



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7th 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: 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

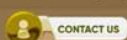
Weddings (by appointment)

Parish Priest

Fr Salas Muttathukattil MSFS

Assistant Priest

Fr Vijay Kumar Boilla MSFS



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Gospel Reflection

Stars and Seekers after Truth

Unlike the writers of the horoscope columns in our newspapers, these Wise Men were scholar astrologers, probably from Syria or Iraq. They believed that the stars controlled the destiny of human beings, but they were open enough to the Hebrew scriptures to be led to the amazing discovery of a star-child in Bethlehem.

They knelt before this baby, doing homage, because they realised that the stars did not control this infant, but that there was something of this baby which caused the night sky to respond! They preserved the child from the deadly schemes of Herod, and then they returned to their home country, 'by a different way'. They were on a different journey after encountering the Child.

Who can doubt that the Holy Spirit led these wise men from the East to the manger? In fact, the Holy Spirit is at work in every human being, prompting each and every one to become seekers after Truth.

As a person responds to this prompting and tries to lead a good humane life, then the Church teaches that the Holy Spirit can draw them into the saving life of God. Thus, billions in China and India who have never heard the Gospel, can be saved. But, such persons do not savour the fullness of Truth as we do with the privilege of having the scriptures and the sacraments. Where it is possible, we are obliged to offer them the road map to the Truth.

We can take a moment to affirm our faith in the baby in the manger as the One of whom Dante spoke: 'the Love which moves the sun and other stars'. Come, let us adore him.

Fr Michael Tate

Quote of the Day

"Collaboration seems best suite for living a satisfying life."

St Francis de Sales

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Malachi 3:1; 1 Chr 29:12

***Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;
and kingship is in his grasp,
and power and dominion.***

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears.

The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.



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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

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Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 2:2

***Alleluia, alleluia!
We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord
Alleluia!***

Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

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

Communion Antiphon

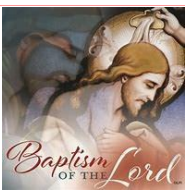
Cf Matthew 2:2

***We have seen his star in the East,
and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.***

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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.



Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

On Monday, 8th January at the St Patrick's, there will be a Mass at 8am.

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: 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.

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



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

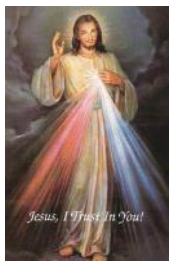


If you would like to offer a Mass intention, please complete an envelope available in the church foyer with details clearly written to avoid any misread names and please leave your contact number, should we need any clarification. Please nominate which Parish and what the intention is for. We are also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



George Cardinal Pell AC - One Year Memorial Mass

All are welcome to attend the mass and pray at the Cardinal's tomb in the crypt.

DATE: Wednesday, 10 January 2024

TIME: 5:30 pm

VENUE St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney

Mass to mark the Anniversary of the Death of Servant of God, Eileen O'Connor

Following the Mass, you are invited to morning tea in the parish hall. There will then be an opportunity for private prayer at Eileen's tomb in Dudley Street, Coogee. All are welcome.

DATE: Wednesday 10 January, 2024.

TIME: 10 am

VENUE: St Brigid's Church, Cnr Brook & Waltham Streets, Coogee.

PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT: Bishop Terry Brady

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COMING EVENTS



Mass Intentions

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

Recently Deceased:

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

Anniversaries:

Dulcie Southwell, Win Burns, Joseph & Maria Dao, Fr Joseph Dao, Dominic & Maria Pham, Hilda Khoury, Mickalina Azzopardi & Evelyn Jones, Patrick McKenna, Roger Brown.

General Intention:

Pedro Priou & Silvana B, Georgy Pierre & Souls in Purgatory, The Hanna, Mansour & Crowe families, Alf Pandoleon, Joseph & Veronica Ritchie, Antonio & Cecilia Gaveran and Deceased family members, Jose Andan, Rita Agustin and Deceased family members, John Azzopardi, Dominic Doan, Paul & Tim Burke, Cecilia Gaveran, Deceased members of the Legion of Mary.

The Sick and Infirm:

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

6th/7th Jan	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries <i>Communion to the Sick</i> N/A <i>Counters:</i> John Tesoriero Marie Lourey
<i>Readers:</i>	Clare Lourey Tanya Nguyen	Ron Woods Stephanie Siao	Sam Coorey Joe Nguyen	Julie Nugent Tanya Nguyen	
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Caroline Khouri Josephine Jones	Megan Perez Margaret Yasbek	Jacqueline Bull Terese Jones	Volunteers	
<i>Acolytes/ Servers</i>	Jonathan Tran	Andrew Mills	Richard Hurst	Denis Lister	
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Other Ministries <i>Communion to the Sick</i> N/A <i>Counters:</i> Jeanette Carroll Philip Weeks
13th/14th Jan	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	
<i>Readers:</i>	Michael Mallia Sue Bracken	Steve Darcy Carolyn Ford	Mary Chan Pauline O'Shea	Charbel Tabet Tanya Nguyen	
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Jeanette Carroll Barbara Tesoriero	Ann-Maree Darcy Josephine Jones	Norma Verjoustinsky Bernadette Saleme	Volunteer Stephanie Siao	
<i>Acolytes/ Servers</i>	John Tesoriero	Jon D'astoli	Lisa Kerry	Cheryl Beaver	
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	

ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2024

	6th/7th Jan		13th/14th Jan	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	Kevin	Ray		
<i>Readers:</i>	Ann Papalii Barbara Sherry	Lynda Cameron Mary Cameron	Roza Bulic Steve Iacono	Pat Nolan Dawn Poole
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Elena Salgueira Steve Iacono	May Coorey Lynda Cameron	Elena Salgueira Barbara Sherry	May Coorey Jacqueline Bull
<i>Counters:</i>		Elena Salgueira & 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.