



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



**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C**

**12th 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



CONTACT US

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### Parish Office

📍 St Christopher's Catholic Church Panania

📍 St Patrick's Catholic Church Revesby Heights

### St Christopher's Primary School

☎ 02 9771-5492

### De La Salle College

☎ 02 9773-7196



## Gospel Reflection

*I want you to be happy*

Some people have an image of God who must be obeyed out of fear. Rules of behaviour are kept as part of a deal to avoid punishment. But St Paul was imitating God when he told the Philippians that all he wanted was their 'happiness'. God's deepest desire is that we share divine bliss. St Thomas Aquinas tells us that the goal of human life is this beatific happiness.

Of course, there is a way of life which responds to the Divine Lover. John the Baptist insists on rules of social justice, particularly those which forbid taking advantage of the vulnerable. But these are the minimum. He envisages a response of extravagant generosity. It will take Baptism in the Holy Spirit and Fire to make this possible.

This was effected by the One foretold by John. He doesn't name him, but we know it was Jesus of Nazareth who had the power to unleash such over-the-top generosity. Jesus sent his Holy Spirit at Pentecost as if in wind and fire. This created a new community which, the Acts of Apostles tells us, responded with acts of unrestrained generosity to the vulnerable and needy.

We might pause for a moment to pray for a generous spirit responding in gratitude to the Divine Lover who, as Risen Lord, has the power and will to enable us to be filled with Divine Bliss.

*Fr Michael Tate*



## Entrance Antiphon

*Phil 4:4-5*

## Gospel Acclamation

*Is 61:1 (Lk 4:18)*

**Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.  
Indeed, the Lord is near.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.  
Alleluia!**

## 1st Reading

*Zep 3:14-18*

*A reading from the prophet Zephaniah*

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,  
Israel, shout aloud!  
Rejoice, exult with all your heart,  
daughter of Jerusalem!  
The Lord has repealed your sentence;  
he has driven your enemies away.  
The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst;  
you have no more evil to fear.  
When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem:  
Zion, have no fear,  
do not let your hands fall limp.  
The Lord your God is in your midst,  
a victorious warrior.  
He will exult with joy over you,  
he will renew you by his love;  
he will dance with shouts of joy for you  
as on a day of festival.

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

## Responsorial Psalm

*Is 12:2-6 R. v.6*

**Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is  
the great and Holy One of Israel.**

## 2nd Reading

*Phil 4:4-7*

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

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

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



## Gospel

*Lk 3:10-18*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

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

## Communion Antiphon

*Cf. Is 35:4*

**Say to the faint of heart:  
Be strong and do not fear.  
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.**

## 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



### First Holy communion

Congratulations to all children who received their first Holy Communion recently and a big thank you to the sacramental team who prepared and helped the children to make it a special and faith filled occasion.



### 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 Siasosi and Norma Coorey for all of their hard work and dedication to the program.

### Farewell – St Christopher’s Church

We farewell and thank our principal Mr Jamie Wahab and religious education coordinator Ms Mimi Ly at St Christopher’s Catholic Primary School for their wonderful contribution to our school community. Please join us for morning tea after the 9.30am Mass to wish them every blessing and success as they embark on their next adventures at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School Mona Vale and St Ambrose Catholic Primary School Concord West.

### Dempsey Medal

We congratulate Mrs Noreen Foley and Mr Jim O’Neill on being awarded the Dempsey Medal by the Archbishop of Sydney for their outstanding contribution and service to our parish. Mrs Foley will be presented the medal at the 8am Mass at St Christopher’s Church. Mr O’Neill has already received the medal.

### Christmas Refreshments – St Patrick’s Church

We warmly invite all parishioners for Christmas refreshments on Saturday 18th December after the 5.30pm Mass.

### Farewell – St Patrick’s Church

We farewell and thank our principal Mr Tim Logue at De La Salle College for his wonderful contribution to our school community. Please join us for morning tea after the 9am Mass on Sunday 19th December to wish him every blessing as he retires.

### 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 Christopher’s Parish Mass** - Tuesday at 7pm 14/12 will be cancelled due to St Christopher’s Yr6 graduation Mass

### 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 uses the Archdiocesan Advent Companion for Parishes to reflect on the Gospel for Sundays of Advent. We meet every Tuesday at 7.30pm in the church meeting room

### St Vincent de Paul Society Appeal - 11th/12th Dec

This weekend the local conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society is conducting a Christmas Appeal. This appeal is required to raise the funds necessary to bring some joy to the poor and disadvantaged in our parish. Donations can be made to the Poor Box or via the envelopes available. Receipts can be issued to those requesting one. Thank you and please give generously.

### CWF Parish Appeal

On behalf of this parish, we thank you for your supporting the CWF August appeal. We cannot do the work that we do without your help! Once again, we are able to continue in our mission to provide care for the most vulnerable in our communities, while also building up our catholic communities.

you can learn more & donate securely at [www.ourfairhourworks.org/cwf](http://www.ourfairhourworks.org/cwf).

### Volunteers for Christmas Masses

We invite readers, acolytes, communion ministers, ushers, and wardens to sign up for the Christmas Masses. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

## CHRISTMAS MASSES 2021

### ST. CHRISTOPHER’S PANANIA

#### FRIDAY, 24 DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS EVE

	<u>CAROLS</u>	<u>MASS</u>
Children’s Vigil	5.00pm	5.30pm
Parish Vigil	7.00pm	7.30pm
Midnight Mass	11.30pm	12.00am

#### SATURDAY, 25 DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS DAY

Parish Masses: 8.00am & 9.30am

#### NO VIGIL MASS

#### SUNDAY, 26 DECEMBER: (Boxing Day)

Normal Sunday Masses - 8.00am, 9.30am and 5.00pm

#### SATURDAY, 1 JANUARY 2022 - NEW YEAR’S DAY

Masses: 9.00am Mass

5.30pm (Reconciliation 4.45- 5.15pm)

#### SUNDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY 2022

Normal Sunday Masses - 8.00am, 9.30am and 5.00pm

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### ST PATRICK’S REVESBY HEIGHTS

#### FRIDAY, 24 DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS EVE

	<u>CAROLS</u>	<u>MASS</u>
Parish Vigil in School Hall	6.00pm	6.30pm

#### SATURDAY, 25 DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS DAY

Parish Mass in School Hall 8.30am 9.00am

#### NO VIGIL MASS

SUNDAY 26 DECEMBER: Parish Mass 9.00am

#### SATURDAY, 1 JANUARY 2022 - NEW YEAR’S DAY

Masses: 9.00am Mass

5.30pm (Reconciliation 4.45- 5.15pm)

#### SUNDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY 2022: Parish Mass 9.00am

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### RECONCILIATION - 2nd Rite

St Christopher’s: Wednesday 22nd December 7pm

**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**

13th Dec St Lucy  
 14th Dec St John of the Cross  
 15th Dec St Mary Rose  
 16th Dec Martyrs of Thailand  
 17th Dec St Olympias  
 18th Dec St Flannan



*Mass Intentions*

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

**Recently Deceased:**

Carmel Niles, Milanka Stanisaljevic, Maureen Ulrich, Marya Butorac.

**Anniversaries:**

Pauline O'Shea (Tony'sMum), Thomas Conway, Lubow Salgueira, Joseph Charadia, Maximinus Shin, Eizabeth & Nick Panagiotakis, Marisa Petrak, Fr Barry Nobbs, Diago Cilibro, Anthony Khoury & Tom Coorey

**General Intention:**

Carmen Maneylaws, Derassykutty Paramilam & Thressiyamma Pynadath, Lillian Roberts, Patrick Heffron, Heffron & Brady famies, 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**

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 Siasoi	
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	Alan Freeman	John Coates	Tony O'shea	Cheryl Beaver	
<i>Counters:</i>	John Tesoriero Brian Mack				
18th/19th Dec	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
<i>Readers:</i>	Gabrielle Innes Louise Anderson	Maureen Singleton Natalie Salameh	Lea De Angelis Andre Mills	Anita & Josie Hanna	<i>Communion to the Sick</i> Terese Jones Norma Coorey
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Carla Tesoriero David Raish	Terese Jones Norma Coorey	Magdalene Vetter Margaret Yasbek	Gabi Bietresato Nazira Hanna	
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	John Tesoriero	Andrew Mills	Ruben Nool	Ryan Romero	
<i>Counters:</i>	John Tesoriero Stephanie Siaso				

**ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2021**

	11th/12th Dec		18th/19th Dec	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	Chris	Ray	Chris	Kevin
<i>Readers:</i>	Sean McKenna Garry Solway	Volunteers	Marie Carr Liam Carr	Pat Nolan Dawn Poole
<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.