



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes


SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B
25th February 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)
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Gospel Reflection

Transfigured Bodysouls

St Thomas Aquinas famously said: 'If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.' And yet many Christians do think that our ultimate goal is, by the grace of God, to end up as souls in Heaven.

No, I am a human being, bodysoul. If I am to be saved, then this stardust, this fraction of material creation, this earthling, needs to be immersed into Divine energy and light.

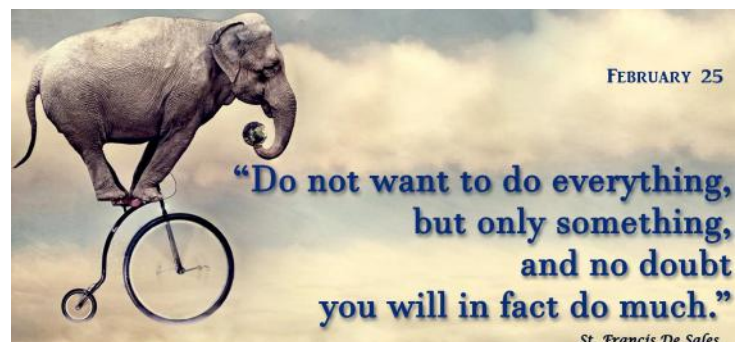
The Transfiguration of Jesus Christ, especially as recounted in the other gospels, shows what happens when human nature is in total communion with God. Every molecule of his body was evidently pulsing with Divine energy and light. The amazing truth is that God ardently desires that each one of us should share in the transfigured life of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

For this to occur, we must play our part, accepting that Jesus of Nazareth is indeed the Beloved Son of God, listen to him, and put into practice what we hear.

We could take a moment to pray that after the "repose of the soul" after death, we may participate as bodysouls in the transfigured humanity of the Risen Lord.

Fr Michael Tate

Quote of the Day



FEBRUARY 25

St. Francis De Sales

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Ps 26:8-9

***Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.***

First Reading

Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called.' Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

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



Responsorial Psalm

Ps 115:10. 15-19. R. 114:9

***I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.***

Second Reading

Romans 8:31-34

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

With God on our side who can be against us? Since

God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

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

Gospel Acclamation

See Matthew 17:5

***Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is
heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!***

Gospel

Mark 9:2-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

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

Communion Antiphon

Matthew 17:5

***This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well
pleased; listen to him.***

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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.

Welcome Fr Suresh Babu MSFS

A very warm welcome to Very Rev Fr. Suresh Babu MSFS, who is the Provincial Superior of the Mission of St Francis de Sales, which is the community Fr. Salas & Fr. Vijay belong to. Fr. Suresh will be celebrating Mass next Sunday 3rd March at 9.30am, please make him very welcome

St Christopher's School Welcome back Mass & BBQ

At the St Christopher's church on Sunday 3rd March @ 9.30am Mass, we will be welcoming back our St. Christopher's school students & families, both old and new, followed by a BBQ in the School ground. All are welcome!

Welcome to all our new Parishioners

With the New Year, we also have some new faces coming to Mass.

Welcome to any new Parishioners at St Christopher's and St Patrick's Churches. We hope you feel welcome and we look forward to getting to know you. It would be great if you could complete a Parish Census Form, which can be found in the Church foyer. Also, if you are interested in joining a ministry, please reach out to the Priest or Parish Office 9774 3662.

Stations of The Cross



St Patrick's: Every Friday during Lent after 8am Mass

St Christopher's: Every Friday during Lent at 7pm

Lenten Program

St Patrick's

Morning program: every Wednesday after 8am Mass in the church meeting room. Please see Marge Salone for more details or contact the Parish Office.

Evening Program: every Wednesday at 7pm at The Sherry family home. Please see Maureen Sherry for more details or contact the Parish Office.

St Christopher's



Project Compassion



After the birth of her children, 22-year-old Ronita was at risk of having to leave school permanently. But, with the support of Caritas Australia's partners in the Philippines, she resumed her studies and secured a job at a call centre to support her family. Please donate to Project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available foyer or by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S PANANIA

&

ST. PATRICK'S REVESBY HEIGHTS

EASTER CEREMONIES

Palm Sunday – 24th March 2024

Mass at all Parishes "as Normal"

Holy Thursday – 28th March 2024

St. Christopher's 7.00pm

St. Patrick's 7.00pm

NO MORNING MASS

GOOD FRIDAY – 29th March 2024

St. Christopher's & St. Patrick's

Stations of the Cross - 10.00am

Confessions will follow

St. Christopher's & St. Patrick's

Our Lord's Passion 3.00pm

NO SATURDAY MORNING MASS/ BENEDICTION

EASTER VIGIL – 30th March 2024

St. Christopher's & St. Patrick's

Satur-

day 5.30pm

EASTER SUNDAY – 31st March 2024

St. Christopher's 8.00am & 9.30am

NO SUNDAY 5PM MASS

St. Patrick's 9.00am

Lenten Community Reconciliation:

St Christopher's - 7.00pm Wednesday 27 Mar



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:

Dorothy Porter, Sultana Elias.

Anniversaries:

Rodolfo Pena, Frank Sherry, Patrick O'Rourke, Baby Lucas, Dominic Lien Tran, Kevin Byron, Peter Vu.

General Intention:

The souls in Purgatory, Sandra MacPhee, Jose Quintal, Linda Lopez & Agnes Florencio, Marianna & Josef Buda, Marouf Khoury, Najib & Jhon Abouraad, Giuseppe Lopez, Sandrossi & Chouaifaity Families, Dominic Doan, Paul & Tim Burke, Deceased members of the Legion of Mary.

The Sick and Infirm:

Bronwyn Pearson, May Tran, Joan Jones, Georgina Kermode, Matilda Rodriguez, 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

| 24th/25th Feb | Sat. 5.30pm | Sun 8am | Sun 9.30am | Sun 5pm | Other Ministries |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Readers: | Louise Harvey Clare Lourey | George Elias Ron Woods | Andrew Mills Volunteer | Michelle Ryan Tanya Nguyen | Communion to the Sick Magdalene Vetter Ellen Russell Norma Coorey |
| Communion Ministers: | Frank O'Brien Renee Taylor | Magdalene Vetter Norma Coorey | Louise Anderson Norma V | Anne Maree Morris Volunteer | Counters: John Tesoriero Joanne Carney |
| Acolytes/ Servers | John Tesoriero | Jon D'astoli | Lisa Kerry | Cheryl Beaver | Other Ministries |
| Altar Servers | Volunteers | Volunteers | Volunteers | Volunteers | Communion to the Sick Megan Perez Josephine Jones Margaret Yasbek |
| 2nd/3rd Mar | Sat. 5.30pm | Sun 8am | Sun 9.30am | Sun 5pm | Counters: |
| Readers: | Clare Lourey Chris Tran | Ron Woods Stephanie Siasoi | STC School Students | Julie Nugent Tanya Nguyen | John Tesoriero Marie Lourey |
| Communion Ministers: | Caroline Khouri Josephine Jones | Megan Perez Margaret Yasbek | Jacqueline Bull Terese Jones | Volunteers | |
| Acolytes/ Servers | Jonathan Tran | Jon D'astoli | Richard Hurst | Denis Lister | |
| Altar Servers | Volunteers | Volunteers | Volunteers | Volunteers | |

ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2024

| | 24th/25th Feb | | 2nd/3rd Mar | |
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| | Sat Vigil: 5.30pm | Sun: 9am | Sat Vigil: 5.30pm | Sun: 9am |
| Acolytes/Servers: | Chris | Moses | Kevin | Jason |
| Readers: | Steve Iacono Monika Bradvica | Cathy Moussa Ann Papalii | Steve Iacono Volunteer | Roza Bulic Volunteer |
| Communion Ministers: | Elena Salgueira Monika Bradvica | May Coorey Volunteer | Elena Salgueira Steve Iacono | May Coorey Lynda Cameron |
| Counters: | | Dorothy Gonsales Seamus McKenna | | Maureen Sherry 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.