



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



**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C**

**5th December 2021**

## 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



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📍 St Patrick's Catholic Church Revesby Heights

### St Christopher's Primary School

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### De La Salle College

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## Gospel Reflection

### *We are John the Baptists*

Do we have to be like John the Baptist, eccentrically dressed and scavenging for food, to prepare the way of the Lord? No. You and I are called to be a John or Joan the Baptist, preparing people's hearts in our own time and place.

But we have to allow God to prepare our hearts for this role. John the Baptist challenges us to 'Repent', i.e. to turn around our own lives seeking God's forgiveness. John then challenges us to see the big picture which is that 'All who live shall see the salvation of God'.

Pope Francis is the exemplary universal pastor inspiring us to become 'les mercifuls sans frontieres'. And young people through social media are already saying 'We are one community of human beings on this fragile planet'.

The challenge for most of us is more immediate and apparently of smaller scope. The challenge this Advent is to identify the one person whose heart you can help prepare to celebrate the coming of the Lord Jesus in three weeks' time. The best method is to let that person see your faith and joy centred on that little Jewish baby lying in a manger.

Do that, and who knows what may happen because that little baby is in fact the Sovereign Lord of history and of the whole cosmos. With God's grace, you don't have to be as eccentric or bizarre as John the Baptist to play your part in changing the course of history!

We could take a moment to pray that, repenting of our own sins where necessary, we may prepare the heart of at least one person so that the Lord Jesus may enter in this Christmas, helping him fulfil his mission that all who live shall see the salvation of God.

*Fr Michael Tate*

## Entrance Antiphon

*Cf. Is 30:19,30*

***O people of Sion, behold,  
the Lord will come to save the nations,  
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard  
in the joy of your heart.***

## 1st Reading

*Bar 5:1-9*

*A reading from the prophet Baruch*

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head:

since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'.

Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them.

Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory.

For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God.

And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

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

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 125. R. v.3*

***The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.***

## 2nd Reading

*Phil 1:3-6. 8-11*

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

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how

much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

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

## Gospel Acclamation

*Lk 3:4. 6*

***Alleluia, alleluia!  
Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths:  
all people shall see the salvation of God.  
Alleluia!***

## Gospel

*Lk 3:1-6*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness;

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth.

And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***



## Communion Antiphon

*Bar 5:5; 4:36*

***Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,  
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.***



## Update for Volunteers from the Safeguarding Office of the Archdiocese

The Archdiocesan Safeguarding Office has made changes to the list of volunteers who need to have a Working With Children Check. We have been advised that the **ONLY** volunteers who **MUST** have a WWCC are **Sacramental Coordinators, Sacramental Group Leaders, Catechists, Children's Liturgy Coordinators, Children's Choir Ministry Leaders, Acolytes and Senior Altar Servers, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Wardens/Collectors**. Volunteers in these roles who do not have a WWCC or those whose WWCC have expired cannot be engaged in child related work. Volunteers who have a WWCC need to renew it before expiry date and you should receive an email reminder from the NSW Office of the Children's Guardian.

It is also a requirement of the Safeguarding Office that all volunteers who are required to have a WWCC also need to complete Safeguarding Induction Training. This training can be done online and is very quick and simple. The link for the training is: <https://forms.gle/9ebT3voEAtfP7P8R9>. Catechists have already completed this through CCD so do not have to do this again.

In order to register for training, you will need to provide an email address. Volunteers who work in Sydney Catholic Schools will need to use their personal email address and not their work email to do this online training. Once you have completed the training, you will receive a Certificate to verify training is complete. Could you please email this to [safeguardingstpanania@gmail.com](mailto:safeguardingstpanania@gmail.com). If anyone is worried about completing this training online, we will offer a training session in the near future. Please let us know if you would prefer this.



### First Holy communion Masses

#### St Christopher's Church

Saturday 4th December: 11am & 2.30pm

Sunday 5th December : 11am & 2.30pm

Wednesday 8th December: 6pm

#### St Patrick's church

Sunday 5th December : 9am

### The Season of Advent - St Christopher's Church

You are invited to join an Advent Reflection Group during the Advent season. Our seminarian Matthew Lukaszewicz will use the Archdiocesan Advent Companion for Parishes to reflect on the Gospel for Sundays of Advent. We will meet every Tuesday night at 7.30pm in the church meeting room starting on 7th December



Congratulations to our new St Christopher's principal Mr Warren Loy. Warren is a previous parishioner of St Christopher's so he will be very welcome on his return to our community.

### Thank you

Many thanks to our wonderful Sacramental team led by Anne Maree Morris, who have enabled First reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation to be successfully completed under very challenging circumstances. Thanks to Mimi Ly, Marianne Bishara, Josephine Jones, Stephanie Siaso and Norma Coorey for all of their hard work and dedication to the program.



### CWF Parish Appeal



The next Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Parish Appeal will be happening this weekend and we need your help. Your donations will help those most struggling - single mothers facing homelessness, those struggling with mental health and our Aboriginal communities. You will also be building a culture of support and encouragement for our hospital and university chaplaincies, and our future priests as the Good Shepherd Seminary.

Appeal envelopes are available at the pew. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible, you can learn more & donate securely at [www.ourfairhourworks.org/cwf](http://www.ourfairhourworks.org/cwf).

### Volunteers Christmas Party St Christopher's /St Patrick's

All volunteers in the various parish ministries are invited to a Christmas function at St Christopher's Panania on Wed 15th December with Mass at 6pm followed by supper in the school grounds. Please use the sign on sheet in the foyer to confirm your attendance



### St Patrick's church :

#### Fest of the Immaculate Conception

December 8th - The hour of Grace will be held at St Patrick's this year at Noon. All welcome !

### BAPTISM



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Parishes welcome Jimi Tony Iovannella who will be baptised this weekend: Let us keep Jimi and his 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  
 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**

6th Dec St Nicholas  
 7th Dec St Ambrose  
 8th Dec Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 9th Dec St Juan Diego Cuahtlatatzin  
 10th Dec Memorial of Our Lady of Loreto



*Mass Intentions*

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

**Recently Deceased:**

Carmel Niles, Milanka Stanisljevic, Maureen Ulrich, Marya Butorac, Joseph Vinh Pham, Glenn Dumlaio, Thomas Mullane, Fr Daniel Dib, John Coorey, Hikmat Shina

**Anniversaries:**

Eizabeth & Nick Panagiotakis, Marisa Petrak, Fr Barry Nobbs, Diago Cilibro, Anthony Khoury & Tom Coorey, Michael & Francis Young,

**General Intention:**

Lillian Roberts, Patrick Heffron, Heffron & Brady families, Remy Osta, Crispin Venal Senior, Corona, Wilfredo and Virgilio Venal, Angelita Villafuerte, Maria Cristina Venal Deleon, Maria and Candido Valenzuela, Emilia Escalante, Tony Castro & Juanita Trewin, Therese Boukaram, Tom & Tamam Coorey, Jose Quintal, Paul Burke, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Deceased members of Legion of Mary.

**The Sick and Infirm:**

Alma Tahan, Martin Hannagan, Sam Law, Therese Nasser, Denis Kovc, John Esther, Eric Ellem, Alacoque Welsh, Jo Grosvenor, Dawn Poole, Jim O'Neill, 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 Tunnicliff, Pat Tindall, Val Edwards

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

4th/5th Dec	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
<i>Readers:</i>	Volunteer Chris Tran	John Coates Stephanie Siaoisi	Sam Coorey Anne Weeks	Julie Nugent Tanya Nguyen	<i>Communion to the Sick</i> Megan Perez Josephine Jones Margaret Yasbek
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Di Hennessy Frank O'Brien	Megan Perez Jeff Giltinan	Jacqueline Bull Terese Jones	Volunteer Rebecca Lee	
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	John Tesoriero	Jon D'Astoli	Richard Hurst	Dennis Lister	<i>Counters:</i> Philip Weeks Arturo Alibrandi
11th/12th Dec	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
<i>Readers:</i>	Ron Woods Sue Bracken	Steve Darcy Carolyn Ford	Mary Chan Pauline O'shea	Rebecca Lee Bridget Weeks	<i>Communion to the Sick</i> Anne Maree Darcy Josephine Jones Ellen Russell
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Jeanette Carroll Barbara Tesoriero	Ann-Maree Darcy Josephine Jones	Norma Verjoustinsky Bernadette Saleme	Volunteer Stephanie Siaoisi	
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	Alan Freeman	John Coates	Tony O'shea	Cheryl Beaver	<i>Counters:</i> John Tesoriero Brian Mack

**ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2021**

	4th/5th Dec		11th/12th Dec	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	Chris	Ray	Chris	Jason
<i>Readers:</i>	Sean McKenna Garry Solway	Volunteers	Marge Salone Barbara Sherry	Tess Hughes Madeleine Pizzuti
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Sue Chant Elena Salgueira	May Coorey Joan Jones	Alison Simler Barbara Sherry	Madeleine Pizzuti Cathy Moussa



Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office (02)9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.