



# St. Christopher's & St. Patrick's Catholic Church



## St. Christopher's Mass Times

233 Tower Street, Panania NSW 2213

Website: <https://www.stchristopherpanania.org.au/>

Sat. Vigil: 5:30pm Sunday: 8am, 9:30am & 5pm

Weekdays: Tue: 7pm, Wed, Thurs, Fri: 9.15am Sat: 9am

Exposition & Benediction: Tues: 6-7pm, Thurs: 5-7pm  
Sat. after 9am Mass

Holy Hour: Fri: 6.15am - 7.15am (except school holidays)

Reconciliation: Sat. 9.30am & 4:30pm

Baptisms: 11am: 1st & 3rd Sundays Weddings: By Appointment

## St. Patrick's Mass Times

294 The River Road, Revesby Heights NSW 2212

Website: <https://www.stpatrickrevesbyheights.org.au/>

Sat. Vigil: 5:30pm Sunday: 9am

Weekdays: Tue, Wed, Thurs, Fri: 8am

Healing Mass: 1st Friday of the month: Mass starts at 7pm  
with Reconciliation (6pm) & Exposition, Benediction follows.

Reconciliation: Saturday: 5pm

Baptisms: 10.30am: 4th Sunday

Weddings: By Appointment

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER — YEAR A.**

**9th & 10th May 2020**

## OUR PARISH LIVE-STREAMING MASS & ADORATION

We may be isolated at home, but we are not alone as we celebrate the masses with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Masses will be live-streamed on St Christopher's Parish Panania Facebook and YouTube: Tuesday - Sunday: Mass 9am

Saturday: Vigil 5.30pm

Friday: Adoration 6pm - 7pm



## Entrance Antiphon

*Cf. Ps 97:1-2*

***O sing a new song to the Lord,  
for he has worked wonders;  
in the sight of the nations***

***he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.***

## 1st Reading

*Acts 6:1-7*

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy

Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

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



## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19. R. v.22*

***R: Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.***

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. (R)

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**Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales**

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## St. Christopher's & St. Patrick's Parish Contacts:

**Parish Pastoral Council: (St. Christopher)**  
Chairperson: Anne Weeks

**Parish Pastoral Council: (St. Patrick)**  
Chairperson: Chris Russell

**Parish Secretary:** Van Doan

**Office Hours:** Tuesday - Friday 9.00am—3.00pm

**Parish Manager:** John Tesoriero

**Sac. Co-ordinator:** Anne Maree Morris

**Pastoral Care**

Norma Coorey

### Mutual Indwelling

The Opening Prayer of today's Mass begins, 'Almighty, ever-living God', the One beyond all dimensions of time and space. And that is true. Could such a God really be 'at home' with us earthly creatures, bound as we are in time and space? It seems improbable.

Conversely, is there a possible way in which we earthlings can dwell in God, can inhabit the Divine realm of being? St John's Gospel gives a resounding 'yes' to both questions. God can be at home with us and we can dwell in God.

We are all familiar with the famous passage at the start of St John's Gospel: 'The Word was made flesh and dwelt amongst us.' Here is a more literal translation: 'The Logos was made flesh and pitched his tent amongst us.'

The Jewish runaway slaves, who wandered for forty years in the wilderness after escaping from Egypt, carried around a tent where they believed God's presence was more intensely located: a good place to go and pray and to be inspired.

St John is saying that the Word who is God took on the tent of human nature and pitched his tent among us, took up a dwelling place with us, inhabited our human world of time and space, becoming for us 'the Way, the Truth and the Life'.

That is at the beginning of St John's Gospel. And now, towards the end of the earthly journey of the Word who pitched his tent amongst us, we have today's Gospel passage.

The disciples are full of premonitions that their beloved leader was about to be cruelly done to death, leaving them abandoned. Yet he tells them: 'Let not your hearts be troubled.'

Why not? Why shouldn't their hearts, our hearts, be troubled by the disappearance of Our Lord's physical presence? Because there is a purpose to his passage through death. It was to bring about a situation where our Risen Lord and the disciples of Jesus can inhabit the same space.

How does this come about? Listen to St John's Gospel a few verses further on. Jesus says, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.' (v.23)

We are a dwelling place of God! You personally, together with other lovers of Our Lord, are a dwelling place of God! And here is something just as astonishing. Here is what I say when, after the gifts are brought to the altar, I pour a little water into the chalice of wine: 'By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.'

What a powerful verb! To share, to participate in. For us this means that we share in, participate in, the Divine Life of Jesus Christ, of the Risen Lord. As the Greek saints of the early church used to say in very daring fashion: 'God became human so that humans might become God.'

Of course, this is by grace. We are adopted into this Divine life.

We anticipate this at every Holy Communion when the Divine life of our Risen Lord dwells within us under the appearance of bread and wine. As Pope John Paul II used to say: 'We digest, as it were, the secret of the Resurrection.' We become a tent for the Risen Lord! What a communion! What a Holy Communion! Let us look forward to sharing in that Holy Communion at this Mass.

Let us pause after Holy Communion and let us reverence the Divine Life dwelling in us, a foretaste of our dwelling in Divine Life.

God the Almighty? Yes, but dwelling in us so that we might dwell in the Almighty God. Why should this be so? Because Almighty God loves us.

Alleluia!

*Fr. Michael Tate*

#### **An Act of Spiritual Communion (to be said before Holy Communion)**

My Jesus I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I decide to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already here and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen

#### **Pope Francis' prayer to Our Lady, Health of the Sick, to implore her protection during the Covid-19 pandemic. (to be said after Holy Communion)**

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you,

Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

**Quote for The day**

What a joy to remember that she is our mother. Since she loves us and knows our weakness, what have we to fear? – St. Therese of Liseux



**Mass Intentions**

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community



**Saints of the day**

- 11th May St Walter of L’Esterp
- 12th May Sts Nereus, Archilleus & Pancras
- 13th May Our Lady of Fatima
- 14th May St Matthias the Apostle
- 15th May Sts Dymrna & Gerebernus
- 16th May St Simon Stock

**Fr. Salas’s 14th Ordination Anniversary - 08/05**

Congratulations on your Ordination Anniversary and we wish you many more abundant and fruitful years for the glory of God.



**BLESSING OF MOTHERS ON MOTHER’S DAY**

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord.



**New Websites for our Parishes**

We are happy to let you know that the new websites for our Parishes are ready. Please see the links below:  
St Christopher’s Church Panania  
<https://www.stchristopherpanania.org.au/>  
St Patrick’s Church Revesby Heights  
<https://www.stpatrickrevesbyheights.org.au/>

**All correspondence**

Planned Giving envelopes, donations and Mass Intentions are to be placed in the letter box under the welcome sign of the Presbytery.

**Parishioner contact details needed**

We are seeking contact details from our parishioners, especially your email addresses, so that contact can be made when needed. Please call the office or email us if you are willing to be contacted.

Parish Bulletin will be available at the front of both churches & Update information will be placed in both parishes Facebook , Websites and also via Email

**If anyone requires assistance, please phone the parish office 97743662 or 0402 494 246 to speak to Fr Salas**

**Family Rosary Relay**



From the 1st to the 31st of May, you are invited to participate in the Archbishop's Rosary Relay. Families are asked to nominate and pray one decade of the rosary on a day of their choice. Please register using the link provided: <https://forms.gle/PpzTDDR6BiwAGrFC6>

**The Sick and Infirm**

- Therese Boukaram
- May Tran
- Samuel Hekeik
- Christina Apolinario
- Remelo Ongkowidjaja
- Marjorie Egliston
- Pat Tunicliffe
- Brian O’Shea
- Sr. Kath Price
- Stephen Sinclair
- Donna Clarke
- Frank Azzopardi
- Norma Moudawar
- Col & Irene Cross
- Brett Pacey
- Pat Tindall
- Val Edwards
- Francis Cudmore
- Marie McLoughlin
- Annette Baiado
- Venny Villapando
- Glen Clarke
- Narelle Martin
- David Sheppard

**Recently Deceased**

- Ursula Lewy
- Ron Roarty
- Lynette Taylor
- Kevin King
- Glen Humphris
- Josh Prestney
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- General Intention**
- Maria Doan
- Maria Catarina Nguyen
- Thelma Mc Dermott
- Hilda Khoury
- Tamam Coorey
- Special Intention
- Paul Rossington
- Francis Shanley
- Jack & Helen Van Sanden
- Marjorie & Jerome Mack
- Catherine & Peter Serton
- Ann Bastock
- Mary Brennan
- Janet Kelly
- Joanne Shanahan
- Tania McNeil
- Mary Ann Gapps
- Marie Fricot
- Danny & Sylvia Armour
- Paul Burke
- Deceased members of Legion of Mary
- Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Anniversaries**

- John Foley
- Reynolds
- Monica Christensen
- Veronica Taylor
- Kathleen Ross
- Nicholas Warianka
- Dominic Uyen Doan

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



**Virtual Pentecost Pilgrimage**

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is an official sponsor of this virtual free pilgrimage which began on Sunday 26 April and will run for 6 weeks. The pilgrimage is aimed at helping Catholics nurture their faith in the lead up to Pentecost while public Masses are suspended during the COVID-19 pandemic. Each Wednesday and Sunday, formative videos from will be released for registered participants to engage online. Each set of videos will reflect on the Sunday readings of that week with a particular focus on the role of the Holy Spirit in our Church and world. To register for this free online pilgrimage to Pentecost, simply go to [www.pentecostpilgrimage.com](http://www.pentecostpilgrimage.com)



2. For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R)

3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R)

## 2nd Reading

1 Pt 2:4-9

### *A reading from the first letter of St Peter*

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

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

## Gospel Acclamation

Jn 14:6

***Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!***

## Gospel

Jn 14:1-12

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you.

I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I

have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too.

From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***



## Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 15:1,5

***I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.***

## Next Week's Readings:

16th/17th Apr 2020

Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year A.

**1st Reading:** Acts 8:5-8. 14-17 - They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

**2nd Reading** 1 Pt 3:15-18 - In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life

**Gospel:** Jn 14:15-21 - I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

