



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C

19th December 2021

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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Gospel Reflection

Life in the Womb

This little gospel story tells us that 'the baby in Elizabeth's womb leaped' and not merely leaped, but leaped 'for joy'. Is this just poetic hyperbole?

We know that beautiful music can have a wonderful effect on life in the womb. Good vibrations. Here, the presence of Jesus, being carried by Mary in her pregnancy, had a wonderful effect on the life carried by Elizabeth. Very good vibrations.

From the moment of the conception of Jesus, good vibrations reverberated out to all human beings. The good news is that you and I and every human life ever conceived is visited by Our Risen Lord Jesus Christ, and we receive that visit as Original Blessing.

There is a further and consoling truth. Every mother or father who has lost a baby too early needs to know that the same extraordinary sense of Our Lord's presence was felt by your baby. That Divine Presence conferred a powerful Original Blessing on that little life within the womb, and that same Presence accompanied your baby into the everlasting embrace of Divine Love in Heaven.

We could pause a moment to pray using the very words of Elizabeth, reciting:

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou among women,

and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners

now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Fr Michael Tate



Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 45:8

***Drop down dew from above, you heavens,
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.***

1st Reading

Mi 5:1-4

A reading from the prophet Micah

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
the least of the clans of Judah,
out of you will be born for me
the one who is to rule over Israel;
his origin goes back to the distant past,
to the days of old.

The Lord is therefore going to abandon them
till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth.
Then the remnant of his brothers will come back
to the sons of Israel.

He will stand and feed his flock
with the power of the Lord,
with the majesty of the name of his God.
They will live secure, for from then on he will extend
his power to the ends of the land.
He himself will be peace.



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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19. R. v.4

***Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we shall be saved.***

2nd Reading

Heb 10:5-10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a
body for me.

You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for
sin; then I said,

just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book,
'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.'

Notice that he says first: You did not want what the
Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the
sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the
sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them;
and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your

will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with
the second. And this will was for us to be made holy
by the offering of his body made once and for all by
Jesus Christ.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Lk 1:38

***Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.
Alleluia!***

Gospel

Lk 1:39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a
town in the hill country of Judah. She went into
Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as
soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child
leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the
Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all
women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the
fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a
visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment
your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb
leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that
the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

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

Communion Antiphon

Is 7:14

***Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel.***



COVID UPDATE

- * Churches are open to all people regardless of vaccination status.
- * There is now no density limit for churches.
- * Masks wearing is encouraged inside the church.
- * All members of the congregation are permitted to sing.
- * Covid Check-in is also required via the Service NSW App or a written record.

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 and Mrs Margaret Marriott at De La Salle College for their wonderful contribution to our school community. Please join us for morning tea after the 9am Mass on Sunday 19th December to wish Tim every blessing as he retires and Margaret good luck in her new role.

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



Become a Catechist or Helper in 2022

Half of Catholic children in Sydney are in public primary and high schools.

Share the hope and joy that Jesus brings with them and become a catechist or helper, ready to start in Term 1, 2022.

Starting off as a helper, you'll receive easy step-by-step lessons and hand out activity books in primary schools. Find out more about the work catechists do here, whether at primary or secondary level: <https://ccd.sydneycatholic.org/>

If you can help please contact Pauline O'Shea (STC) 0405 578 103 or Maureen Kelly (STP) 97715951

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

Parish office Christmas closing

The office will be closed from Tuesday 28/12/2021 to 3/01/2022 and reopen on Tuesday 4/01/2022

BAPTISM

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

Diego Hernando & Marlowe Powell

Let us keep the children and their family in our prayers



Letter Box Drop

There is an opportunity to share the Christmas faith with your neighbours. At the entrance of the church, there are flyers in bundles of 20 promoting parish Christmas Mass times. Please take a bundle and drop these flyers to your street neighbours. Please mark the street you are going to on the map to avoid doubling up.

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>CAROL</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**

5.30pm (Reconciliation 4.45- 5.15pm)

SUNDAY, 2nd JANUARY 2022

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

ST PATRICK’S REVESBY HEIGHTS

FRIDAY, 24 DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS EVE

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

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Parish Mass in School Hall: **9.00am**

NO VIGIL MASS

SUNDAY 26 DECEMBER: Parish Mass 9.00am

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SUNDAY, 2nd JANUARY 2022: Parish Mass 9.00am

RECONCILIATION - 2nd Rite

St Christopher’s: Wednesday 22nd December 7pm
1st Rite also available

Christmas Mass Rosters

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S				
Christmas Eve Fri 24th Dec	5.30pm	7.30pm	12am	
<i>Readers</i>	Volunteers	Stephanie Siaso Volunteer	Sam Coorey Mary Chan	
<i>Communion Ministers</i>	Di Hennessy Volunteers	Jeanette Carroll Volunteers	Norma Coorey Volunteers	
<i>Acolytes</i>	Alan Freeman	John Tesoriero	Volunteers	
<i>Wardens</i>	Nam Nguyen	Barbara Tesoriero	Volunteers	
Christmas Day Sat 25th Dec	8am	9.30am		
<i>Readers</i>	Tanya Nguyen	Volunteers		
<i>Communion Ministers</i>	Volunteers	Gabi Bietresato Louise Anderson		
<i>Acolytes</i>	Volunteers	Volunteers		
<i>Wardens</i>	Volunteers	Volunteers		
ST. PATRICK'S	<i>Readers</i>	<i>Communion Ministers</i>	<i>Acolytes</i>	<i>Wardens</i>
24th Dec 6.30pm	Wanieta Y Volunteer	Elena S Alison S	Volunteers	Bill W Brian Q Seamus M
25th Dec 9am	Siobhan N Volunteer	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers



Mass Intentions

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

Recently Deceased:

Carmel Niles, Thomas Mullane

Anniversaries:

Dominic & Maria Tran My, Vincent & Maria Pham Mao, Pauline O'Shea (Tony's Mum), Thomas Conway, Lubow Salgueira, Joseph Charadia, Maximinus Shin, Anthony Khoury & Tom Coorey

General Intention:

Jose Quintal, Gerald & Sybil Pereira, Roger Brown, Rob Ellery, Brown, Pereira, Arango & Rosario families, Carnen Maneylaws, Derassykutty Paramilam & Thressiymma Pynadath, Lillian Roberts, Patrick Heffron, Heffron & Brady families, Remy Osta, Therese Boukaram, Tom & Tamam Coorey, 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 Rodrigues, Suzanne Moig, Junior Zoran Stojanovski, Pat Tunnicliff, Pat Tindall, Val Edwards

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKEND ROSTERS 2021					
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	Gabriela B Nazira Hanna	
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	John Tesoriero	Andrew Mills	Ruben Nool	Ryan Romero	<i>Counters:</i> John Tesoriero Stephanie Siaso
25th/26th Dec	NO Sat Vigil	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
<i>Readers:</i>		George Elias Natalie Salameh	Gabriela B Sam Coorey	Michelle Ryan Volunteer	<i>Communion to the Sick</i> Magdalene Vetter Norma Coorey Josephine Jones
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>		Magdalene Vetter Norma Coorey	Louise Anderson Stephanie Siaso	Volunteer Anne Maree M	
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>		John Coates	Lisa Kerry	Cheryl Beaver	<i>Counters:</i> Volunteers

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	18th/19th Dec		25th/26th Dec	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	NO Sat Vigil	Sun: 9am
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	Chris	Kevin		Ray
<i>Readers:</i>	Marie Carr Liam Carr	Pat Nolan Dawn Poole		Volunteers
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Alison Simler Barbara Sherry	Madeleine Pizzuti Cathy Moussa		May Coorey Joan Jones



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. 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.