



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



## THE NAVIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

24th/25th 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: 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

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*To our dear Parishioners,*

2021 has proven to be another year of challenges for us all, but we can be thankful for the many blessings it has brought. Again, we have experienced extended isolation, home schooling and closed churches. As we come to the beautiful celebration that is Christmas, we can reflect on the smaller joys that we may have experienced, closer relationships, quiet prayer, family time and a little more rest.

Today we rejoice in the birth of the baby Jesus, the beginning of the Christian story of God's love for us. The deep joy of Christmas brings us fresh hope for a blessed 2022, where we will continue to journey in faith together. While we celebrate this Christmas Mass, we pray for those who may be separated from loved ones at this time and for all those affected by the pandemic.

We look forward to continuing our parish journey together next year.

*With Love from Father Salas and Father Bhaskar.*



Blessing and thanks to our seminarian Matthew Lukaszewicz who has been with us for the past 5 weeks. He has been actively involved in many of our parish activities as he prepares for his final year of study. We wish him well as he takes a break before returning to the seminary. Grateful thanks for your contributions in your time here at St Christopher's and St Patrick's

## CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASSES

### Entrance Antiphon

*Cf. Ex 16:6-7*

***Today you will know that the Lord will come,  
and he will save us,  
and in the morning you will see his glory.***

### 1st Reading

*Is 62:1-5*

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch.

The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer. You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding.

Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

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

**Responsorial Psalm** *Ps 88:4-5. 16-17. 27. 29 R.  
see v.2*

***For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.***

### 2nd Reading

*Acts 13:16-17. 22-25*

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

When Paul reached Antioch in Pisidia, he stood up in the synagogue, held up a hand for silence and began to speak:

'Men of Israel, and fearers of God, listen! The God of our nation Israel chose our ancestors, and made our people great when they were living as foreigners in Egypt; then by divine power he led them out.

'Then he made David their king, of whom he approved in these words, "I have selected David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart, who will carry out my whole purpose". To keep his

promise, God has raised up for Israel for one of David's descendants, Jesus, as Saviour, whose coming was heralded by John when he proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the whole people of Israel. Before John ended his career he said, "I am not the one you imagine me to be; that one is coming after me and I am not fit to undo his sandal".'

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



### Gospel Acclamation

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed: the Saviour of the world will be our king. Alleluia!***

### Gospel

*Mt 1:18-25*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Matthew*

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The Virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord told him to do: he took his wife to his home and, though he had not had intercourse with her, she gave birth to a son; and he named him Jesus.

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

### Communion Antiphon

*Cf. Is 40:5*

***Our The glory of the Lord will be revealed,  
and all flesh will see the salvation of our God.***

## CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS

### Entrance Antiphon

*Cf. Ps 2:7*

***Let us all rejoice in the Lord, for our Saviour has been born in the world. Today true peace has come down to us from heaven.***

### 1st Reading

*Is 9:1-7*

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian. For all the footgear of battle, every cloak rolled in blood, is burnt and consumed by fire. For there is a child born for us, a son given to us and dominion is laid on his shoulders; and this is the name they give him: Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God, Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace. Wide is his dominion in a peace that has no end, for the throne of David and for his royal power, which he establishes and makes secure in justice and integrity. From this time onwards and for ever, the jealous love of the Lord of hosts will do this.

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

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 95:1-3. 11-13 R.*

***Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.***

### 2nd Reading

*Ti 2:11-14*

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

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of The glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us

us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

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



### Gospel Acclamation

*Lk 2:10-11*

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***Good News and great joy to all the world:  
today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.  
Alleluia!***

### Gospel

*Lk 2:1-14*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the whole world to be taken. This census – the first – took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria, and everyone went to his own town to be registered. So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee and travelled up to Judaea, to the town of David called Bethlehem, since he was of David's House and line, in order to be registered together with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to a son, her first-born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn. In the countryside close by there were shepherds who lived in the fields and took it in turns to watch their flocks during the night. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' And suddenly with the angel there was a great throng of the heavenly host, praising God and singing: 'Glory to God in the highest heaven and peace to men who enjoy his favour.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

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



### Communion Antiphon

*Jn 1:14*

***The Word became flesh,  
and we have seen his glory.***

## CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

### Entrance Antiphon

*Cf. Is 9:5*

***A child is born for us, and a son is given to us;  
his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder,  
and his name will be called Messenger of  
great counsel.***

### 1st Reading

*Is 52:7-10*

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

How beautiful on the mountains, are the feet of one who brings good news, who heralds peace, brings happiness, proclaims salvation, and tells Zion, 'Your God is king!' Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices, they shout for joy together, for they see the Lord face to face, as he returns to Zion.

Break into shouts of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord is consoling his people, redeeming Jerusalem.

The Lord bares his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

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



### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 97:1-6. R. v.3*

***All the ends of the earth have seen  
the saving power of God.***

### 2nd Reading

*Heb 1:1-6*

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son, the Son that he has appointed to inherit everything and through whom he made everything there is. He is the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature, sustaining the universe by his powerful command; and now that he has destroyed the defilement of sin, he has gone to take his place in heaven at the right hand of divine Majesty. So he is now as far above the angels as the title which he has inherited is higher than their own name.

God has never said to any angel: You are my Son, today I have become your father, or: I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Again, when he brings the First-born into the world, he says: Let all the angels of God worship him.

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

### Gospel Acclamation

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***A holy day has dawned upon us.***

***Come you nations and adore the Lord.***

***Today a great light has come upon the earth.***

***Alleluia!***

### Gospel

*Jn 1:1-5. 9-14*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

In the beginning was the Word: the Word was with God and the Word was God.

He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him.

All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower.

The Word was the true light that enlightens all men; and he was coming into the world.

He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him.

He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him.

But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock or urge of the flesh or will of man but of God himself.

The Word was made flesh, he lived among us. And we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

### Communion Antiphon

*Cf. Ps 97:3*

***All the ends of the earth have seen the  
salvation of our God.***

