



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


**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
**28th 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

### Evil Spirits versus the Holy One of God

The word 'diabolical' comes from a Greek word referring to something broken in two, shattered. Looking at persons and societies torn apart, it is obvious that the diabolical spirit is powerful. However, it harbours a fear that a more powerful Holy Spirit could reintegrate a personality, could make a community out of divided groups.

'Have you come to destroy us?' indicates that this fear was realised in the coming on to the scene of Jesus Christ. Jesus' answer was a resounding 'Yes', not in words but in action, healing a man torn apart by a diabolical spirit.

Jesus Christ invites and empowers us to join in his healing mission to overcome whatever it is which tears people apart, whether at the individual, community or global levels. We do so in the confidence of His Resurrection which overcame the diabolical tearing apart of His body and soul.

We could pause for a moment to commit ourselves to joining Jesus' mission, so putting the fear of God into the devil!

*Fr Michael Tate*

## Quote of the Day



## Entrance Antiphon

Ps 105:47

***Save us, O Lord our God!  
And gather us from the nations,  
to give thanks to your holy name,  
and make it our glory to praise you.***

## First Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

*A reading from the book of Deuteronomy*

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."'



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

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.9

***If today, you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.***

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

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

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry

about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

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

## Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:16

***Alleluia, alleluia!  
A people in darkness have seen a great light:  
a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.  
Alleluia!***

## Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority. In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

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

## Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 30:17-18

***Let your face shine on your servant.  
Save me in your merciful love.  
O Lord, let me never be put to shame,  
for I call on you.***

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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.**



## Candle Blessing - St Patrick's & St Christopher's



A Blessing of Candles will be held on Friday 2nd Feb on the Feast of the presentation of the Lord if your wish to have candle bless at Mass, please present the candles to the acolyte before mass.

## Catechist Sunday - St Christopher's & St Patrick's

All Catechist are invited to attend the Catechist Sunday Mass at St Christopher's church Saturday Vigil 5.30pm Mass on 3 February, followed with refreshments.

## Fr Salas

The Archbishop of Sydney has reappointed Fr Salas for a further 3 years to the position of Dean for the South Western Area. We wish Fr Salas God's Blessing for his continued work for this Deanery.

## Ministry training

**Readers:** St Charles Borromeo, Ryde

Thursday 8th & 15th Feb 2024 @ 6pm-9pm

**Eucharistic Ministers:** St Therese's Denistone  
Wednesday 21st Feb 2024 @ 6.30pm - 9.30pm

**Acolytes:** St Therese's Denistone  
Wednesday 28th Feb & 6th, 13th Mar 2024  
6.30pm - 9.30pm

If interested please contact Parish Office 9774 3662.

## RETURN OF PALMS



From this weekend, could you please return last year palms to the parish foyer for the burning palms service to be held in the St Christopher primary school to be used as ashes for Ash Wednesday.

## Lenten Program

We need volunteers to run Lenten program each Wednesday from 14 February to 27 March 2024 at both parishes. Please contact Parish office 9774 3362



## Project Compassion

Project Compassion boxes & envelopes are available in the parish foyer.

## Sacramental Programme 2024

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



Welcome back to school to the Teachers on Wednesday, 31 January and the Students on Thursday, 1 February. Make the most of the last days of summer holidays! everyone!

## Mass Offerings

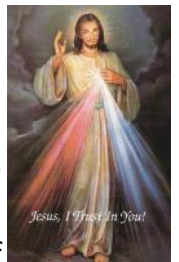


If you would like to offer a Mass intention, please complete an envelope available in the church foyer with details clearly written to avoid any misread names and please leave your contact number, should we need any clarification. Please nominate which Parish and what the intention is for. We are also 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—Starting on Monday 12th February

Every Monday, St Patrick's 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. Please contact parish office 9774 3662



## RIP Norm Ronan

It is deep sadness in the passing of Norm Ronan. Norm was a devoted volunteer of our Parish for many years as a Reader, counter, banking of collections, collating of special collection and assisting in the parish office. Norm had a private funeral on Tuesday 24th January and our deepest condolences go out to his family.

## St Patrick's PPC meeting

The meeting will be on Tuesday 30 January @ 7.45pm

**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:**

Norm Ronan, John Ebb, Gala Lobo, Kathleen Mills, Kath Gibson, John Daley, Therese Buchanan, Josip Kovac, Serge Fauvette.

**Anniversaries:**

Fr Brian Byron, Jack Southwell, Bella Mercado, Maria & Joseph, Richard Orton, Allan Bargary, Joy Ackapadickal, Warren Bruce, Tedfista Cruz, Maria Tesoreiro, Margaret Lister, Bridget McLoughlin & Hugh O'Connell, Dulcie Southwell, Win Burns, Joseph & Maria Dao, Fr Joseph Dao, Dominic & Maria Pham.

**General Intention:**

Ruth Gardiner & Christine Hooper, Deceased member of St Vincent de Paul Conference, Zahraa Jawal, Jose Quintal, John, Julie, Terrence, Jean & Vincent Hoad, Thomas Mullane & Antoinette Constable, Cecilia Abela, 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:**

Bronwyn Pearson, May Tran, Daniel Antonio Garcia, Terry Cooper, Jolymay Sammut, Annie Saffrett, Simon Boukaram, Margaret Maloney, Mario Bosquet, Igor Mileusnic, Owen & Marie McLoughlin, Micky Long, Pat Coates, Di Mason, Michael Hains, Martin Hannagan, Jim O'Neill, Mary Israel, Stephen Sinclair, Pat Tindall, Sick members of the Legion of Mary.

**ST CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKEND ROSTERS 2024**

27th/28th Jan	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
<b>Readers:</b>	Louise Harvey Clare Lourey	George Elias Ron Woods	Gabriela Bietresato Sam Coorey	Michelle Ryan Tanya Nguyen	<b>Communion to the Sick</b> Magdalene Vetter Van Doan Josephine Jones
<b>Communion Ministers:</b>	Frank O'Brien Renee Taylor	Magdalene Vetter Van Doan	Louise Anderson Kim Barbagallo	Anne Maree Morris Volunteer	<b>Counters:</b> John Tesoriero Joanne Carney
<b>Acolytes/ Servers</b>	John Tesoriero	Jon D'astoli	Lisa Kerry	Cheryl Beaver	
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	
3rd/4th Feb	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> Megan Perez Norma Coorey Margaret Yasbek
<b>Communion Ministers:</b>	Caroline Khouri Josephine Jones	Megan Perez Jeff Giltinan	Jacqueline Bull Terese Jones	Volunteer	<b>Counters:</b> John Tesoriero Marie Lourey
<b>Acolytes/ Servers</b>	Jonathan Tran	Jon D'astoli	Richard Hurst	Denis Lister	
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	

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	27th/28th Jan		3rd/4th Feb	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
<b>Acolytes/Servers:</b>	Chris	Ray	Kevin	Moses
<b>Readers:</b>	Steve Iacono Monika Bradvica	Cathy Moussa Ann Papalii	Barbara Sherry Marge Salone	Tess Hughes Volunteer
<b>Communion Ministers:</b>	Elena Salgueira Monika Bradvica	May Coorey Cathy Moussa	Elena Salgueira Steve Iacono	May Coorey Lynda Cameron
<b>Counters:</b>		Maureen Sherry Brian Quinn		Sue-Ann Burton Peter Volk



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.