



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


**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C**
**13th March 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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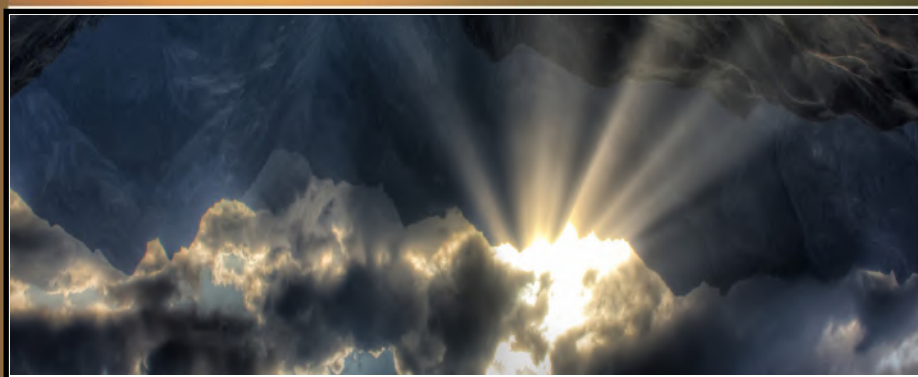
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**St Christopher's Primary School**

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## Gospel Reflection

### Transfigured Bodysouls

One often hears the conventional wisdom: 'All religions are the same, with somewhat different packaging.' But, do they believe the same thing about the human person?

What if one believed that the most vital part of a person was 'the soul' which alone was destined for Heaven? This is not the Christian belief.

Today's Gospel recounts that Jesus' body was transfigured. This was no out-of-the-body experience of religious ecstasy. Jesus' body was totally translucent, totally radiant with Divine Light. Every molecule of his materiality was reverberating in the halo of divine glory.

That is the destiny which God desires for us also. When we are really in harmony with God, when we really participate in the life of God, then that Divine Life envelops and permeates our whole person, bodysoul. That is our ultimate destiny, but can it be anticipated in the lives of those close to God?

You might care to read the story of St Seraphim of Sarov from the Russian Orthodox tradition. A follower recounts the dazzling bodily transformation of the saint with the blaze of light spilling over onto the snow-covered meadow.

We might pause for a moment to affirm our Christian hope that, with God's grace, we will be radiant with Divine Light, our bodies immersed in translucent glory, filled with infinite joy in our hearts.

Fr Michael Tate



## Entrance Antiphon

*Cf. Ps 26:8-9*

***Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.  
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
hide not your face from me.***

## 1st Reading

*Gen 15:5-12. 17-18*

*A reading from the book of Genesis*

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

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



## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 26:1. 7-9. 13-14. R. v.1*

***The Lord is my light and my salvation.***

## 2nd Reading

*Phil 3:17 – 4:1*

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

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are

waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe. So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

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

## Gospel Acclamation

*Mt 17:5*

***Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is  
heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!***

## Gospel

*Lk 9:28-36*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

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

## Communion Antiphon

*Mt 17:5*

***This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well  
pleased; listen to him.***



## 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 2022, 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:

As we approach the Scrutiny stage of our RCIA program, please keep our Catechumens in your prayers as they prepare for their Baptism at the Easter Vigil.



## Project Compassion



You can help people like Biru continue to thrive by making a donation through Project Compassion boxes & envelopes, or visiting [lent.Caritas.org.au](http://lent.Caritas.org.au) or phoning 1800024413.

## HOLY WEEK ROSTER (EASTER) —HELP NEEDED! ST. CHRISTOPHER'S & ST. PATRICK'S

Please sign your name to assist at our Easter masses during Holy Week. See the Roster in the foyer (even if you are already rostered on). We need acolytes, readers, eucharistic ministers, altar servers, welcomers and wardens. This roster need to be finalised by Palm Sunday.

## 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?apWMtQo6WVduINOOVqOtYA>

## Lenten Penance

The Archbishop of Sydney has written his annual Lenten Penance letter. Copies are available in the both churches foyer

## 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.

## Volunteers & Safeguarding

Many thanks to all those volunteers who have completed their Safeguarding Induction training. Over the past 3 months about 80% of the volunteers at St Christophers and St Patricks who needed to complete the training have done so. We are particularly grateful to those of you who are teachers and have already done training for your work environment who also had to complete training as volunteers for the parish. The commitment of everyone to complete their training is very much appreciated. The Archdiocese is committed to ensuring the Church moves forward as a result of the Royal Commission. By completing the training we are showing that we recognise the past and are doing our part to improve the systems to collectively help safeguard children, young people and the vulnerable in our community. We would ask that the remaining 20% of volunteers please complete their training. For those of you who would prefer a face to face presentation and couldn't attend last Saturday, we will have another presentation in a few months. Otherwise, the online facility is still available. Siobhan and Jeanette

## Support Caritas Ukraine Appeal

As millions of people are likely to be displaced due to Russia's invasion, your support is more important than ever for the people of Ukraine.

Donate generously to the Caritas Ukraine Appeal:

<https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/ukraine-appeal/>

Or call 1800024413 toll free.

Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

## St Vincent de Paul Society NSW - Flood Appeal

Vinnies has launched an appeal to assist flood victims in northern NSW. Due to restricted access to the affected areas Vinnies is unable to take in-kind relief (food, clothing, etc) yet. Persons wishing to help can do so most effectively by donating to the flood relief fund at: [St Vincent de Paul Society NSW - Flood Appeal \(vinnies.org.au\)](http://St Vincent de Paul Society NSW - Flood Appeal (vinnies.org.au))

## St Christopher's

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

## St Patrick's

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.

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

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**Saint of the day**

17th Mar St Patrick  
 18th Mar St Cyril of Jerusalem  
 19th Mar St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary



*Mass Intentions*

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

**Recently Deceased:**

Vera Winter, Ray Reynolds, Shirley Burns, Emily Nader, Joseph Tran, Silvano Stocco, Teresinha Gnomes da Silva, Marie Moylan & Mick Le Breton, Mary Di Bernardo, Barbara Keep, Carol Ellison, James Innis.

**Anniversaries:**

Richard Gonsalves, Kathleen & Colin Cross, Dominick & Thelma McDermott, Eric Moon, Yolanda Woods & Anne Sutton, Margaret McLeish, John Moro, Athol Hughes.

**General Intention:**

Maria Stevens, Louis & Elizabeth, Martin Hannegan, Mary Grech, Mickalina Azzopardi, Isaac Sandroussi, Sandroussi & Chouaifa families, Hanna & Mansour families, Paul Burke, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Deceased members of Legion of Mary.

**The Sick and Infirm:**

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**

	<b>Sat Vigil: 5.30pm</b>	<b>Sun 8am</b>	<b>Sun 9.30am</b>	<b>Sun 5pm</b>	<b>Other Ministries</b>
<b>12th/13th Mar</b>					
<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> Ellen Russell Josephine Jones Norma Coorey
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Jeanette Carroll Barbara Tesoriero	Ellen Russell Josephine Jones	Norma Verjoustinsky Bernadette Saleme	Volunteer Stephanie Siaosi	
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	Volunteer	John Coates	Tony O'Shea	Cheryl Beaver	<i>Counters:</i> Sylvia Sahyoun Anatasia Sahyoun
<b>19th/20th Mar</b>					
<i>Readers:</i>	Gabrielle Innes Louise Anderson	Maureen Singleton Volunteer	Lea De Angelis Andrew Mills	Anita & Josie Hanna	<i>Communion to the Sick</i> Terese Jones Gabi Bietresato Norma Coorey
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Barbara Tesoriero David Raish	Terese Jones Gabi Bietresato	Magdalene Vetter Margaret Yasbek	Volunteer Nazira Hanna	
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	Volunteer	Andrew Mills	Ruben Nool	Ryan Romero	<i>Counters:</i> Philip Weeks John Tesoriero

**ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2022**

	<b>12th/13th Mar</b>		<b>19th/20th Mar</b>	
	<b>Sat Vigil: 5.30pm</b>	<b>Sun: 9am</b>	<b>Sat Vigil: 5.30pm</b>	<b>Sun: 9am</b>
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	Chris	Jason	Chris	Kevin
<i>Readers:</i>	Marie Carr Liam Carr	DLS Students	S V Nieuwenhuizen Wanieta Young	Lynda Cameron Mary Cameron
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Alison Simler Barbara Sherry	Madeleine Pizzuti Cathy Moussa	Sue Chant Elena Salgueira	May Coorey Joan Jones
<i>Counters:</i>		Elena Salgueira, Charlie Howard		Bill Woods, Brian Quinn



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.