



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



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St Christopher's Primary School

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De La Salle College

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B - 14th March 2021



Gospel Reflection

God's Works of Art

How does God picture us? St Paul reveals one of God's favourite ways of regarding us.

'We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus, to live the good life as from the beginning He had intended us to live it.'

Just as an artist respects the medium he or she is working in, whether it be oils or crayon, so too God respects us as human beings with free will. Which is why His works of art don't always look the way He intended!

Now, if one has a work of art in the house, a picture or print that means a lot to you, or perhaps the first sketch by a child, do you put it in the darkest corner of the room? Or do you allow just enough light to fall on it so as to reveal how terrific it is, why it gives you pleasure? Of course, the latter.

Now, if you and I are God's work of art, God wants exactly the same. He wants us to be revealed in the light. What sort of light? Christ our Light.

Of course, it might be necessary for the Light to dispel some darkness, some shadow dimension of our lives. In this regard Christ is a healing Light, but this is so that he might illuminate us in a way which more clearly reveals the love which the Divine Artist has for His creation.

We might take a moment to pray for the courage to expose ourselves to Christ's healing light this Lent to be more beautifully illuminated at Easter.

Fr Michael Tate

Our quote for a day

"Be at peace and put aside all anxious thoughts" *St. Francis De Sales*

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 66:10-11

***Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.***

1st Reading

2 Chr 36:14-16. 19-23

A reading from the second book of Chronicles

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, ‘Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.’

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: ‘Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, “The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up.”’

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 136. R. v.6

Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!

2nd Reading

Eph 2:4-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God’s work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 3:16

***Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
God loved the world so much,
he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have
eternal life.***

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Jn 3:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to Nicodemus: ‘The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God’s only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer

darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 9:11,38

***The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed,
I saw and I believed in God.***



Important Notice

- * There is no booking required for all masses.
 - * Please sign-in using the QR code or the sign-in sheet
 - * Please kindly wait until the priest has left the altar before sanitising your area.
- Many thanks for your ongoing cooperation with this.

Safeguarding Children and Volunteers in St Christopher's Parish:

In response to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney established The Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office in 2015. One of the roles of the Safeguarding Office is to raise awareness regarding our collective responsibility to protect the safety, well-being and dignity of children and young people.

While we all, as a Parish, need to be aware of our role in protecting children and becoming familiar with the cultural change within the Church, we need to ensure that all volunteers in roles of trust and responsibility fulfil the necessary requirements mandated by the Archdiocese.

All Volunteers in our Parish will need to ensure that they have:

1. A current Working With Children Check (WWCC). This is easy to obtain and is free. To obtain or renew your WWCC go to the website: <https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-check>
2. Complete a Volunteer Registration – Acceptance Form (available in the church foyer or from the Parish Office)
3. Read and Sign the Code of Conduct for Working With Children (available in the church foyer or from the Parish Office)

The list of Volunteer positions requiring the above documentation is quite extensive and has recently been extended. The list includes Parish Priests, Assistant Priests; Parish Secretaries; Youth Ministers, Workers or Leaders; Sacramental Coordinators and Group Leaders; Catechists; Children's Liturgy Coordinators and Leaders; Acolytes and Senior Altar Servers; Ministers of the Altar; Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion; Ministers of the Word (Readers); Parish Counters/Collectors/Wardens; Pious Goods Stall assistants; Parish Pastoral Council members; Ministers to the Housebound and Choir members.

Many of you may wonder why this is necessary when you seemingly don't come into direct contact with children. The reality is that you, by engaging in that Ministry, are in a position of TRUST. Children see you as someone who is in a significant role in the Parish and thus someone they can trust. While we may never have had an issue here at St Christophers, unfortunately, the historic evidence shows us that people in these positions have, at times, abused that position of trust. That is why the Archdiocese is being proactive and responding to the evidence they have been presented with. It is up to us to help so that all processes can be seen to be transparent.

There is also a legal requirement that all volunteers comply with the request. Failure to complete a WWCC attracts a hefty fine (\$11,000) per person and for the Parish. Father Salas is responsible for ensuring that all requirements are met.

Jeanette Carroll – St Christopher's Parish Safeguarding Support Officer (PSSO)



Every 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



Every Friday during Lent
St. Christopher's: **7pm**
St. Patrick's: **after 8am** Mass.

Funeral at St Christopher's Church

For the Late John MORO
10.30am on Tuesday 16th March 2021

Feast of St Patrick's 17th March (St Patrick's Church)

The Celebration of St Patrick's feast day will be held on weekend Masses 20th & 21st March with light refreshment after each Mass in front of the church.

Feast of St Joseph: Friday 19th March

NOVENA : Wednesday 10th to Thursday 18th March
There will be a Novena said leading to the feast day at each Mass after Communion.

HOLY HOUR—St Christopher's:
Friday 19th March

There will be a Holy Hour from 2 - 3pm in his honour & to ask him to pray for our church, our Country & our families. All welcome!



Kindergarten 2022

- *Tours of St Christopher's Panania with the Principal
- *Dates between 1st - 19th March
- *Please contact the school office (9771 5492) to book a tour (max 20 per group)



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

Saint of the day

15th Mar St Longinus
 16th Mar St Eusebia
 17th Mar **St Patrick**
 18th Mar St Cyril of Jerusalem
 19th Mar St Joseph - spouse of the
 Blessed Virgin Mary
 20th Mar St Cuthbert



Mass Intentions

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

Recently Deceased:

John Moro, Maria Doan, Dalton Bonnici, Ken Petersen, Patricia Chamley.

Anniversaries:

Frank Sherry, Bill & Gwen Williams, Frances Kelly, Allen Barton, Margaret McLeish, John Gardiner,

General Intention:

Isaac & Julie Sandroussi and all the departed Souls of the Sandroussi family, Michael & Anne Choueifate and all the deceased of the Choueifate family, Deceased members of the Emmanuel community (Tony Lorizio & Maree McCann, Dennis & John Garlick and Louis-Marie Fraval), Bella Mercado, Jose Adrias SR, Fr Tadeusz (birthday) Anthony Bova, Noelene Byron, Jose Joao Quintal, Giuseppe Lopez, Souls in Purgatory, Paul Burke, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Deceased members of Legion of Mary.

The Sick and Infirmed:

Harry Ross (Senior), Helen Dawson, Loreta Tavita, Kerry & Russ, 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

Pious Goods stall

Copies of updated rosters for 5.30pm Mass and 9.30am Mass are available for collection at the stall. We still desperately require more VOLUNTEERS for stall as some weekends there is no one available and stall will have to remain closed. If you can help, please contact Jo Grosvenor 97722544 or Pat Coates 0402077142.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKEND ROSTERS 2021

13th/14th March	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm
Readers:	Ron Woods Sue Bracken	Steve Darcy Carolyn Ford	George Elias Pauline O'shea	Rebecca Lee Bridget Weeks
Communion Ministers:	Jeanette Carroll Carla Tesoriero	Anne Maree Darcy Josephine Jones	Norma Verjoustinsky Bernadette Saleme	Stephanie Siaoosi Maasina Tuala
Acolytes/Servers:	Alan Freeman	John Coates	Tony O'Shea	Cheryl Beaver
20th/21st March	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm
Readers:	Gabrielle Innes Volunteer	Maureen Singleton Natalie Salameh	Lea De Angelis Andrew Mills	Anita & Josie Hanna
Communion Ministers:	David Raish Barbara Tesoriero	Terese Jones Kathleen Healey	Magdalene Vetter Margaret Yasbek	Volunteer Nazira Hanna
Acolytes/Servers:	John Tesoriero	Andrew Mills	Ruben Nool	Ryan Romero

ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2021

	13th/14th March		20th/21st March	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
Acolytes/Servers:	Chris	Jason	Chris	Kevin
Readers:	Marie Carr Liam Carr	Tess Hughes Madeleine Pizzuti	Siobhan Nieuwhuizen Wanieta Young	Pat Nolan Dawn Poole
Communion Ministers:	Alison Simler Barbara Sherry	Madeleine Pizzuti Cathy Moussa	Sue Chant Elena Salgueira	May Coorey Joan Jones