



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



## 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,

### Healing Mass

7 pm, 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month

### Exposition & Benediction

8:30 am - 9am, 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 Bhaskar Mendam MSFS



CONTACT US

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📍 St Patrick's Catholic Church Revesby Heights

**St Christopher's Primary School**

☎ 02 9771-5492

**De La Salle College**

☎ 02 9773-7196

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B - 21st FEBRUARY 2021



### Gospel Reflection

#### The Rainbow

The Rainbow is God's signature to a treaty with humankind. On God's part, material forces will never be sent to annihilate human beings as a punishment for wrongdoing. On our part, as humans made in the likeness of God, we are to image God's rainbow relationship to nature.

This is the Divine Treaty basis of our responsibility for the environment. We undertake not to engage in practices or support policies which could severely damage the fragile ecology which supports life on our planet. The deforestation of the slopes of the Himalayas, leading to floods which kill thousands, is a catastrophic example.

And, gazing at the rainbow, we can pray for our planet, for the human beings and all other creatures who inhabit it, and quite often for ourselves at a deep personal level. For we know that, just as after a storm and dark clouds, light penetrates the misty sky and the beautiful bow of colour appears, the same phenomenon can occur in our own lives.

We could take a moment to pray that the rainbow will appear, perhaps for ourselves, perhaps for others we know who are going through a stormy time.

*Fr Michael Tate*

#### Our Quote for the day!

"To give consent to an inspiration in your heart with out putting it into practice, is to plant a vine without desiring it to bear fruit."

*St Francis De Sales*

## Entrance Antiphon

*Cf. Ps 90:15-16*

***When he calls on me, I will answer him;  
I will deliver him and give him glory,  
I will grant him length of days.***

## 1st Reading

*Gen 9:8-15*

*A reading from the book of Genesis*

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

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

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 24:4-9. R. see v.10*

***Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth  
to those who keep your covenant.***

## 2nd Reading

*1 Pt 3:18-22*

*A reading from the first letter of St Peter*

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the

spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

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

## Gospel Acclamation

*Mt 4:4*

***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless  
glory! No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of  
God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
king of endless glory!***

## Gospel

*Mk 1:12-15*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

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

## Communion Antiphon

*Mt 4:4*

***One does not live by bread alone, but by every  
word that comes forth from the mouth of God.***



## Important Notice

### COVID-19 update

From February 12th, an unlimited number of people can attend Mass, provided that the one person per 2m2 rule is observed. Now that the 2m2 rule has been reinstated, Archbishop Anthony has lifted the dispensation from our Sunday Mass obligation. The Catholic faithful are once again obliged to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation when this is reasonably possible.

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

\* Masks are no longer compulsory.

\* **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**

You can also download the QR reader APP or the NSW service APP if you have trouble using the codes.

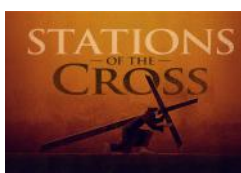
\* Please take the bulletin with you or place it in the Rubbish bin in the foyer, they are not to be reused

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent

St. Christopher's: **7pm**

St. Patrick's: **after 8am** Mass.



The program will commence on 24th Feb 2021 on each Wednesday during Lent.



\* **St Christopher's:** 7.30pm in the church meeting room

\* **St Patrick's:** 9am in the Church  
7.30pm at the Sherry residence

### A big thank you to our retiring Catechists

After many years of teaching scripture to the students in our public schools, the following teachers & helpers are now retiring . We are very grateful for the time they have given in spreading the word of our faith.

#### St Christopher's :

Georgina Kermode: 43 years taught at Tower St School

Graham Kermode: 15 years helped at Tower St School.

#### St Patrick's:

Virginia Katalinic: 20 years taught at Picnic Pt School



### Catechist or helpers needed

We urgently need more volunteers to assist in teaching scripture at our state schools. If interested please contact parish office 9774 3662

### Project Compassion

Jamila is a Rohingya refugee living in a camp in Bangladesh with her elderly mother and baby daughter. With the support of Caritas Australia, and through Caritas Bangladesh, Jamila has been able to access emergency food, shelter, counselling, and vocational training that will help to support her family.

Boxes & envelopes are available at the church foyer

### Pious Good Stall - St Christopher's

The Pious Goods Stall is in urgent need of volunteers for the following Masses:

Saturday 5.30 pm 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month  
5th Saturday (usually 4 per year)

Sunday 8.00 am Any date

Sunday 9.30 am 2nd Sunday of the month  
5th Sunday (usually 4 per year)

Sunday 5 pm Any date

If you can help please contact: Pat Coates  
0402077142 or 97743947 or Jo Grosvenor 97722544

### Home Visitation

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

### Book Launch in Panania

Madeleine Pizzuti, a parishioner of St Patrick's, is a local author and has just released a children's book entitled 'BEAR'. The story is about a much-loved teddy-bear and his young companion and is set within a loving Catholic family. Madeleine will be having a book launch on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th March at the KaDeli Café in Tower Street, Panania from 8 am to 2 pm. Come along and meet Madeleine and BEAR! There will be BEAR activity bags for children and a free coffee with every book purchase.



Fostering Care and Belonging

Can you picture yourself being a foster carer?

Family Spirit are looking for compassionate people who can provide security and comfort to children in need. To learn more about becoming a carer, please register online at [www.familyspirit.or](http://www.familyspirit.or) or call 131819 for information session on Wed, 24th Feb 2021.

**St. Christopher's & St. Patrick's Parish Contacts**  
**Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9.00am-3.00pm**

**Parish Secretary:** Van Doan  
**Parish Manager:** John Tesoriero  
**Sac. Co-ordinator:** Anne Maree Morris  
**Pastoral Care:** Norma Coorey

**St. Christopher's Church**

**Parish Pastoral Council**

Chairperson: Anne Weeks  
 Secretary: Dympna Paterson

**Parish Finance Committee**

Chairperson: John Tesoriero  
 Secretary:

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Jeanette Carroll

**St. Patrick's Church**

**Parish Pastoral Council:**

Chairperson: Chris Russell  
 Secretary: Pat Nolan

**Parish Finance Committee**

Chairperson: John Tesoriero  
 Secretary: Pat Nolan

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Siobhan Van Den Nieuwenhuizen

**FUNERAL**

Patricia Chamley's funeral to be held at St. Patrick's  
 On Friday 26th February 2021 at 2.30pm

**BAPTISM**

St Christopher's & St Patrick's Parishes  
 welcome the families of those being  
 baptised this weekend: Grace Montague,  
 Lilit Betchakjian, Mateo & Hendrix Pou  
 Let us keep the Children and their families in our prayers



*Mass Intentions*

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

**Recently Deceased:**

Sr Jelka Predragovic, Fr Bob Barber S.M, Betty Tracey, Valerie, Colin Cross, Fran Cudmore, Elaine Thompson, Allan Baragry, Patricia Watson, Jean Dunn, Roman Calderon

**Anniversaries:**

Eric Moon, Arthur Smith, Dominick McDermott & Souls in Purgatory, Margaret Ellem, Baby Lucas Pollinger, Mary Singleton, Angela Cardwell, France G. Bosquet, Bruce Lister, Len Khoury, Thelma & Michael McDermott, Bernard Gapps & Nell Dunstan, Stephen Cummins, Warren J. Pearson, Nunziata Calacrese,

**General Intention:**

Agatha & Paul, Mollie & Bill Purdy, Molly & Bill Lowe, Shirley Holland, Bernard Togher, Brown & Togher families, Ray Parry, Syd Israel, Guiseppe & Arelia (Maria) Tesoreiro, Marie O'Neill, Holly Souls, Fr John Burns, Giuseppe Lopez, Souls in Purgatory, Paul Burke, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Deceased members of Legion of Mary.

**The Sick and Infirm:**

Loreta Tavita, Stephen Sinclair, Chris Burke, Vincent Doan, Marie McLoughlin, Olive Gaynor, Mary Israel, Rudolf Rodriques, Suzanne Moig, Junior Zoran Stojanovski, Therese Boukaram, Pat Tunnicliff, Pat Tindall, Val Edwards

**Saint of the day**

- 22nd Feb The Chair of St Peter
- 23rd Feb St Polycarp
- 24th Feb St Praetextatus
- 25th Feb St Wallburga
- 26th Feb St Alexander of Alexandria
- 27th Feb St Gabriel

**ST. CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKEND ROSTERS 2021**

20th/21st February	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm
<i>Readers:</i>	Gabrielle Innes Volunteer	Maureen Singleton John Coates	Lea De Angelis Andrew Mills	Natalie Salameh
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Barbara Tesoriero David Raish	Terese Jones Norma Coorey	Magdalene Vetter Margaret Yasbek	Volunteer Nazira Hanna
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	John Tesoriero	Andrew Mills	Ruben Nool	Ryan Romero
27th/28th February	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm
<i>Readers:</i>	Louise Harvey Mary Young	John Coates Patricia Laidler	Yuti Diack Clayton Diack	Natalie Salameh Volunteer
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Josephine Jones Renee Taylor	Norma Coorey Magdalene Vetter	Norma Verjoustinsky Volunteer	Trish Campedelli Anne Maree Morris
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	Alan Freeman	Geoff Giltinan	Lisa Kerry	Cheryl Beaver

**ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2021**

	20th/21st February		27th/28th February	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	Chris	Jason	Chris	Kevin
<i>Readers:</i>	Siobhan Nieuwhuizen Wanieta Young	Tess Hughes Madeleine Pizzuti	Yvonne Mills Garry Solway	Pat Nolan Dawn Poole
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Sue Chant Elena Salgueira	May Coorey Joan Jones	Alison Simler Barbara Sherry	Madeleine Pizzuti Cathy Moussa