



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4th 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)

Parish Priest

Fr Salas Muttathukattil MSFS

Assistant Priest

Fr Vijay Kumar Boilla MSFS

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St Patrick's Catholic Church Revesby Heights

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Gospel Reflection

The Divine Touch

The mother-in-law of Simon (Peter) was sick in bed with a raging fever. When Jesus learned about her distressed state, he 'took her by the hand and helped her up'. He broke the taboo about physical contact with a woman not his relative because he wanted to holistically heal her dis-ease.

Simon's mother-in-law didn't need an aspirin and a cup of tea. She felt quarantined, isolated, and needed a hand reassuring her of sociable relationships. Jesus overcame her fever and her dis-ease with the world.

At every Mass we exchange a physical gesture at the greeting of Peace. This quite often overcomes being ill-at-ease with a family member or just with the neighbour in the pew. We need to take that symbolic action into the world. For somebody, it may be the most touching thing we ever do.

We could pause for a moment to identify that person who needs us to reach out, to take their hand and help them up.

Fr Michael Tate

Quote of the Day



Entrance Antiphon

***O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.***

Ps 94:6-7

myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

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

First Reading

Job 7:1-4. 6-7

A reading from the book of Job

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service,
his time no better than hired drudgery?
Like the slave, sighing for the shade,
or the workman with no thought but his wages,
months of delusion I have assigned to me,
nothing for my own but nights of grief.
Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'
Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'
Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.
Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind.
Remember that my life is but a breath,
and that my eyes will never again see joy.

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



Responsorial Psalm

Ps 146:1-6. R. v.3

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 9:16-19. 22-23

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

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 8:17

***Alleluia, alleluia!
He bore our sickness,
and endured our suffering.
Alleluia!***

Gospel

Mark 1:29-39

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

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

Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 106:8-9

***Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things.***

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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.

Catechist Sunday St Christopher's & St Patrick's

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

St Christopher's - Morning tea

Please join us after 9.30am Mass this Sunday for morning tea as we welcome everyone back after the summer school break.

St Patrick's Church - Morning Tea

Come and have a cuppa after Mass on Sun 11th February. This is a great opportunity for any new Parishioners to learn about the Parish, the schools and the local area.

Project Compassion

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



RETURN OF PALMS



Could you please return last year palms to the parish foyer for the burning of the palms service to be held in the St Christopher primary school. Ashes will then be used for Ash Wednesday.

Stations of The Cross

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

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

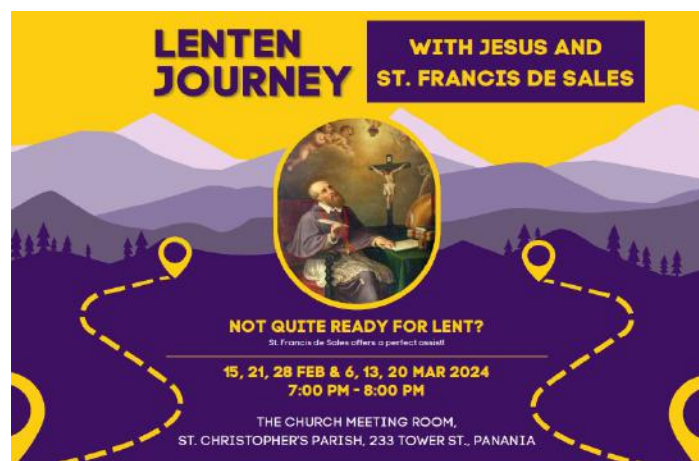


Lenten Program at St Patrick's

Morning program: Starts Ash Wednesday 14th Feb after 8am Mass in the church meeting room.

Please see Marge Salone for more details or contact the Parish Office.

Evening Program: Starts Wed 21st Feb at 7pm at The Sherry family home. Please see Maureen Sherry for more details or contact the Parish Office.



Ministry training

The Liturgy office offers training courses for Readers, Eucharist Ministers and Acolytes. If you are interested in joining any of these ministries, please contact Parish Office 9774 3662.

The program details are on the notice board in the foyer.

Welcome Mass & Morning Tea for Archbishop Eugene Nugent - Sunday 18th February

St Christopher's church will be having a special visitor, Archbishop Eugene Nugent (relation of parishioners Julie and Pat Nugent) on this day. He is currently the Apostolic Nuncio to Bahrain, Kuwait and Qatar and we are honoured to have him preside at our 9.30 am Mass. The Mass will be followed by morning tea in the foyer. Please join us to welcome the Archbishop with a cup of tea and some tasty treats.

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 are 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.

Fr Stephen's Birthday



This coming Friday 9th February, Fr. Stephen will be celebrating his birthday. We pray for his continued good health and blessings on the future.

Happy Ordination Fr Vijay

Congratulations to Fr Vijay who celebrated the anniversary of his Ordination on Wednesday, 31st January. We thank him for the gift of his ministry and we pray that he be blessed with strength and courage for the years ahead.



RIP Kathleen Mulligan

Our prayers and condolences are with Anne Maree Morris, Sacramental Co-Ordinator, on the passing of her mother, Kathleen Margaret Mulligan. The Funeral was held on Friday 2nd February.

St Christopher's PPC meeting

The meeting will be on Thursday 8th February @ 7pm

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
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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:
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 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, Kathleen Mulligan, Claude Hennessy, Thomas Do, John Ebb, Gala Lobo, Kathleen Mills, Kath Gibson, John Daley.

Anniversaries:

Bruce Lister, Genevieve Goder, Paulose Puthuparambil, Peter Vu, Len Khoury, Louis & George Hanna, Stephen Cummins, Fr Brian Byron, Jack Southwell, Bella Mercado, Maria & Joseph, Richard Orton, Allan Bargary, Joy Ackapadickal, Warren Bruce, Tedfista Cruz, Maria Tesoreiro, Margaret Lister.

General Intention:

Giuseppe Lopez, Jonathan Rodriguez, Ruth Gardiner & Christine Hooper, 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, Dominic Doan, Paul & Tim Burke, Deceased members of the Legion of Mary.

The Sick and Infirm:

Bronwyn Pearson, Georgina Kermode, Matilda Rodriguez, 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

3rd/4th Feb	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries <i>Communion to the Sick</i> Megan Perez Norma Coorey Margaret Yasbek <i>Counters:</i> John Tesoriero Marie Lourey
<i>Readers:</i>	Clare Lourey Chris Tran	Ron Woods Stephanie Siao	Sam Coorey Joe Nguyen	Julie Nugent Tanya Nguyen	
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Caroline Khouri Volunteers	Megan Perez Jeff Giltinan	Jacqueline Bull Terese Jones	Volunteer	
<i>Acolytes/ Servers</i>	Jonathan Tran	Jon D'astoli	Richard Hurst	Denis Lister	
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	
10th/11th Feb	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries <i>Communion to the Sick</i> Josephine Jones Ann-Maree Darcy Norma Coorey <i>Counters:</i> Jeanette Carroll Philip Weeks
<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 Norma Coorey	Norma Verjoustinsky Bernadette Saleme	Volunteer Stephanie Siao	
<i>Acolytes/ Servers</i>	Jonathan Tran	Aldrae Cruz	Tony O'Shea	Cheryl Beaver	
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	

ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2024

	3rd/4th Feb		10th/11th Feb	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	Kevin	Moses	Chris	Jason
<i>Readers:</i>	Steve Iacono Volunteer	Roza Bulic Volunteer	Roza Bulic Natalie Bulic	Pat Nolan Dawn Poole
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Elena Salgueira Steve Iacono	May Coorey Lynda Cameron	Elena Salgueira Volunteer	May Coorey Jacqueline Bull
<i>Counters:</i>		Sue-Ann Burton Peter Volk		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. 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.