



# 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: 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

### 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



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📍 St Christopher's Catholic Church Panania

📍 St Patrick's Catholic Church Revesby Heights

### St Christopher's Primary School

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## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD YEAR B - 16th MAY 2021



## Gospel Reflection

### Resurrection for the whole cosmos

Our Risen Lord could have appeared to groups of followers generation after generation until now. But he withdrew his visible bodily presence from us. Why? I think because he needed to wean human beings from our tendency to be self-centred. The Resurrection starts the transformation of the whole of creation, not just us.

Ordinary human beings are the heart and mind and voice of non-angelic creation. We love and understand and speak on its behalf. The transforming effect of Our Lord's glorified humanity is much more profound. Every molecule, every quantum of energy, the past, present and future are all in the process of being changed towards 'the fullness of him who fills the whole creation'.

At every Mass, this divine resurrection power is at work. Elements of the universe, wheat-bread, grapes-wine, become the Real Presence of Our Lord's glorified body.

The privilege of a ministerial priest is to be the ritual servant of this divine transformation. Invoking the Holy Spirit and reciting the words of the Last Supper is the priest's role in Our Lord's creative real anticipation of the end of time.

We could take a moment to pray for the grace to let go of our self-centredness, to stop staring into the empty sky as though lamenting Our Lord's absence, and to savour the privilege of receiving his Real Presence in the transformed elements of creation as we and they share in that Holy Communion which is the destiny of the whole cosmos.

*Fr Michael Tate*

### Our quote for the day

"You must act according to reason, not according to your inclination."  
*St Francis De Sales*

## Entrance Antiphon

*Acts 1:11*

**Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?**

**This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.**

## 1st Reading

*Acts 1:1-11*

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

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

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6*

**God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:  
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

## 2nd Reading

*Eph 1:17-23*

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians*

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him.

May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

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

## Gospel Acclamation

*Mt 28:19. 20*

**Alleluia, alleluia!  
Go and teach all people my gospel.  
I am with you always, until the end of the world.  
Alleluia!**

## Gospel

*Mk 16:15-20*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised is saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

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



## Communion Antiphon

*Mt 28:20*

**Behold, I am with you always,  
even to the end of the age, alleluia.**





## COVID UPDATE

- \* Please note registration is still required for NSW government regulations
  - \* Sign-in using the QR code or the sign-in sheet
  - \* Please wait until the priest has left the altar before sanitising your area.
- Many thanks for your ongoing cooperation with this.

### Urgent Reminder for Volunteers regarding Safeguarding of Children: (St Christopher's & St Patrick's)

Please make sure that you have returned your completed Volunteer Registration – Acceptance Form and the Code of Conduct for Working With Children to either the Parish Office or the Sacristy .

Please also ensure you have a current Working With Children Check (WWCC). This is easy to obtain and is free and is **mandatory for all volunteers**. To obtain or renew your WWCC go to the website:

<https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-check>

Please email your WWC number and Date of Birth to: [safeguardingstcpanania@gmail.com](mailto:safeguardingstcpanania@gmail.com)

This email address has been set up to specifically deal with Safeguarding matters for our Parishes.

### Fr Salas's 15th Anniversary of Ordination

A belated congratulations to Fr Salas who celebrated his 15th Anniversary of ordination to the priesthood last Saturday May 8th. The parish wishes Fr Salas many blessing for the years ahead, and we give thanks for his hard work and devotion to our parishes.

### Dempsey Medal Award

#### St Christopher's

Special congratulations to Noreen Foley and Jim O'Neill, both long time parishioners who have been awarded the Dempsey Medal in 2021.



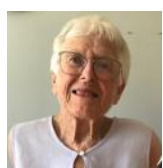
Noreen has been actively involved in St Christopher's Parish since 1955, contributing to many ministries, including catechist, reader, parish finance and social functions



Jim has been a parishioner for over 60 years, giving a great deal of time to volunteer roles as warden, counter and especially in the work of care and concern group, assisting in so many ways doing whatever was needed at the time.

We give heartfelt thanks to Noreen & Jim for their commitment over many years

#### St Patrick's



Congratulations to Marge Salone on being awarded the Dempsey Medal for her services to St Patricks parish and community. Marge has been active as a Reader, Minister of the Eucharist, Care Group, Catechist, Choir, a Leader with our Lenten Programs, and other areas, for as many as 35 years. Marge, thank you for your contribution to our parish.

The Archbishop will make the presentation at St Mary's Cathedral during the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 20 June 2021.



### **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.

**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.

### **A Fun competition for children:**

The Safeguarding Office of the Archdiocese is wanting to develop an Activity Book for Children within the Archdiocese of Sydney. The Activity Book will provide Children with fun, educative and age appropriate information about recognising different emotions and keeping safe within the community

Children are being asked to participate in a competition to design emojis that reflect different emotions. The competition is open to children aged between 5 – 12 years. A panel will review the entries and will choose the best illustrations to be featured throughout the Activity Book and in an article in the Catholic Weekly.

The Emotions' activity sheet is available in the church foyer and needs to be submitted by Friday 21 May 2021 via email or post, the details are on the activity sheet. Have fun and good luck with your creations.

### **Mother's Day Gifts - St Patrick's**

St Patricks Parishioners again showed wonderful generosity with donations for our Mothers Day Appeal. We have collected 8 large storage bags of clothing, hand knitted rugs, beanies, gloves, scarves, cosmetics/toiletries, etc. These have been forwarded to Vinnies Night Patrol to be distributed to those living rough and help them through winter and tough times. Thanks to everyone for your contributions.

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

Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9.00am-3.00pm

Address: 237 Tower Street, Panania

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**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

### Saturday 15th May : Anniversary 1st Public Mass in Australia (1803) by Fr James Dixon

#### Saint of the day

17th May St Pascha Baylon  
 18th May St Pope John I  
 19th May St Dunstan  
 20th May St Bernardine of Siena  
 21st May St Christopher Magallanes and companions  
 22nd May St Rita of Cascia



## Mass Intentions

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

#### Recently Deceased:

Therese Boukaram, John McGrath, Ivy Pettit, Kathleen Latham, John Goodwin, Margaret Kennedy

#### Anniversaries:

Howard Berkly, Dorothy Bedson, Howard Berkley, Paul Rossington, Francis Shanley, Mick Smith & Ken Palmer, Dorothy Bedson, Howard Berkley, John Foley, Marie Fricot, Danny & Silvia Armour, Dominic Uyen Doan, Walter Scerai, Dave Young, Danny Bryce, Margaret Staines, Kevin Weeks, Noel Staines, Elizabeth Duc & the Uong family.

#### General Intention:

Mothers of Mc Loughlin & Gillfeather families, Camilla Toleafoa Shyam Succar, Ruth Gardiner & Maria Stevens, Rosaria Lopez, Dulcie Southwell, Rosa Hoang & Maria Pham, Ruth Gardiner & Maria Stevens, Rosaria Lopez, Dulcie Southwell, Monica Christensen, Veronica Taylor & Stan Zemanck, Hanna, Mansour & Crowe families, Patrick O'connell, Bill & Mollie Purdy, Bill & Molly Lowe & Shirley Holland Bernard Togher, Brown & Togher families, Deceased members of Carr & Davis Families, Paul Burke, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Deceased members of Legion of Mary.

#### The Sick and Infirm:

Pat Togher, Lorita Tavita, Giuseppe Iacono, Anne Coome, Sira Raveane, Bernadette Lawrance, Helen Dawson, Kerry & Russ, Stephen Sinclair, Chris Burke, Vincent Doan, Marie McLoughlin, Olive Gaynor, Mary Israel, Rudolf Rodriques, Suzanne Moig, Junior Zoran Stojanovski, Pat Tunnickliff, Pat Tindall, Val Edwards



### ST. CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKEND ROSTERS 2021

15th/16th May	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm
<i>Readers:</i>	Gabrielle Innes Volunteer	Maureen Singleton Natalie Salameh	Lea De Angelis Andrew Mills	Anita & Josie Hanna
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	David Raish Volunteer	Terese Jones Kathleen Healey	Margaret Yasbek Magdalene Vetter	Volunteer Nazira Hanna
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	John Tesoriero	Andrew Mills	Ruben Nool	Ryan Romero
22nd/23rd May	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm
<i>Readers:</i>	Louise Harvey Mary Young	John Coates Volunteer	Gabriela Bietresato Sam Coorey	Natalie Salameh Volunteer
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Josephine Jones Di Hennessy	Magdalene Vetter Norma Coorey	Norma Verjoustinsky Stephanie Siaosi	Trish Campedelli Anne Maree Morris
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	Alan Freeman	John Coates	Lisa Kerry	Cheryl Beaver

### ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2021

	15th/16th May		22nd/23rd May	
	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	Sean McKenna 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