



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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Parish Office

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

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B - 21st March 2021



Gospel Reflection

We want to see Jesus

I can observe a baby, but the parents 'see' their baby very differently. They gaze with total fascination, trying to perceive what this little bundle of flesh is really all about, trying to get an insight into its personality, visualising a possible future, hoping for a response.

This Gospel passage begins with a request from some Greeks 'to see Jesus', surely in all the ways parents see their baby. They were trying to perceive what this Jesus was really all about, trying to get an insight into his personality, imagining a possible future, hoping for a response.

And there was a response full of allusions to the future.

Jesus was as a grain of wheat. He died and was buried in the earth and that death was fruitful for the whole of humankind. He foresaw being nailed to the cross which would be dropped upright into a hole in the ground.

Our Lord says of that scene: 'When I am lifted up I will draw all people to myself.' How were people drawn to this scene?

People saw the length to which Jesus was prepared to go in order to persevere in his mission to live out the message that his Heavenly Father was full of mercy and wanted all people to share in Divine Life. This led to his being lifted up on the cross, being buried in the ground like a grain of wheat, only to rise to new life.

We could take a moment to pray that we will shortly see all this with the eyes of faith as we participate in the rituals of Good Friday and Easter.

Fr Michael Tate

Our quote for a day

"Sacred friendship has a simple and frank language" *St. Francis De Sales*

***Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation
that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.***

***Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will also be.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!***

1st Reading*Jer 31:31-34**A reading from the prophet Jeremiah*

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

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

Responsorial Psalm*Ps 50:3-4. 12-15. R. v.12****Create a clean heart in me, O God.*****2nd Reading***Heb 5:7-9**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

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

Gospel*Jn 12:20-33**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, ‘Sir, we should like to see Jesus.’ Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

‘Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

I tell you most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life.

If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled.

What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour.

Father, glorify your name!’ A voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, ‘It was an angel speaking to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

‘Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.

And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.’

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

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

**Communion Antiphon***Jn 12: 24*

Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.



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.

St Christopher's Parish - Reminder for Volunteers regarding Safeguarding of Children:

To ensure that all volunteers in roles of trust and responsibility fulfil the necessary requirements mandated by the Archdiocese, they 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)
Read and Sign the Code of Conduct for Working With Children (available in the church foyer or from the Parish Office)
3. Please return all signed Codes of Conduct and Volunteer Registration forms to either the Parish Office or the Sacristy.

Over the next few weeks I will provide you with details of an email address to send WWC numbers to. As well as the WWC number, we will also need date of birth to verify the number. These can also be taken to the Parish Office.

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



EASTER CEREMONIES

LENTEN COMMUNITY RECONCILIATIONS:

WED. 31st March. Christopher's : 7pm

Holy Week

HOLY THURSDAY MASS — 1st APRIL

St. Christopher's: 7pm

St. Patrick's: 7pm

(No usual Thursday morning masses for both churches)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - GOOD FRIDAY — 2nd APRIL

St. Christopher's: 10am (Confessions to follow)

St. Patrick's: 10am (Confessions to follow)

OUR LORD'S PASSION: GOOD FRIDAY - 2nd APRIL

St. Christopher's: 3pm

St. Patrick's: 3pm

EASTER VIGIL: SATURDAY — 3rd APRIL

St. Christopher's: 5.30pm (No usual Sat. morning mass)

St. Patrick's: 5.30pm (De La Salle school hall)

EASTER: SUNDAY - 4th APRIL

St. Christopher's: 8am, 9.30am & 5pm

St. Patrick's: 9am (De La Salle school hall)



Volunteer Needed

Acolytes & Readers are required for our Easter Celebration. Please see roster in the church foyer

Donation of Palms for Palm Sunday - St Christopher's

Please leave all donation of Palms at side of the church from Thursday 25th to Sat morning 27th Mar before 10am. Volunteers are the required to assist in the cutting of palms.

Formation & Training Course for extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

When: Saturdays 15th & 22nd May 2021 9am—12 noon

Where: Parish Centre, Ryde-Gladesville

2A Charles St, Ryde

Registration form available in the Sacristy of both Church & also Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Children in Year 3 or above who have received the Sacrament of Baptism are invited to make their Reconciliation this year. Once completing Reconciliation they are able to make their Communion in the following term.



Parent Preparation Evening: Wed 12th May at 7.00pm in St. Christopher's Church. All parents wishing to have their child make their Reconciliation must attend this evening. Important information regarding the programme will be provided at this meeting.

Enrolment: the online enrolment form will be available on the weekend 15th/16th May.

Commitment Weekend: 22nd/23rd May at both parishes during all Masses. This is a compulsory part of the Reconciliation Programme.

Reconciliation Lessons: Lessons commence the week beginning the 24th May for four consecutive weeks.

Celebration of the Sacrament: to be celebrated at St. Christopher's Church. There are 3 sacrament times available -Tuesday 22 June at 5.00pm;Wednesday 23rd June and Thursday 24th June at 7.00pm

BAPTISM

St Christopher's & St Patrick's Parishes welcome the families of those being baptised this weekend:

Harley McColl, Lechelle Raymond,

Teigan & Cameron O'Keefe

Let us keep the children and their family in our prayers



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

Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9.00am-3.00pm

Address: 237 Tower Street, Panania

Phone: (02) 9774 3662

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

22nd Mar St Deogratias
 23rd Mar St Turibius of Mogrovejo
 24th Mar St William of Nowich
 25th Mar The Annunciation of the Lord
 26th Mar St Braulio
 27th Mar St Joseph of Egypt



Mass Intentions

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

Recently Deceased:

John Moro, Maria Doan, Peter Lap Nguyen, Christopher Loannou, Blake Hann, Mary Tracey, Valerie, Karlo Liew Norma Brady

Anniversaries:

Joseph & Veronica Ritchie, Alf Pandoleon, Colin Mills Frank Sherry, Bill & Gwen Williams, Frances Kelly, Allen Barton, Margaret McLeish, John Gardiner,

General Intention:

Nazira Tahhan, Ian Campbell, Thelma McDermott, Jim Taylor & Monica Christensen, Ray Parry, Isaac & Julie Sandroussi and all the departed Souls of the Sandroussi family, Michael & Anne Chouefate and all the deceased of the Chouefate family, Deceased members of the Emmanuel community (Tony Lorizio & Maree McCann, Dennis & John Garlick and Louis-Marie Fraval), Bella Mercado, Jose Adrias SR, Jose Joao Quintal, Giuseppe Lopez, Souls in Purgatory, Paul Burke, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Deceased members of Legion of Mary.

The Sick and Infirm:

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

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

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKEND ROSTERS 2021

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
27th/28th March	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm
Readers:	Louise Harvey Mary Young	John Coates Patricia Laidler	Yuti Diack Clayton Diack	Natalie Salameh Volunteer
Communion Ministers:	Josephine Jones Renee Taylor	Magdalene Vetter Norma Coorey	Norma Verjoustinsky Stephanie Siaoosi	Trish Campedelli Anne Maree Morris
Acolytes/Servers:	Allan Freeman	Geoff Giltinan	Lisa Kerry	Cheryl Beaver

ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2021

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