



# St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes



**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD YEAR B**

**24th March 2024**

## St Christopher's Catholic Church

233 Tower Street Panania NSW 2213

[www.stchristopherpanania.org.au](http://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: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays

**Weddings** (by appointment)

## St. Patrick's Catholic Church

294 The River Road Revesby Heights NSW 2212

[www.stpatrickrevesbyheights.org.au](http://www.stpatrickrevesbyheights.org.au)

### Mass Times

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:30pm

**Sunday:** 9am

**Tuesday- Friday:** 8am,

### Exposition & Benediction

7:30 am - 8am, 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month

### Reconciliation

**Saturday:** 4.45 pm-5:15 pm

### Baptisms

10:30am, 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Christopher's Catholic Church Panania

St Patrick's Catholic Church Revesby Heights

### St Christopher's Primary School

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### De La Salle College

(02) 9773 7755

### Mount St Joseph College

(02) 8724 6200



## Gospel Reflection

### Women and War

Jesus entered Jerusalem, not as a warrior in the tradition of King David as many had hoped for, but riding simply on a donkey. The disciples and the crowd applauded him, but they proved fickle in their support.

On the other hand, Jesus remained steadfast in his commitment to non-violent revolutionary change of the religious and political systems so as to establish the reign of God. Why did he renounce marshalling human and angelic warriors to further his cause?

First, Jesus embodied God-for-us, and God does not want the destruction of those he has created out of love. Second, Jesus had a premonition that an armed revolt would lead to the destruction of Jerusalem and the dispersal of the Jewish people (as occurred in 70AD).

Third, another Gospel (Luke) recounts that as Jesus laboured up Mount Calvary he turned to some wailing women and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, weep rather for yourselves and for your children.' He knew that they suffer grievously in armed uprising. This is seen in barbaric reality in our own time with women being tortured and raped in campaigns of terror, trafficked into sexual slavery, suffering the loss of sons, husband and lovers.

We could take a moment to pray that the Church of the 21st century, successor of the pacifist Church of the first three centuries, may enter on a new period of reflection on these issues, grappling with the desire to protect the innocent, yet always challenged by the man on a donkey, Divine Prince of Peace.

*Fr Michael Tate*

## Entrance Antiphon

*Cf Jn 12: 1, 12-13; Ps 23: 9-10*

## Second Reading

*Phil 2:6-11*

***Six days before the Passover,  
when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem,  
the children ran to meet him;  
in their hands they carried palm branches  
and with a loud voice cried out:  
\* Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed are you,  
who have come in your abundant mercy!  
O gates, lift high your heads;  
grow higher, ancient doors.  
Let him enter, the king of glory!  
Who is this king of glory?  
He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.  
\* Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed are you,  
who have come in your abundant mercy!***

## First Reading

*Is 50:4-7*

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

The Lord has given me  
a disciple's tongue.  
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied  
he provides me with speech.  
Each morning he wakes me to hear,  
to listen like a disciple.  
The Lord has opened my ear.  
For my part, I made no resistance,  
neither did I turn away.  
I offered my back to those who struck me,  
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;  
I did not cover my face  
against insult and spittle.  
The Lord comes to my help,  
so that I am untouched by the insults.  
So, too, I set my face like flint;  
I know I shall not be shamed.

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

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24. R. v.2*

***My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?***

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians*

His state was divine,  
yet Christ Jesus did not cling  
to his equality with God  
but emptied himself  
to assume the condition of a slave,  
and became as men are,  
and being as all men are,  
he was humbler yet,  
even to accepting death,  
death on a cross.  
But God raised him high  
and gave him the name  
which is above all other names  
so that all beings  
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,  
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus  
and that every tongue should acclaim  
Jesus Christ as Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

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

## Gospel Acclamation

*Phil 2:8-9*

***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
king of endless glory!  
Christ became obedient for us even to death  
dying on the cross.  
Therefore God raised him on high  
and gave him a name above all other names.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
king of endless glory!***

## Gospel

*Mt 26:14 – 27:66*

*A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Matthew*

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## Communion Antiphon

*Mt 26:42*

***Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my  
drinking it, your will be done.***

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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 Land collection - Friday 29th March

The collection offers all Catholics an opportunity to express their solidarity with Christians in the Holy Land. A donation to the Holy Father's annual appeal is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of those caught up in war, violence and instability in this region.

## Project Compassion



As Project Compassion 2024 comes to an end, we want to thank you for your incredibly generous support throughout Lent. This year, we shared with you the story of three inspiring women from across the globe, who overcame challenges to complete their education, access water and find secure employment. With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities.

There is still time to donate! 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](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413

## Holy Week Roster

Please refer to next page for Easter Vigil, Sunday Roster

ST CHRISTOPHER'S	HOLY THURSDAY 28 March - 7pm	GOOD FRIDAY 29 March 10am & 3pm
Acolytes	Alan F, John T Jonathan T Ruben N	Alan F, John T Jonathan T Jon D
Readers	Stephanie Siaosi	Clare Lourey Tanya Nguyen
	Clare Lourey Tanya Nguyen	Andrew Mills Sam Coorey
Choir	Anthony Group	Couple of Christ
Altar Server	Lachlan Brunton	Volunteers
ST PATRICK'S		
Acolytes	Ray D, Moses P& Chris R	Kevin F, Ray D,
Communion Ministers	Cathy Moussa	Lynda Cameron
Readers	Roza B Marg M	Roza B Lynda C
Altar Servers	David Bulic & ,Benedict P	Anthony & Matthew Bulic

## Welcoming of Catechumens - St Patrick's Church

During the Easter Vigil Mass, we will welcome 2 Catechumens who will be fully initiated into our Catholic Church after participating in the RCIA program. This is a very exciting and faith filled time in their journey. Because of this, the Vigil Mass will take a bit longer. Although it will be a longer Mass, we still warmly invite our community to come along and support our Catechumens.

## RIP - Jim O'Neil

It is with great sadness we inform of the passing of Jim O'Neill on 23rd March 2024. Jim was a long term parishioner to our parish community and served on many ministries with his wife Marie and in 2022 Jim was presented with the Dempsey Medal. Our condolences go out to his family.

The funeral will be held at St Christopher's Church on Monday, 25th March @ 10.30am.



## RIP - Rikki Doumit



We recently received the sad news that Rikki Doumit (De La Salle College teacher), passes away on Sunday 17/03/2024.

The Parish community is sending prayers and condolences to Rikki's family. Her funeral was at St John of God Auburn.

## EASTER CEREMONIES

### Lenten Community Reconciliation:

St Christopher's - 7.00pm Wednesday 27 Mar

### Holy Thursday - 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

St. Christopher's & St Patrick's 7.00pm

### NO MORNING MASS

### GOOD FRIDAY - 29<sup>th</sup> 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 - 30<sup>th</sup> March 2024

St. Christopher's & St. Patrick's Saturday 5.30pm

### EASTER SUNDAY - 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

St. Christopher's 8.00am & 9.30am

### NO SUNDAY 5PM MASS

St. Patrick's 9.00am

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**St. Christopher's & St. Patrick's Parish Contacts**  
**Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9.00am-3.00pm**  
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 Secretary:  
**Parish Finance Committee**  
 Chairperson: John Tesoriero  
 Parish Safeguarding Officer: Jeanette Carroll

**St. Patrick's Church**

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Chairperson: Roza Bulic

Secretary: Pat Nolan

**Parish Finance Committee**

Chairperson: John Tesoriero

Secretary: Pat Nolan

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Siobhan Van Den Nieuwenhuizen



*Mass Intentions*

**Let Us Pray for our Parish Community**

**Recently Deceased:**

Jim O'Neil, Rikki Doumit, Agnes Linsangan, Jane Simiana, Margaret Daher, Maeva Mansour, John Cassidy, Lynette Carter, Pauline Hannan

**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 Kermod, Daniel Antonio Garcia, Terry Cooper, Annie Saffrett, Simon Boukaram, Margaret Maloney, Mario Bosquet, Igor Mileusnic, Owen & Marie McLoughlin, Micky Long, Pat Coates, Di Mason, Martin Hannagan, Jim O'Neill, Mary Israel, Stephen Sinclair, Pat Tindall, Sick members of the Legion of Mary.

**ST CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKEND ROSTERS 2024**

23rd/24th Mar	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
<b>Readers:</b>	Louise Harvey Clare Lourey	George Elias Ron Woods	Gabriela Bietresato Sam Coorey	Students	<b>Communion to the Sick</b> Magdalene Vetter Van Doan Josephine Jones
<b>Communion Ministers:</b>	Frank O'Brien Renee Taylor	Magdalene Vetter Van Doan	Kim Barbagallo Norma Coorey	Volunteer Anne Maree Morris	<b>Counters:</b> John Tesoriero Joanne Carney
<b>Acolytes/ Servers</b>	Jonathan Tran	Jon D'astoli	Lisa Kerry	Cheryl Beaver	<b>Other Ministries</b>
<b>Altar Servers</b>	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	<b>Communion to the Sick</b> NO Services
30th/31st Mar	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	NO Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
<b>Readers:</b>	Louise A, Clare L Natalie S	Tanya N George E	Josie H		<b>Communion to the Sick</b> NO Services
<b>Communion Ministers:</b>	Jeanette C, Gabi B Terese J	Magdalene V Gabi B	Louise A, Norma V, Nazira H		<b>Counters:</b> John Tesoriero, Stephanie Siaso
<b>Acolytes/ Servers</b>	John T, Jon D, Alan F, Johnathan T, Ruben N, Rennie V	Jon D, Richard H, Cheryl B	Andrae C, Ruben N, Rennie V		
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Volunteers	Volunteers	Lachlan B, Jorja H		

**ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2024**

	23rd/24th Mar		30th/31st Mar	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
<b>Acolytes/Servers:</b>	Chris	Jason	Kevin F, Jason S, Ray D, Chris R, Moses P	Jason P
<b>Readers:</b>	Steve Iacono Monika Bradvica	Roza Bulic Ann Papalii	Ann P, Cathy M, Lynda C Mary	Tess H, Pat N,
<b>Communion Ministers:</b>	Elena Salgueira Monika Bradvica	May Coorey Volunteer	Elena Salgueira	Cathy Moussa
<b>Counters:</b>		Bill Woods, Brian Quinn		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](mailto: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.