



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes


FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B
10th March 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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**4th Sunday of Lent
Laetare Sunday**

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

Gospel Reflection

God's Works of Art

How does God picture us? St Paul reveals one of God's favourite ways of regarding us.

'We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus, to live the good life as from the beginning He had intended us to live it.'

Just as an artist respects the medium he or she is working in, whether it be oils or crayon, so too God respects us as human beings with free will. Which is why His works of art don't always look the way He intended!

Now, if one has a work of art in the house, a picture or print that means a lot to you, or perhaps the first sketch by a child, do you put it in the darkest corner of the room? Or do you allow just enough light to fall on it so as to reveal how terrific it is, why it gives you pleasure? Of course, the latter.

Now, if you and I are God's work of art, God wants exactly the same. He wants us to be revealed in the light. What sort of light? Christ our Light.

Of course, it might be necessary for the Light to dispel some darkness, some shadow dimension of our lives. In this regard Christ is a healing Light, but this is so that he might illuminate us in a way which more clearly reveals the love which the Divine Artist has for His creation.

We might take a moment to pray for the courage to expose ourselves to Christ's healing light this Lent to be more beautifully illuminated at Easter.

Fr Michael Tate

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Isaiah 66:10-11

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First Reading

2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23

A reading from the second book of Chronicles

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

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



Responsorial Psalm

Ps 136. R. v.6

Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!

Second Reading

Ephesians 2:4-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us

a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

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Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Acclamation

John 3:16

***Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
God loved the world so much,
he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!***

Gospel

John 3:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil.

And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.' himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

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

Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 121: 3-4

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together.
It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
to praise the name of 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.

St Patrick's Day Dinner - 16th March

Parishioners of St Patricks & St Christophers are warmly invited to attend the annual St Patricks Day Dinner. Come along to 5.30pm Mass on Saturday 16th March and join us afterwards for dinner, drinks, music, games and prizes at St Patrick's Conference Centre (300 River Rd). Be seen, be keen and wear green! Please complete the RSVP list located in your church foyer.

St Patrick's Choir Practice for Easter - Tuesdays 7.30pm in the Church

Project Compassion

As the eldest child in a low-income farming family in rural Malawi, Memory faced many barriers to her education. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, she enrolled in a technical school and became the first female carpenter in her village.



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 donation through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes are available in the foyer or by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413

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

Lenten Journey
with Jesus and St. Francis de Sales

Where:
The Church Meeting Room, St. Christopher's Parish, 233 Tower St., Panania

When:
Thursday, 15th February 2024
Wednesday, 21st February 2024
Wednesday, 28th March 2024
Wednesday, 13th March 2024
Wednesday, 20th March 2024

HOLY WEEK ROSTER (EASTER) —HELP NEEDED!

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S & ST. PATRICK'S

Please print your name to assist at our Easter masses during Holy Week. See the Roster in the foyer (even if you are already rostered on). We need acolytes, readers, eucharistic ministers, altar servers, wardens and welcomers . This roster needs to be finalised by Palm Sunday.

Pockets of Heaven Products

Now selling in our Piety Goods Store are products from 'Pockets of Heaven' - a small business of one of our parishioners! The range includes various learning tools to support children in understanding more about the faith: Biblical ABC Books, Colouring Adventures, Biblical ABC Flashcards and Saint Cards. Feel free to also explore the range at www.pocketsofheaven.com.au

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 & 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 Saturday 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

16th March: St Patrick's Day - Sat. Vigil Mass 5.30pm & Dinner



Mass Intentions

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

Recently Deceased:

Lynette Carter, Pauline Hannan, Robert Wright, Dorothy Porter.

Anniversaries:

Mary Anderdon, Allen Barton, Emily Nader, Dominick McDermott, Eric Moon, Anne Sutton & James Taylor, Rodolfo Pena, Frank Sherry, Patrick O'Rourke, Baby Lucas, Dominic Lien Tran, Kevin Byron.

General Intention:

Antonio Nadal, Peter & Thelma McDermott, Mary & Jim McPherson, Mary Grech, Owen & Marie McLoughlin, Janes Dawson, 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:

Jordan Smith, Jake Stevenson, Tracey Gillfeather, Bronwyn Pearson, Alma Tahhan, May Tran, Joan Jones, Georgina Kermodé, Daniel Antonio Garcia, Terry Cooper, 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

9th/10th Mar	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm
Readers:	Michael Mallia Sue Bracken	Steve Darcy Carolyn Ford	Mary Chan Pauline O'Shea	Charbel Tabet Tanya Nguyen
Communion Ministers:	Jeanette Carroll Barbara Tesoriero	Ann-Maree Darcy Norma Coorey	Norma Verjoustinsky Bernadette Saleme	Volunteer Stephanie Siaoisi
Acolytes/ Servers	John Tesoriero	Aldrae Cruz	Tony O'Shea	Cheryl Beaver
Altar Servers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
16th/17th Mar	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm
Readers:	Gabrielle Innes Louise Anderson	Volunteer Ron Woods	Lea De Angelis Andrew Mills	Nazira Hanna Tanya Nguyen
Communion Ministers:	Volunteer David Raish	Terese Jones Gabi Bietresato	Magdalene Vetter Margaret Yasbek	Volunteer Nazira Hanna
Acolytes/ Servers	Jonathan Tran	Andrew Mills	Rennie Velarde	Ruben Nool
Altar Servers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers

Other Ministries

Communion to the Sick

Josephine Jones
Ann-Maree Darcy
Norma Coorey

Counters:

Jeanette Carroll
Philip Weeks

Other Ministries

Communion to the Sick

Terese Jones
Gabi Bietresato
Van Doan

Counters:

George Elias
Denis Lister

ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2024

	9th/10th Mar		16th/17th Mar	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
Acolytes/Servers:	Chris	Moses	Kevin	Ray
Readers:	Roza Bulic Natalie Bulic	Pat Nolan Dawn Poole	Siobhan Van Den Nieuwenhuizen Wanieta Young	Lynda Cameron Mary Cameron
Communion Ministers:	Elena Salgueira Volunteer	May Coorey Jacqueline Bull	Elena Salgueira Steve Iacono	May Coorey Cathy Moussa
Counters:		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.