



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes



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,

Healing Mass

7 pm, 1st Friday of the month

Exposition & Benediction

8.30 am - 9am, 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 Bhaskar Mendam MSFS



CONTACT US

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📍 St Christopher's Catholic Church Panania

📍 St Patrick's Catholic Church Revesby Heights

St Christopher's Primary School

☎ 02 9771-5492

De La Salle College

☎ 02 9773-7196

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD YEAR B - 3RD JANUARY 2021



REFLECTION

Stars and Seekers after Truth

Unlike the writers of the horoscope columns in our newspapers, these Wise Men were scholar astrologers, probably from Syria or Iraq. They believed that the stars controlled the destiny of human beings, but they were open enough to the Hebrew scriptures to be led to the amazing discovery of a star-child in Bethlehem.

They knelt before this baby, doing homage, because they realised that the stars did not control this infant, but that there was something of this baby which caused the night sky to respond! They preserved the child from the deadly schemes of Herod, and then they returned to their home country, 'by a different way'. They were on a different journey after encountering the Child.

Who can doubt that the Holy Spirit led these wise men from the East to the manger? In fact, the Holy Spirit is at work in every human being, prompting each and every one to become seekers after Truth. As a person responds to this prompting and tries to lead a good humane life, then the Church teaches that the Holy Spirit can draw them into the saving life of God. Thus, billions in China and India who have never heard the Gospel, can be saved. But, such persons do not savour the fullness of Truth as we do with the privilege of having the scriptures and the sacraments. Where it is possible, we are obliged to offer them the road map to the Truth.

We can take a moment to affirm our faith in the baby in the manger as the One of whom Dante spoke: 'the Love which moves the sun and other stars'. Come, let us adore him.

Fr Michael Tate

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	Pastoral Care: Norma Coorey
Sac. Co-ordinator: Anne Maree Morris	(Continuation of Pastoral Care)

Important Notice

COVID-19 update

NSW Health has announced that from Sunday 20 December, churches will be able to have 300 people at all religious services, as long as a four square metre rule is observed.

You'll find more information in : <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-frequently-asked-questions/>

- * **There is no booking required for all masses.** (Church will be closed when the limit is reached)
- * **Please be in the church foyer at least 20 minutes before Mass starts,**
This is to enable sufficient time to sign in prior to the commencement of Masses (Please note: all entering the Church must sign-in for COVID-safe purposes and social distancing and hygiene measures must be observed at all times).
- * **Please sign-in using the QR code or the sign-in sheet**
Thank you for using the QR codes. The questions have changed slightly to make it more user friendly. You can also download the QR reader APP if you are have trouble using the codes.
- * Please take the bulletin with you after using it or place it in the Rubbish bin in the foyer, they are not to be Reused
- * Please contact Parish Office 9774 3662 for further information.
- * Please sanitise your pew prior to leaving the church.

We, the Missionaries of St Francis De Sales,
invite you to a Eucharistic Celebration for the
Feast Day of Our Patron **St Francis De Sales**

Main Celebrant: Most Rev Terry Brady
(Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney)



Date & Time

25th January 2021
10.30 Am

Venue

St. Christopher's Church
233 Tower Street Panania

*"Do not wish to be anything but what you are,
and try to be that perfectly."*
St Francis De Sales

Light Lunch after the Mass
RSVP: (Email preferred) 18 January 2021
stcpanania@hotmail.com or 02 9774 3662

with regards
Fr Mani Malana MSFS
Fr Salas Muttathukattil MSFS
Fr Bhaskar Mendam MSFS

ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2021

Ministry	2nd/3rd January		9th/10th January	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
<u>Acolytes/S.Servers:</u>	Chris	Ray	Chris	Jason
<u>Readers:</u>	Yvonne Mills Garry Solway	Yvonne Toleafoa Camilla Toleafoa	Marge Salone Barbara Sherry	Tess Hughes Madeleine Pizzuti
<u>Communion Ministers:</u>	Alison Simler Barbara Sherry	Madeleine Pizzuti, Cathy Moussa	Sue Chant Elena Salgueira	May Coorey Joan Jones



Donations to the Parish

Donation to the Parish can be made by using Bpoint service on our website : **St Christopher's** :

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

St Patrick's:

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

alternatively by scanning the QR code given below.

Thank you for your kind generosity.

**St Christopher's
Parish Panania**

**St Patrick's
Parish Revesby Heights**



TAP & GO Option for Contributions

There are **2 TAP and GO machines set at \$5 and \$10 per TAP**. The amount will be divided equally between the first and second collections.

Parish office Christmas closing

The office will be closed from Friday 25/12/2020 to 4/01/2021 and reopen on Tuesday 5/01/2021

Home Visitation

Those who can not come to Church and wish to receive Holy Communion or a priest to visit, please contact Parish Office 9774 3662



Recently Deceased

Margaret Cudmore

Eddie Krawczyk

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General Intention

Alf Pandoleon,

Joseph & Veronica Ritchie

George Hanna, Mansour,

Crowe & Hanna families

Jose Joao Quintal

Mollie & Bill Purdy, Shirley

Holland , Molly & Bill Lowe

Bernard Togher, The Brown

& Togher families

Allen McNally

Jack & Dulcie Southwell

Anthony Bova

Souls in Purgatory

Paul Burke

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Deceased members of

Legion of Mary

The Sick and Infirm

Phyllis McCormick

John Foxe

Dante Maningas

Marie McLoughlin

Olive Gaynor

Mary Israel

Rudolf Rodriques

Suzanne Moig

Segundino Ariola, Junior

Zoran Stojanovski

Therese Boukaram

Samuel Hekeik

Christina Apolinario

Remelo Ongkowidjaja

Marjorie Egliston

Pat Tunicliffe

Stephen Sinclair

Donna Clarke

Frank Azzopardi

Norma Moudawar

Col & Irene Cross

Bett Pacey

Pat Tindall

Val Edwards

Frances Cudmore

Annette Baiado

Venny Villapando

Glen Clarke

Narelle Martin

David Sheppard

Anniversaries

Ian McRae, Bert Eyles, John

Adams, Sr Maur Woodbury

Dot & Irene Gapps, Stephen

Hilda Khoury

Dominic & Maria Phan

Joe, Clare, Ron Fletcher and

Lorna Foharty

Rose, John O'Sullivan,

John Bradshaw, Billy Tay-

lor &

Margaret Vidler

Joseph Dalli

John Azzopardi

Natasha Esther

Nicole Andre'

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKEND ROSTERS 2021

2nd/3rd January	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm
<u>Readers:</u>	Trish McNamara Patrick McDermott	John Coates Stephanie Siaoisi	Sam Coorey Anne Weeks	Julie Nugent Tanya
<u>Communion Ministers:</u>	Di Hennessy Josephine Jones	Norma Coorey	Jacqueline Bull Terese Jones	Lauren Smith
<u>Acolytes/Servers:</u>	John Tesoriero	Jon D'asoli	Richard Hurst	Dennis Lister
9th/10th January	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm
<u>Readers:</u>	Ron Woods Sue Bracken	Steve Darcy Carolyn Ford	George Elias Pauline O'shea	Rebecca Lee Bridget Weeks
<u>Communion Ministers:</u>	Jeanette Carroll Carla Tesoriero	Ann-Maree Darcy	Norma Verjoustinsky Bernadette Saleme	Stephanie Siaoisi Litara Machee
<u>Acolytes/Servers:</u>	Alan Freeman	John Coates	Tony O'Shea	Cheryl Beaver

Entrance Antiphon*Cf. Mal 3:1; 1 Chr 29:12*

**Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;
and kingship is in his grasp, and power
and dominion.**

Gospel Acclamation*Mt 2:2*

**Alleluia, alleluia!
We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.
Alleluia!**

1st Reading*Is 60:1-6**A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears.

The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

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

Responsorial Psalm :1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11**Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.****2nd Reading***Eph 3:2-3. 5-6**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians*

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

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

Gospel*Mt 2:1-12**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

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

Communion Antiphon*Cf. Mt 2:2*

**We have seen his star in the East,
and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.**

