



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C

3rd April 2022

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

7:30 am - 8am, 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

The Gaze of Jesus

The accusers of this woman make her 'stand there in full view of everybody.' She is surrounded by the hostile glare of eyes filled with blood lust.

It is only when the accusers have left in embarrassment that Jesus, who has been bent to the ground, looks up at her. He adopts the posture of a slave, seeing her as she could be if she gives up her current pattern of behaviour.

Up till now, no-one has spoken to this woman. Now Jesus treats her as a human being worth speaking to. And what does she hear? That he does not condemn her but points her to a new sort of life in the future.

We could pause for a moment to allow Jesus the time to look at us, talk to us, in that way. Do you have the courage to 'lock eyes' with Jesus and live out the consequences?

'The eyes have it.'

Fr Michael Tate



Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 42:1-2

**Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.**

1st Reading

Is 43:16-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord,
who made a way through the sea,
a path in the great waters;
who put chariots and horse in the field
and a powerful army,
which lay there never to rise again,
snuffed out, put out like a wick:
No need to recall the past,
no need to think about what was done before.
See, I am doing a new deed,
even now it comes to light; can you not see it?
Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,
paths in the wilds.
The wild beasts will honour me,
jackals and ostriches,
because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in
the wild) to give my chosen people drink.
The people I have formed for myself will sing my
praises.

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



Responsorial Psalm

Ps 125. R. v.3

**The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.**

2nd Reading

Phil 3:8-14

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

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the
supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.
For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I
look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can
have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer
trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection
that comes from the Law, but I want only the
perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is
from God and based on faith. All I want is to know
Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share
his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death.

That is the way I can hope to take my place in the
resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become
perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running,
trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus
captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far
from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is
that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still
to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to
which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

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Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Acclamation

Jl 2:12-13

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
With all your heart turn to me,
for I am tender and compassionate.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

Gospel

Jn 8:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he
appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people
came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.
The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who
had been caught committing adultery; and making her
stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus,
'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of
committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the
Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning.
What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test,
looking for something to use against him. But Jesus
bent down and started writing on the ground with his
finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked
up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned,
let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he
bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they
heard this they went away one by one, beginning with
the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman,
who remained standing there. He looked up and said,
'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned
you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn
you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

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

Communion Antiphon

Jn 8:10-11

**Has no one condemned you, woman?
No one, Lord.
Neither shall I condemn you.
From now on, sin no more.**



Donation of Palms for Palm Sunday

Please leave all donation of Palms at side of the church from Thursday 7th to Sat morning 9th Apr before 10am. Volunteers are required to assist in the cutting of palms.



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.

Position Vacant – Ministry/Liturgy Coordinator

St Christopher's Panania & St Patrick's Revesby Heights.

The parish Ministry/ Liturgy Coordinator supports Fr Salas, the parish priest, in meeting the pastoral care needs of the parish. If you are a people person and enjoy networking and meeting new people and would like to be involved in the pastoral life of the parish then please contact the parish office for a copy of the position description.

This position is part time for 12 hours per week and the salary is negotiable. This position will involve working on weekends.

Email: stcpanania@hotmail.com

Phone: 9774 3662

Applications close Tuesday, May 20th 2022.

Parish Retreat: Many thanks to Stephanie Siasi for organising our parish retreat, facilitated by Father Hugh Thomas. It was a great opportunity for spiritual reflection during lent.



Farewell to John & Pat Coates:

Our love and best wishes to John & Pat Coates, parishioners of St Christopher's for over 40 years. They are moving to Cairns this week to be closer to their grandchildren and family. Pat & John have contributed to the parish in so many ways over the years so we will farewell them with morning tea after 9.30am Mass this Sunday. Please join us to thank them for their many years of service.

Statue of Our Lady:

Would you like to take Our Lady home to pray and receive blessings with your friends and family? Please fill in the sheet near the Statue. Delivery of the statue can be arranged if needed. Contact Josephine 0418 405 402

St Vincent de Paul Society NSW - Flood Appeal

The St Vincent de Paul Society distributed over \$3.2M in immediate cash grants in two weeks to over 6400 people throughout the northern rivers region. These immediate cash grants payments have made an enormous difference to people who have lost so much. The Vinnies NSW Flood Appeal has thus far raised \$2.5 million leaving a significant shortfall. There is still much more to be done. Please assist by donating at GiveNow - Vinnies NSW Flood Appeal 2022. Thank you.

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.

EASTER CEREMONIES

LENTE COMMUNITY RECONCILIATIONS:

St Christopher's: Wednesday 13th April 2022 at 7pm

HOLY THURSDAY MASS - 14th April

St. Christopher's: 7pm

St. Patrick's: 7pm

NO THURSDAY MORNING MASS

GOOD FRIDAY - 15th April

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St. Christopher's: 10am (Confessions to follow)

St. Patrick's: 10am (Confessions to follow)

OUR LORD'S PASSION

St. Christopher's: 3pm

St. Patrick's: 3pm

NO SATURDAY MORNING MASS/BENEDICTION

EASTER VIGIL: SATURDAY— 16th April

St. Christopher's: 5.30pm

St. Patrick's: 5.30pm

EASTER: SUNDAY - 17th April

St. Christopher's: 8am, 9.30am

NO 5pm Mass

St. Patrick's: 9am



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES 2022

Parent Preparation Evening: at St Christopher's church

Reconciliation: Wednesday 11th May at 7.00pm

Holy Communion: Wednesday 3rd August at 7.00pm

Confirmation: Wednesday 12th October at 7.00pm

Celebration of the Sacrament: to be celebrated at St. Christopher's Church.

Reconciliation: Tuesday 21st June - 5.00pm
Wednesday 22nd June - 6.30pm

Holy Communion: Saturday 10th Sept - 5.30pm
Sunday 11th Sept - 9.30am & 11.30am

(St Patrick's church - Sunday 11th Sept - 9.00am
Subject to enrolments)

Confirmation: Sunday 13th November at 11.30am & 2.00pm



Project Compassion

You can help students like Shaniella to forge a path out of poverty by making a donation through Project Compassion boxes and envelopes, visiting lent.Caritas.org.au or phoning 1800024413.

Parish landline phone:

Apologies for anyone trying to phone the parish on Friday 1st April. Optus is doing upgrades in the area and the phone will be back to normal on Monday 4th April

St. Christopher's & St. Patrick's Parish Contacts
Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9.00am-3.00pm
Address: 237 Tower Street, Panania
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: Roza Bulic
 Secretary: Pat Nolan

Parish Finance Committee

Chairperson: John Tesoriero
 Secretary: Pat Nolan
 Parish Safeguarding Officer: Siobhan Van Den Nieuwenhuizen

BAPTISM: St Christopher's & St Patrick's Parishes welcome the families of those being baptised this weekend: Chase Mortimer & Christian Santamaria. Let us keep the children and their family in our prayers



Mass Intentions

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

Recently Deceased:

Christine Fleming, Debe Assad, Daad Harb, Anthony Hoang, Dominic Doan, Brian Pegrum, Mary Anderson, Jean Porter, Emanuel Dimech, Jennifer Quinn, Moya Berkley (Campbell), Vera Winter, Emily Nader, Silvano Stocco, Teresinha Gnomes da Silva, Marie Moylan & Mick Le Breton.

Anniversaries:

Olson Sala, Gary O'Shea, Colin Mills, Joseph & Veronica Ritchie and Alf Pandoleon, John Poole, Frank Sherry, Bruce Bradley.

General Intention:

Dominico, Phero & Phaolo, Jose Quintal, Mickalina Azzopardi, Paul Burke, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Deceased members of Legion of Mary.

The Sick and Infirm:

Margaret O'Donnell, Kathleen Mulligan, Pat Thomas, Tom Bradley, 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

2nd/3rd Apr	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
<i>Readers:</i>	Volunteer Chris Tran	John Coates Stephanie Siaoisi	Natalie Salameh Volunteer	Julie Nugent Tanya Nguyen	<i>Communion to the Sick</i> Megan Perez Norma Coorey Magdalene Vetter
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Di Hennessy Volunteer	Megan Perez Jeff Giltinan	Jacqueline Bull Terese Jones	Gabi Bietresato Rebecca Lee	
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	Volunteer	Jon D'astoli	Richard Hurst	Dennis Lister	
					<i>Counters:</i> Stephanie Siaoisi George Elias
9th/10th Apr	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
<i>Readers:</i>	Ron Woods Sue Bracken	Steve Darcy Carolyn Ford	Mary Chan Pauline O'shea	Volunteers	<i>Communion to the Sick</i> Ann-Maree Darcy Ellen Russell Josephine Jones
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Jeanette Carroll	Ann-Maree Darcy Josephine Jones	Norma Verjoustinsky Bernadette Saleme	Maasina Tuala Stephanie Siaoisi	
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	Volunteer	John Coates	Tony O'Shea	Cheryl Beaver	
					<i>Counters:</i> Jeanette Carroll Maureen Singleton

ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2022

	2nd/3rd Apr		9th/10th Apr	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	Chris	Jason	Chris	Kevin
<i>Readers:</i>	Marge Salone Barbara Sherry	DLS Students	Marie Carr Liam Carr	Pat Nolan Dawn Poole
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Sue Chant Elena Salgueira	May Coorey Joan Jones	Alison Simler Barbara Sherry	Madeleine Pizzuti Cathy Moussa
<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. 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.