



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


**EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C**
**27th February 2022**
**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**

 7:30 am - 8am, 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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## Gospel Reflection

### Disciples or Mask-Wearers?

In ancient Greece actors wore masks which concealed the face. One may say they were 'two-faced'. They were called 'Hypocrites', and we derive our word and the idea of 'hypocrite' from that. As did Jesus. He could always see through the veneer which people (such as you and I) present to the outside world, and his gaze would (and still can) penetrate through to the heart – the core of the personality.

For us, judging the heart of someone is fraught with risk. As Jesus humorously put it, how readily we see the smallest splinter of sawdust in someone else's eye, and in super-critical mode fail to see the plank of wood which impairs and distorts our vision. We should not rush to judgment.

The fact is that only the gaze of God can really penetrate to the heart of someone. We know that the gaze of Jesus, Who is God, is always a loving gaze visualising a heart open to salvation. (Mk 10:17-22)

This is one of the reasons why recent Popes have opposed capital punishment. Time must be given for the heart of the convicted criminal to respond to that loving gaze. And it leaves the Final Judgment, even of the murderer, to God.

Listen to the dying moments of Our Lord. His loving gaze penetrated beyond the masks and actions of his tormentors and focused on their hearts. Then he cried out this plea: 'Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.'

We are all conscious of the times we have fallen short of the practice and teaching of our Master despite our praying: 'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.'

We could pause for a moment to pray that The Teacher's loving gaze fall upon us to make us whole-hearted disciples willing 'to be formed by divine teaching'.

Fr Michael Tate

***The Lord became my protector.  
He brought me out to a place of freedom;  
he saved me because he delighted in me.***

**1st Reading***Sir 27:4-7*

*A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus*

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,  
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.  
The kiln tests the work of the potter,  
the test of a man is in his conversation.  
The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the  
quality of its fruit,  
similarly a man's words betray what he feels.  
Do not praise a man before he has spoken,  
since this is the test of men.



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

**Responsorial Psalm** *Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. See v.2*

***Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.***

**2nd Reading***1 Cor 15:54-58*

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to  
the Corinthians*

When this perishable nature has put on  
imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put  
on immortality, then the words of scripture will  
come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death,  
where is your victory? Death, where is your sting?  
Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power  
from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the  
victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit  
defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always,  
knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in  
vain.

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

**Gospel Acclamation***Phil 2:15-16*

***Alleluia, alleluia!  
Shine on the world like bright stars;  
you are offering it the word of life.  
Alleluia!***

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind  
man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit?  
The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully  
trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why  
do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye  
and never notice the plank in your own? How can  
you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out  
the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot  
see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the  
plank out of your own eye first, and then you will  
see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in  
your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit,  
nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit.  
For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do  
not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from  
brambles. A good man draws what is good from the  
store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws  
what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's  
words flow out of what fills his heart.'

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

**Communion Antiphon***Cf Ps 12:6*

***I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful  
with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord  
Most High.***

**St Christopher's**

**ASH Wednesday Masses: 2 Mar 2022 - 9.15am & 7pm**

**Lenten Program : Each Wednesday during Lent at  
7.30pm in the church meeting room**

**Stations of the Cross: Every Friday during Lent at 7pm**

**St Patrick's**

**ASH Wednesday Mass: 2 March 2022 at 8am**

**Lenten Program : Each Wednesday during Lent at  
9am in the church meeting room**

**7.30pm at the Sherry residence ( Barbara 9773 6263)**

**Stations of the Cross: : Every Friday during Lent after  
8am Mass.**





### COVID UPDATE

- \* Churches are open to all people regardless of vaccination status.
- \* No register required

### Training Courses

There will be some upcoming Liturgy training courses for Readers, Acolytes and Eucharistic Ministers. They will be held in March in our Parish. If you are interested in attending one of these courses please contact the Parish Office.

### St Christopher's Panania School welcome Back Mass and BBQ - Saturday, 26th February 5.30pm

Our Parish Priests, Fr Salas and Fr Bhaskar, our Principal Mr Loy, along with the School community, would like to invite all families to our Welcome Back Mass on Saturday at 5.30pm. This will be followed by a Welcome BBQ at Panania Diggers.

### St Patrick's Day event - Saturday 19th March

All parishioners are cordially invited to our annual St Patrick's Day party. It will be held Saturday 19th March 2020, following the 5.30 pm vigil Mass at the former Education Offices next to the Church. Hot & cold food and drinks will be provided along with music, games, prizes and entertainment. Everything comes free of charge.



So come along and have a great time.

And remember be keen and wear GREEN.

### RCIA NEWS - 27TH FEBRUARY

This weekend at our 5pm Sunday Mass we will be having a special "Sending Off" Ceremony for our RCIA Catechumens as they go to St. Mary's Cathedral, next Sunday 6th March for the Rite of Election. May God continue to bless them on their journey.



### Project Compassion

Boxes & envelopes are available at the church foyer. Thankyou for your generosity.

### BAPTISM

St Christopher's & St Patrick's Parishes welcome Eleanor Bouzaid who will be baptised this weekend. Let us keep Eleanor and her family in our prayers



### Congratulations:

Last year the Safeguarding Office of the Archdiocese ran a competition for children inviting them to design emojis to represent different emotions. Congratulations to Lily Boldizar, Lilia Mason-Johnson and Sybella from St Christophers Parish who participated in this competition. You have been awarded a Certificate of Participation which you can collect from the Parish Office.

The Safeguarding Office has created an activity book for young children and has used the winning designs in the booklet. These activity books are available in the Church foyer. There is also a resource book available for Young People to better understand wellbeing. Please feel free to take one.

### Safeguarding Induction Training:

This is a reminder that we have arranged to do a presentation here in the Parish for any volunteers who still need to complete their Safeguarding Induction training. It will be for volunteers at St Patricks and St Christophers and will be held on Saturday 5th March at 10:00am in the meeting room at the back of St Christophers church. It will only take about an hour of your time to complete the training. Could you please email: [safeguardingstcpvania@gmail.com](mailto:safeguardingstcpvania@gmail.com) to notify us if you will be attending.

### Sign an ePetition against Euthanasia Laws in NSW

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP has asked Catholics to support an e-petition launched by Upper House MLC Greg Donnelly opposing proposed euthanasia laws in NSW. A parliamentary committee has recommended that the Legislative Council proceed with consideration of the bill. The unwillingness of the Committee to take a position on the bill means we need to fight even harder to demonstrate your opposition to the proposed laws, sign the e-petition <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/lc/pages/epetition-details.aspx?apWMtQo6WVdu1NOOVqOtYA>

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### Healing and Hope after abortion

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Ministries offers a sanctuary in which to renew and refresh hearts broken by abortion in a safe, supportive, confidential and non-judgemental environment. Rachel's Vineyard offers a confidential voicemail number 0400092555 or email: [rachelsvineyardaus@gmail.com](mailto:rachelsvineyardaus@gmail.com). The retreats for 2022 will be held at Varroville, NSW on 8-10 April & 18-20 November.

See the new online healing guided reflection at [www.rachelsaus.blogspot.com](http://www.rachelsaus.blogspot.com)



### Funeral at St Christopher's church

For the Late Mrs Barbara Frances Keep  
Friday 4th March 2022 at 11am

**St. Christopher's & St. Patrick's Parish Contacts**  
**Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9.00am-3.00pm**  
**Address: 237 Tower Street, Panania**  
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**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: Dymrna 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**

1st Mar St David  
 2nd Mar Ash Wednesday  
 4th Mar Commemoration of St Casimir



*Mass Intentions*

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

**Recently Deceased:**

Barbara Keep, Nancy Biviano, Paul O'Shea, Carol Ellison, James Innis, Kevin Byron, John George, Stanislaw Kramarzewski, Peter Tao Vu, Don Williams

**Anniversaries:**

Athol Hughes, Baby Lucas Pullinger, Nell Dunstan, Michael, Dominick & Thelma McDermott, Allan Baragry, Bob & Oswald Mitchell, Len Khoury, Stephen Cummins, Bruce Lister, Mary Singleton, Angela Cardwell, Fr. Brian Byron, Warren Bruce, Richard Orton,

**General Intention:**

Isaac Sandroussi, Sandroussi & Chouaifaity families, Hanna & Mansour families, Paula Bolan, George BuiDang, Jose Quintal, Simon Tan, Tess Peak, Frank Sherry, Jane Gibson, Fr Michael & Frank, Thomas Mullane, Anna Nhieu, Paul Burke, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Deceased members of Legion of Mary.

**The Sick and Infirm:**

Emily Nader, Moya Berkley-Campbell, Jane Zammit, Luke Brady, Owen McLoughlin, Tim Burke, Alma Tahan, Martin Hannagan, Sam Law, Therese Nasser, Denis Kovc, John Esther, 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 2022**

26th/27th Feb	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
<i>Readers:</i>	St Christopher's School students	George Elias Natalie Salameh	Gabriela Bietresato Sam Coorey	Michelle Ryan Volunteer	<i>Communion to the Sick</i> Ellen Russell Norma Coorey Josephine Jones
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Frank O'Brien Renee Taylor	Ellen Russell Norma Coorey	Louise Anderson Stephanie Siaosi	Anne Maree Morris Volunteer	
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	Volunteer	Geoff Giltinan	Lisa Kerry	Cheryl Beaver	
<b>5th/6th Mar</b>	<b>Sat Vigil: 5.30pm</b>	<b>Sun 8am</b>	<b>Sun 9.30am</b>	<b>Sun 5pm</b>	<b>Other Ministries</b>
<i>Readers:</i>	Volunteer Chris Tran	John Coates Stephanie Siaosi	Sam Coorey Volunteer	Julie Nugent Tanya Nguyen	<i>Communion to the Sick</i> Megan Perez Norma Coorey Margaret Yasbek
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Di Hennessy Josephine Jones	Megan Perez Margaret Yasbek	Jacqueline Bull Terese Jones	Gabi Bietresato Rebecca Lee	
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	John Tesoriero	Jon D'astoli	Richard Hurst	Dennis Lister	
					<i>Counters:</i> George Elias Dennis Lister

**ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2022**

	26th/27th Feb		5th/6th Mar	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	Chris	Kevin	Chris	Ray
<i>Readers:</i>	Sean McKenna Garry Solway	Cathy Moussa Roza Bulic	Marge Salone Barbara Sherry	Tess Hughes Madeleine Pizzuti
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Alison Simler Barbara Sherry	Madeleine Pizzuti Cathy Moussa	Sue Chant Elena Salgueira	May Coorey Joan Jones
<i>Counters:</i>		Maureen Sherry, Brian Quinn		Sue-Ann Burton, Peter Volk



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.