



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH YEAR C

26th 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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Gospel Reflection

Adolescent impatience

Forget the tinselly sentimentality of most depictions of the Holy Family. This Gospel is real life. Anyone who has temporarily lost their child in a crowd knows the stabbing pain of uncertainty and fear. Even more real, and occurring more often, is the adolescent impatience of Jesus: 'Did you not know I must be about my Father's business?'

Every parent, bewildered and saddened by the growing up and the growing distance of a son or daughter, knows what Mary and Joseph must have felt.

By the time Mary and Joseph found Jesus, he had found the words to express his unique identity. In this little scene so full of pathos and heartbreak, we hear the first words of Jesus in the Gospels: 'Did you not know I must be about my Father's business?'

What was his 'Father's business' which was so engaging for Jesus? To draw every human being into the same family relationship as He enjoys.

But did you note that it is our privilege to celebrate this realisation as a community? Only Jesus can say 'My Father'. We say 'Our Father'. We enter into the grace of intimate relationship with God, not as an atomised individual, but as a person within a society of baptised Christians – the Church.

We could take a moment to pray for the integrity which will enable us to express this sense of identity in the unfolding of our lives. We can pray also for those saddened or bewildered by our following of the One who taught us to pray 'Our Father'.

Fr Michael Tate



Entrance Antiphon

Lk 2:16

***The shepherds went in haste,
and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant
lying in a manger.***

1st Reading

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A reading from the first book of Samuel

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.' When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.' When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull, and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.' There she left him, for the Lord.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 127:1-5. R. see v.1

***Happy are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways.***

2nd Reading

1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24

A reading from the first letter of St John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed, all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind

of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Acts 16:14

***Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our heart, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!***

Gospel

Lk 2:41-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

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

Communion Antiphon

Bar 3:38

***Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived
among us.***



COVID UPDATE

- * Churches are open to all people regardless of vaccination status.
- * Masks wearing is required 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.

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

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

New Year Masses 2022

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S PANANIA

SATURDAY, 1 JANUARY 2022 - NEW YEAR'S DAY

Mass: **9.00am**

Sat Vigil :**5.30pm** (Reconciliation 4.45- 5.15pm)

SUNDAY, 2nd JANUARY 2022

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

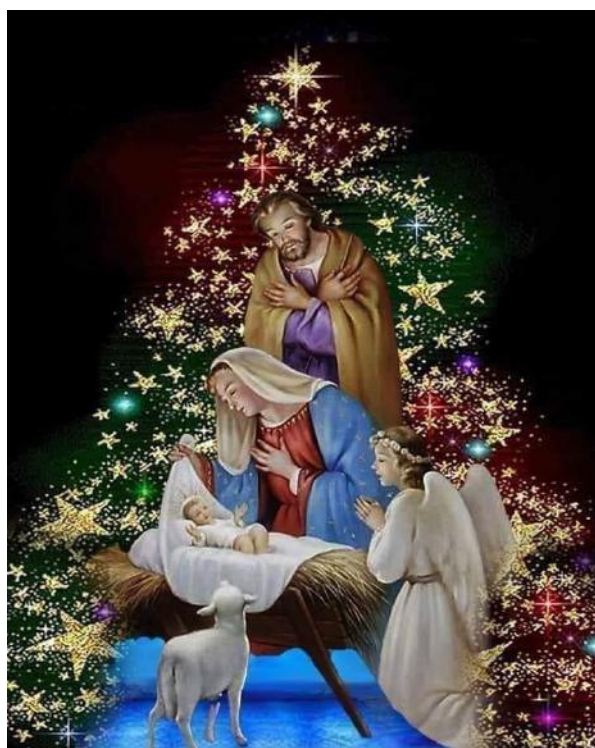
ST PATRICK'S REVESBY HEIGHTS

SATURDAY, 1 JANUARY 2022 - NEW YEAR'S DAY

Mass: **9.00am**

Sat Vigil :**5.30pm** (Reconciliation 4.45- 5.15pm)

SUNDAY, 2nd JANUARY 2022: Parish Mass 9.00am



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



Mass Intentions

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

Recently Deceased:

Fr Michael Butler, Patricia Bailey, Thomas Mullane

Anniversaries:

Win Burns, Maria Catarina Nguyen, Hilda Khoury, Dominic & Maria Tran My, Vincent & Maria Pham Mao, Pauline O'Shea (Tony's Mum), Thomas Conway, Lubow Salgueira, Joseph Charadia, Maximinus Shin

General Intention:

Hanna & Mansour families, Joseph, Veronica Ritchie & Alf Pandoleon, Ray Parry, Ron Roarty, Syd Israel, Guiseppa Tesoriero, Pat & June Flynn, Jose Quintal, Patricia Samuel, Gerald & Sybil Pereira, Roger Brown, Rob Ellery, Brown, Pereira, Arango & Rosario families, Carren Maneylaws, Derassykutty Paramilam & Thressiyymma Pynadath, 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

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> NO Roster until Feb2022
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>		Magdalene Vetter Norma V	Louise Anderson Stephanie Siasosi	Volunteer Anne Maree M	
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>		John Coates	Lisa Kerry	Cheryl Beaver	
					<i>Counters:</i> Volunteers
1st/2nd Jan	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
<i>Readers:</i>	Volunteer Chris Tran	John Coates Stephanie Siasosi	Sam Coorey Anne Weeks	Julie Nugent Tanya Nguyen	<i>Communion to the Sick</i> NO Roster until Feb2022
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Di Hennessy Josephine Jones	Megan Perez Norma Coorey	Jacqueline Bull Terese Jones	Volunteer Rebecca Lee	
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	John Tesoriero	Jon D'astoli	Richard Hurst	Denis Lister	
					<i>Counters:</i> Brian Mack, John Tesoriero

ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2021

	25th/26th Dec		1st/2nd Jan	
	NO Sat Vigil	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>		Ray	Chris	Ray
<i>Readers:</i>		Volunteers	Yvonne Mills Garry Solway	Pat Nolan Dawn Poole
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>		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. 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.