



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



**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A**

**4th December 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: 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,

### 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 Ravi Muvvala

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St Christopher's Catholic Church Panania

St Patrick's Catholic Church Revesby Heights

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### De La Salle College

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### Mount St Joseph College

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## Gospel Reflection

### *Inaugurating a New Humanity*

John proclaimed that the reign of God was 'at hand' as he immersed and plunged followers into the waters of the Jordan River. (His nickname was John the Immerser, or 'baptiser' in the Greek.) He used flowing water to symbolise the washing away of the past for those who repented so that they could be totally focused on the 'at hand' person who would inaugurate God's kingdom.

In this passage, John does not identify the 'Someone'! But he realised that this 'Someone' would have divine power to affect the future by immersing, baptising, his followers with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

At this stage of Advent, we should be like John's disciples, filled with a sense of anticipation, looking forward to the coming towards us ('Advent' in Latin) of the One who can flood our minds and bodies with the Holy Spirit and can immerse our hearts in Divine Fire.

We could pause for a moment to thank God that, even though we are unworthy to carry His sandals, there is One who is coming towards us wanting to transform us with Divine Power.

*Fr Michael Tate*

### Quote of the day



## Entrance Antiphon

*Cf. Is 30:19,30*

***O people of Zion, behold,  
the Lord will come to save the nations,  
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in  
the joy of your heart.***

## 1st Reading

*Is 11:1-10*

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.)

He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land.

His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked.

Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea.

That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

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

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17. R. cf. v.7*

***Justice shall flourish in his time,  
and fullness of peace for ever.***

## 2nd Reading

*Rom 15:4-9*

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

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The



reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

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

## Gospel Acclamation

*Lk 3:4. 6*

***Alleluia, alleluia!  
Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths:  
all people shall see the salvation of God.  
Alleluia!***

## Gospel

*Mt 3:1-12*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Matthew*

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

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

## Communion Antiphon

*Bar 5:5; 4:36*

***Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,  
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.***

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**We wish to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet, the Durag people of the Eora nation, and pay respect to their traditions, customs and long and continuous culture and history. It is upon their ancestral lands that this Community of God is built.**

**Volunteers Christmas Party  
St Christopher's /St Patrick's**

All volunteers in the various parish ministries are invited to attend an end of year celebration Mass followed by a Celebration supper.

Date: Thursday 8th Dec 2022

Time: 6pm for Mass

Location: St Patrick's Church and after at 300 The River Road (Enter from the De La Salle Car Park on River Road)

Please use the sign on sheet in the foyer to confirm your attendance, or call parish office 9774 3662, email stcpanania@hotmail.com



**The Feast of the Immaculate Conception-Thu 8th Dec**

The hour of Grace will be held at St Christopher's church from noon till 1pm. All welcome!



**Carol Cooper's 80th birthday**

Wishing Carol a grand and glorious 80th birthday! May God bless her and fill her heart with happiness.

**Beloved Bishop says farewell to official Duty**

Bishop Terence Brady is full of gratitude for a "blessed" life as he steps down from his role as an active bishop of Sydney. Bishop Terry, as he is known, reached the canonical retirement age of 75 in April and Pope Francis recently accepted his letter of resignation.

We thank him for his many years of service in Sydney and beyond and keep him in our prayers.

His farewell Mass will be at St Mary's Cathedral on Friday 9th December at 7pm



**RIP - Mr Colin Fisher (Archbishop Anthony's father)**

May Mr Colin Fisher now rest in peace of Christ. Please keep Archbishop Anthony and his family in your prayers.

Funeral will be at St Mary's Church in Manly (corner of Raglan and Whistler St), followed by the burial at Rookwood Cemetery

Date: Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> December at 1:30pm

**Volunteers for Christmas Masses**

We invite readers, acolytes, communion ministers, ushers, and wardens to sign up for the Christmas Masses. There is a sign-up sheet in the Sacristy.

**BAPTISM**

St Christopher's & St Patrick's Parishes welcome Riley Hussey-Smith who will be baptised this weekend. Let us keep Riley and his family in our prayer

**Christmas at the Cathedral: 8th—25th Dec**

Festivities begin each evening at 7pm with Christmas market stalls, food, fun activities for the kids and live entertainment.



**Youth Committee**

We are looking for volunteers who would be interested in getting involved in youth ministry within the St. Patrick's and St. Christopher's Parish Communities. If you are interested in being part of our new Youth Committee which will centre around helping to organise youth events within the parish communities and eventually establishing a youth group, please contact Ben via [stcpanania@gmail.com](mailto:stcpanania@gmail.com) or Parish Office: 9774 3662

**Agape Youth**

We are excited to announce the launch of our new Youth Group, Agape Youth, coming to St. Patrick's and St. Christopher's in 2023. Agape Youth is a place for anyone in Years 5-7 to come together, feel loved, welcomed and part of a catholic community. Agape Youth will be filled with fun, games, prayer, art and craft whilst exploring our faith in a unique way. Registrations are now open!! To register, go to: <https://forms.gle/TQRkXKMn3qXHq1RX8> or scan the QR code using your phone. For more information, please feel free to contact Ben via the Parish Office



**CHRISTMAS MASSES 2022**

**ST. CHRISTOPHER'S PANANIA**

**Saturday 24th December**

Normal morning Mass & Benediction 9am  
(Reconciliation 9.30am—10am -5.15pm)

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

	<u>CAROL</u>	<u>MASS</u>
Children Vigil	5.00pm	5.30pm
Parish Vigil	7.00pm	7.30pm
Midnight Mass	11.30pm	12.00am

**Sunday 25th December - CHRISTMAS DAY**

Parish Masses: 8.00am & 9.30am

**NO 5pm Mass**

**Saturday 31st December**

Vigil Mass 5.30pm (Reconciliation 4.45pm -5.15pm)

**Sunday 1 JANUARY 2023 - NEW YEAR'S DAY**

Parish Masses: 8.00am & 9.30am

**NO 5pm Mass**

**ST PATRICK'S REVESBY HEIGHTS**

**Saturday 24th December - CHRISTMAS EVE**

	<u>CAROL</u>	<u>MASS</u>
Vigil Mass	5.00pm	5.30pm

**Sunday 25th December - CHRISTMAS DAY**

Parish Mass 9.00am

**Saturday 31st December**

Vigil Mass 5.30pm (Reconciliation 4.45pm -5.15pm)

**Sunday 1 JANUARY 2023 - NEW YEAR'S DAY**

Normal Sunday Mass 9am

**RECONCILIATION - 2nd Rite**

St Christopher's: Wednesday 21st December 7pm



**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  
**Liturgy and Ministry Coordinator:** Benjamin Woolf

**St. Christopher's Church**

**Parish Pastoral Council**

Chairperson: Anne Weeks  
 Secretary: Dympha 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

**COMING EVENTS**

- Thu 8th Dec :** 1. Volunteers Christmas gathering @ 6pm at St Patrick's Church  
 2. The Feast of the Immaculate Conception 1 hour Grace @12pm St Christopher's



*Mass Intentions*

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

**Recently Deceased:**

Colin Fisher, Patricia Donoghue, Sitendra Singh, Jason Mar, Edna Dalton.

**Anniversaries:**

Lubow Salgueira, Pauline O'Shea (Tony's mother), Manija Petrak Tony Khoury, Tom & Tamam Coorey, Nghi & Dung Hoang, Tinh Nguyen, Hikmat Shina, Sharon O'Shea, Nazira Tahan.

**General Intention:**

Pat Togher, Hanna & Mansour families, Anh Pham, Hamid Tonnagi, Norm Tannous, John Sullivan & Georgia Brown, Anthony Coorey, Therese Boukaram, Gena & Alan Bourke, Bev, Jimmy, David, Eddie & Boulos, Jose Quintal, Joakim Nguyen, Eddie, Bev, Abraham, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Dominic & Maria Doan, Paul & Tim Burke, Deceased members of the Legion of Mary.

**The Sick and Infirm:**

Jeff Giltinan, Mary Cosgrove, Oanh Bui, Margaret Azzi, Miriam Priou, Maria Koh, Marie Solway, Margaret Duffy, Giovanna Iacono, John Esther, Rosanne Sukkar, Bill & Dina Papadopoulos, Alana Boruta, Mcloughlin & Gilfeathers families, Geordan Smith, Margaret O'Donnell, Kathleen Mulligan, Tom Bradley, Marie & Owen McLoughlin, Alma Tahan, Martin Hannagan, Sam Law, Therese Nasser, Denis Kovc, Jim O'Neill, Anne Coome, Sira Raveane, Bernadette Lawrance, Kerry & Russ, Stephen Sinclair, Vincent Doan, Mary Israel, Rudolf Rodrigues, Suzanne Moig, Junior Zoran Stojanovski, Pat Tunncliff, Pat Tindall, Sick members of the Legion of Mary.



**ST CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKEND ROSTERS 2022**

ST CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKEND ROSTERS 2022					Other Ministries
3rd/4th Dec	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	
<i>Readers:</i>	Michael Mallia Chris Tran	Ron Woods Stephanie Siaoosi	Sam Coorey Joe Nguyen	Julie Nugent Tanya Nguyen	<i>Communion to the Sick</i> Megan Perez Norma Coorey Margaret Yasbek
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Caroline Khouri Josephine Jones	Megan Perez	Jacqueline Bull Terese Jones	Gabi Bietresato Rebecca Lee	
<i>Acolytes/Servers</i>	John Tesoriero	Jon D'Astoli	Richard Hurst	Dennis Lister	
<b>10th/11th Dec</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>	Michael Mallia Sue Bracken	Steve Darcy Carolyn Ford	Mary Chan Pauline O'Shea	Mary Chan Volunteers	<i>Communion to the Sick</i> Anne Maree Darcy Josephine Jones Magdalene Vetter
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Jeanette Carroll Barbara Tesoriero	Ann-Maree Darcy Magdalene Vetter	Norma Verjoustinsky Bernadette Saleme	Volunteer Stephanie Siaoosi	
<i>Acolytes/Servers</i>	John Tesoriero	Volunteer	Tony O'Shea	Cheryl Beaver	
					<i>Counters:</i> Stephanie Siaoosi John Tesoriero

**ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2022**

	3rd/4th Dec		10th/11th Dec	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	Chris	Kevin	Chris	Ray
<i>Readers:</i>	Siobhan Van Den Nieuwenhuizen Wanieta Young	Lynda Cameron Mary Cameron	Monika Bradvica Steve Iacono	Cathy Moussa Roza Bulic
<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](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.