



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes


FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B
17th 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)
Parish Priest
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Assistant Priest
Fr Vijay Kumar Boilla MSFS

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St Patrick's Catholic Church Revesby Heights

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Create in me
a clean heart,
O God Psalm 51:10



Gospel Reflection

We want to see Jesus

I can observe a baby, but the parents 'see' their baby very differently. They gaze with total fascination, trying to perceive what this little bundle of flesh is really all about, trying to get an insight into its personality, visualising a possible future, hoping for a response.

This Gospel passage begins with a request from some Greeks 'to see Jesus', surely in all the ways parents see their baby. They were trying to perceive what this Jesus was really all about, trying to get an insight into his personality, imagining a possible future, hoping for a response.

And there was a response full of allusions to the future.

Jesus was as a grain of wheat. He died and was buried in the earth and that death was fruitful for the whole of humankind. He foresaw being nailed to the cross which would be dropped upright into a hole in the ground.

Our Lord says of that scene: 'When I am lifted up I will draw all people to myself.' How were people drawn to this scene?

People saw the length to which Jesus was prepared to go in order to persevere in his mission to live out the message that his Heavenly Father was full of mercy and wanted all people to share in Divine Life. This led to his being lifted up on the cross, being buried in the ground like a grain of wheat, only to rise to new life.

We could take a moment to pray that we will shortly see all this with the eyes of faith as we participate in the rituals of Good Friday and Easter.

Fr Michael Tate

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 42:1-2

Gospel Acclamation

John 12:26

***Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation
that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.***

***Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will also be.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!***

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

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



Responsorial Psalm

50:3-4. 12-15. R. v.12

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Second Reading

Hebrews 5:7-9

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

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Gospel

John 12:20-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, ‘Sir, we should like to see Jesus.’ Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

‘Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

I tell you most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life.

If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too.

If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.

Now my soul is troubled.

What shall I say:

Father, save me from this hour?

But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour.

Father, glorify your name!’ A voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, ‘It was an angel speaking to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

‘Now sentence is being passed on this world;

now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.

And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.’

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

John 12: 24

***Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat
falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single
grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.***

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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.

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.

Donation of Palms for Palm Sunday

Please leave all donations of Palms at side of the church from Thursday 21st to Saturday morning 23rd before 10am. Volunteers are required to assist in the cutting of palms.



Project Compassion

The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with generous supporters and the dedication, passion and tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground working tirelessly behind-the-scenes every day to create a better future for their communities.

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 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

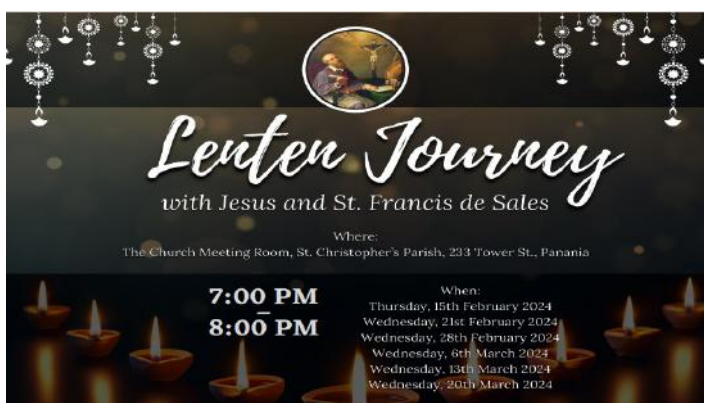
Lenten Program

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



St Patrick's Day Dinner - 16th March

Congratulations to St Patrick's Parish on the feast day of their Patron Saint

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 Day Mass Monday 18 Mar @ 8am

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

St Patrick's PPC Meeting

The meeting will be on Tuesday 19th Mar @ 7.45pm in the Church meeting room.

St Christopher's Parish Year 1 Family Mass

Next Sunday 24th March at 5pm there will be a Family Mass for Year 1 families. Mass such as this allows our school and parish communities to come together as one in celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

All are welcome!

RIP—Jane Gina Simiana

We pray for eternal rest of Jane and send our thoughts and prayers to the family. The funeral will be at St Christopher's church on Monday 18 March @ 10am

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:

Jane Simiana, Margaret Daher, Maeva Mansour, John Cassidy, Lynette Carter, Pauline Hannan, Robert Wright.

Anniversaries:

Richard Gonsalves, Leocadio & Monalisa San Juan, Paul Weber, Mary Anderdon, Allen Barton, Emily Nader, Dominick McDermott, Eric Moon, Anne Sutton & James Taylor.

General Intention:

Melanie Fialho Recently De. Roger Brown, Rob Ellery, Brown, Pereira, Arango & Rosario families, Felisa San Juan Pena, Virgilio Tagle, Antonio Nadal, Peter & Thelma McDermott, Mary & Jim McPherson, Mary Grech, Owen & Marie McLoughlin, Janes Dawson, The souls in Purgatory, Linda Lopez & Agnes Florencio, 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

16th/17th Mar	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
Readers:	Gabrielle Innes Louise Anderson	Volunteer Ron Woods	Lea De Angelis Andrew Mills	Nazira Hanna Tanya Nguyen	Communion to the Sick Terese Jones Gabi Bietresato Van Doan
Communion Ministers:	Volunteer David Raish	Terese Jones Gabi Bietresato	Magdalene Vetter Margaret Yasbek	Volunteer Nazira Hanna	Counters: George Elias Denis Lister
Acolytes/ Servers	Jonathan Tran	Andrew Mills	Rennie Velarde	Ruben Nool	Other Ministries
Altar Servers	Sybella, Milla C, Thomas L, Alyssa S, Daina F	Volunteers	Lachlan B & Elijah K	Hannah H, Illijana L, Ava B, Beatrice M	Communion to the Sick Magdalene Vetter Van Doan Josephine Jones
23rd/24th Mar	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Counters:
Readers:	Louise Harvey Clare Lourey	George Elias Ron Woods	Gabriela Bietresato Sam Coorey	Michelle Ryan Tanya Nguyen	John Tesoriero Joanne Carney
Communion Ministers:	Frank O'Brien Renee Taylor	Magdalene Vetter Van Doan	Kim Barbagallo Norma Coorey	Volunteer Anne Maree Morris	
Acolytes/ Servers	Jonathan Tran	Jon D'astoli	Lisa Kerry	Cheryl Beaver	
Altar Servers	Sybella, Milla C, Mary I, Orlando T, Michael & Giorgio M	Volunteers	Brody P, Oliver & Gabriel Z, Lachlan B	Charlotte K, Eleanor M Mackenzie H, Chloe J, Nathanial F	

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	16th/17th Mar		23rd/24th Mar	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
Acolytes/Servers:	Kevin	Ray	Chris	Jason
Readers:	Siobhan Van Den Nieuwenhuizen Wanieta Young	Lynda Cameron Mary Cameron	Steve Iacono Monika Bradvica	Cathy Moussa Ann Papalii
Communion Ministers:	Elena Salgueira Steve Iacono	May Coorey Cathy Moussa	Elena Salgueira Monika Bradvica	May Coorey Volunteer
Counters:		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.