mullane, Leonie Mullane, Baby Lexi, Gerry & David Shepherd, Owen & Marie McLoughlin, Micky Long, Joan Jones, Jenny Breen, 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 2024**

13th/14th Jan	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	<b>Other Ministries</b>  <i>Communion to the Sick</i> N/A  <b>Counters:</b> Jeanette Carroll Philip Weeks
<b>Readers:</b>	Michael Mallia Sue Bracken	Steve Darcy Carolyn Ford	Mary Chan Pauline O'Shea	Charbel Tabet Tanya Nguyen	
<b>Communion Ministers:</b>	Jeanette Carroll Barbara Tesoriero	Ann-Maree Darcy Josephine Jones	Norma Verjoustinsky Bernadette Saleme	Volunteer Stephanie Siaoosi	
<b>Acolytes/ Servers</b>	John Tesoriero	Jon D'astoli	Lisa Kerry	Cheryl Beaver	
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	
20th/21st Jan	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	<b>Other Ministries</b>  <i>Communion to the Sick</i> N/A  <b>Counters:</b> George Elias Denis Lister
<b>Readers:</b>	Gabrielle Innes Louise Anderson	Volunteer Ron Woods	Lea De Angelis Andrew Mills	Nazira Hanna Tanya Nguyen	
<b>Communion Ministers:</b>	David Raish Volunteer	Terese Jones Gabi Bietresato	Margaret Yasbek Magdalene Vetter	Volunteer Nazira Hanna	
<b>Acolytes/ Servers</b>	Jonathan Tran	Andrew Mills	Rennie Velarde	Ruben Nool	
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	

**ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2024**

	6th/7th Jan		20th/21st Jan	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
<b>Acolytes/Servers:</b>	Chris	Moses	Kevin	Jason
<b>Readers:</b>	Roza Bulic Steve Iacono	Pat Nolan Dawn Poole	Siobhan Van Den Nieuwenhuizen Wanieta Young	Mary Cameron Lynda Cameron
<b>Communion Ministers:</b>	Elena Salgueira Barbara Sherry	May Coorey Jacqueline Bull	Elena Salgueira Steve Iacono	May Coorey Cathy Moussa
<b>Counters:</b>		Bill Woods Brian Quinn		Dorothy Gonsales Seamus McKenna



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.