



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD YEAR C 29th May 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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St Patrick's Catholic Church Revesby Heights

St Christopher's Primary School

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FEAST OF THE ASCENSION



Gospel Reflection

Heaven and Earth are full of your Glory

Our Risen Lord knew that we are naturally, collectively human-centric. He withdrew His risen mode of appearance (what we call 'the Ascension') to make it clear that the whole Universe, including planet Earth, is filled with the presence and power radiating out from his Risen Humanity.

As St Paul wrote in the Epistle to the Romans: 'Creation still retains the hope of being freed from its slavery to decay, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God.' How is the Risen Lord beginning to fulfil this hope?

At Mass, fractions of creation – the Bread and Wine consecrated for Holy Communion – are transformed into the Real Presence of the Risen Lord.

Eucharistic Prayer III begins with: 'You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise...' How can all creation give God praise? As the ancient church used to teach: Each of you is a microcosm of the macrocosm, called to be a priest for the Cosmos. Through your enlightened mind and inflamed heart, the Cosmos knows that it exists and that it is loved by its Creator. It is beginning to share the freedom and glory of the children of God.

We could pause for a moment, stop staring into Heaven, and ready ourselves to receive the Holy Spirit so as to be what St Paul calls 'the Church which is His Body in whom the fullness of creation dwells'.

Fr Michael Tate

Quote of the day

"He, who has won the heart of man, has won the whole man."

St Francis De Sales

Entrance Antiphon

Acts 1:11

***Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at
the heavens?***

***This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.***

1st Reading

Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46:2-3. 6-7. 8-9. R. v.6

***God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord***

2nd Reading

Eph 1:17-23

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

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is

revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.



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Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 28:19. 20

***Alleluia, alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!***

Gospel

Lk 24:46-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

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

Communion Antiphon

Mt 28:20

***Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.***





RCIA Candidates and Catechumens Course - starting in June 2022

Do you want to know more about our faith?

Do you know someone who is interested in learning more and perhaps "Becoming a Catholic" ? Please join us for an Introduction Get to Together to hear more about the Course that we will be running this year. Please ring the Parish Office 9774 3662 and speak to Fr. Salas or Norma for more information.

WELCOME MORNING TEA

Parishioners are invited to come and meet our newly baptised Catholics on Sunday 5 June at the 9.30am Mass with morning tea afterwards, which is being kindly provided by the Parish Pastoral Council.



WALK WITH CHRIST ANNUAL EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

Sunday 19th June
1.30pm Entertainment at Martin Place & Pitt St.
2.30pm Procession to St. Mary's Cathedral

World Meeting of Families: 24-26 June 2022

As requested by Pope Francis, and with the encouragement of Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, the World Meeting of Families will be held locally in the Archdiocese of Sydney to celebrate the sanctity, beauty and vitality of family life .



On Friday, the celebration begins at parishes with the Feast of the Sacred Heart; followed by Saturday, where families join in a pilgrimage to sites and shrines throughout the Archdiocese; and culminating with celebrating the Eucharist with His Grace at St Marys Cathedral on Sunday with 10:30 am Mass, after which families participate in the 'Festival of Families' beside the cathedral with food, coffee, music, stalls and activities for children.

More information and resources for this event are available at <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/world-meeting-of-families/>

NEW & EXISTING ACOLYTES, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS - August 2022

Fr. Salas has arranged for a representative from the Archdiocese to provide training here at St. Christopher's. This opportunity will allow existing Ministers to update their knowledge and training and it will be an excellent opportunity for new people to join us in providing these Ministries for the Parish. If interested please ring the Parish Office

Readers: 10am – 12pm Saturday 13th & 20th August at 300 the River Rd, Revesby Heights.

Acolytes & Eucharist Minister: Dates will be advised.

RIP - Sandra Bickle

Funeral at St Christopher's church
Thursday 2nd June @ 11am



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation Lessons: Second week

Zoom lessons: Tues & Wed evenings

6.30pm

Safeguarding Induction Training:

We have arranged to do a training session here in the Parish for any volunteers who still need to complete their Safeguarding Induction training. This training is mandated by the Archdiocese for any volunteers who are required to have a Working With Children Check – that is, acolytes, readers, Communion Ministers, leaders of the Sacramental program and all wardens. **It will be for volunteers at St Patricks and St Christophers and will be held on Thursday 2nd June at 10:00am in the meeting room at the back of St Christophers church.** It will only take about 30 minutes of your time to complete the training. Could you please phone the Parish Office or email: safeguardingstcpanania@gmail.com to notify us if you will be attending.

Online training is still also available for those who would prefer to do this and is very quick and simple.

The link for the training is:

<https://forms.gle/9ebT3voEAtfP7P8R9>

In order to register for training, you will need to provide an email address. Volunteers who work in Sydney Catholic Schools will need to use their personal email address and not their work email to do this online training. Once you have completed the training, you will receive a Certificate to verify training is complete. Could you please email this to safeguardingstcpanania@gmail.com.

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. Phone: 9774 3662

Email: stcpanania@hotmail.com

St Patrick's Mothers Day Winter Appeal

Thanks for again demonstrating the wonderful generosity of the St Patrick's parishioners with the large number of gifts brought to the recent weekend's masses.

There were over 100 donations including gloves, scarves, beanies, slippers, blankets/wraps, toiletries and many others that will be very useful to those experiencing hardship.



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

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

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Parish Safeguarding Officer: Siobhan Van Den Nieuwenhuizen

COMING EVENTS

- * Tues 31st May & Wed 1st Jun @ 6.30pm: Reconciliation Zoom Lesson
- * Thur 2nd Jun: Safeguarding Training @10am
- * Sun 24th July: St Christopher's 70th Anniversary Mass and Celebration



Mass Intentions

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

Recently Deceased:

Annie Willis, Sandra Bickle, Pamela Sprinks, Georgina Ashburn, Kathleen Creighton.

Anniversaries:

Angela Fernandez, Rosanna Byron & Toni Cuneo, Martin O'connor, Rosa Hoang & Maria Pham.

General Intention:

Marie Lavocah, Brother Prosper Ba', Bonifacia Montecillo, Charity Avery, Brian Poole, Clarissa Toleafoa & Mathias Toleafoa Pangan (Birthday), Dominico, Maria, Louis, Elizabeth & Toma, Julia, John, Terrnce, Bette & Edward Hoad, Jenny Quinn, Johana Weston, Mary Latham, Jenny Kirby, Jordon & Thomas families, Jose Quintal, Paul Burke, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Deceased members of Legion of Mary.

The Sick and Infirm:

Alana Boruta, Mcloughlin & Gillfeathers families, Geordan Smith, Margaret O'Donnell, Kathleen Mulligan, Tom Bradley, Luke Brady, Owen McLoughlin, Tim Burke, Alma Tahan, Martin Hannagan, Sam Law, Therese Nasser, Denis Kovc, John Esther, Alacoque Welsh, Jim O'Neill, Giuseppe Iacono, Anne Coome, Sira Raveane, Bernadette Lawrance, 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.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKEND ROSTERS 2022

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28th/29th May	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	
<i>Readers:</i>	Alan Tuohy Volunteer	Volunteer George Elias	Michael Dumlaio Sam Coorey	Tanya Nguyen Volunteer	<i>Communion to the Sick</i> Magdalene Vetter Norma Coorey Gabriela Bietresato
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Barbara Tesoriero Jeanette Carroll	Magdalene Vetter Gabriela Bietresato	Volunteer Valasi Zimmerman	Volunteer Stephanie Siaosi	<i>Counters:</i> George Elias Dennis Lister
<i>Acolytes/Servers</i>	John Tesoriero	Volunteer	Tony O'Shea	Ryan Romero	
4th/5th Jun	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
<i>Readers:</i>	Michael Millia Chris Tran	Ron Woods Stephanie Siaosi	Sam Coorey Volunteer	Julie Nugent Tanya Nguyen	<i>Communion to the Sick</i> Josephine Jones Norma Coorey Margaret Yasbek
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Di Hennessy Josephine Jones	Margaret Yasberk Jeff Giltinan	Jacqueline Bull Terese Jones	Gabi Bietresato Rebecca Lee	<i>Counters:</i> Sylvia & Anastasia Sahyoun
<i>Acolytes/Servers</i>	John Tesoriero	Jon D'astoli	Richard Hurst	Dennis Lister	

ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2022

	28th/29th May		4th/5th Jun	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	Chris	Kevin	Chris	Jason
<i>Readers:</i>	Sean McKenna Garry Solway	Cathy Moussa Roza Bulic	Marge Salone Barbara Sherry	DLS Students
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Sue Chant Elena Salgueira	May Coorey Joan Jones	Alison Simler Barbara Sherry	Madeleine Pizzuti Cathy Moussa
<i>Counters:</i>		Bill Woods, Brian Quinn		Maree Carr, Phillip Carr



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.