



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes


THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A
11th 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: 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,

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

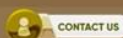
Weddings (by appointment)

Parish Priest

Fr Salas Muttathukattil MSFS

Assistant Priest

Fr Ravi Muvvala



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St Christopher's Primary School

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Gospel Reflection

The Right Question

John was languishing in prison, held captive by the local agent of the Roman Empire. Perhaps he was looking for evidence that Jesus was the One who would throw off Roman despotism. In answer to his questing, Jesus replied that John should rather look at what was happening on the ground in His healing ministry and orientation to the poor. Those are the signs that the reign of God has begun.

I admire John the Baptist because he was prepared to seek and accept the answer to the question which was crucial to him, even though the answer might upset his preconceptions. He was a true seeker after Truth.

All our activities as a parish in building community, forming faith, serving the poor, participating in the liturgy, should be undertaken so that a seeker after Truth might see and hear the evidence of the presence and mission of the risen Lord Jesus Christ amongst us.

We could pause for a moment to simply pray in the spirit of Advent: 'Come, Lord Jesus' to satisfy the restlessness of the questing heart.

Fr Michael Tate

Quote of the Day



Entrance Antiphon

Phil 4:4-5

take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

**Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.**

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

1st Reading

Is 35:1-6, 10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy.

The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God.

Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer

and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy, for those the Lord has ransomed shall return.

They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:6-10. R. see Is 35:4

Lord, come and save us.

2nd Reading

Jas 5:7-10

A reading from the letter of St James

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience,

Gospel Acclamation

Is 61:1 (Lk 4:18)

**Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!**

Gospel

Mt 11:2-11

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew*

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

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



Communion Antiphon

Cf. Is 35:4

**Say to the faint of heart:
Be strong and do not fear.
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.**

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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 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.

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.

A choral Christmas Celebration 2022

Feature St Mary's Cathedral Choir and Sinfonia Australis Friday 16 December - Two Concerts (11am & 7pm)
Book now at www.cathedralchoir.syd/accc or (02) 9220 0481

CHRISTMAS MASSES 2022

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S PANANIA

Saturday 24th December

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

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



Parish Pilgrimage - Footprints of Jesus



In collaboration with Magi Pilgrimages, Fr. Salas will be leading a 14 day pilgrimage to the Holy Land for anyone who may be interested from the 21st May 2023 - 3rd June 2023. The pilgrimage will follow the footprints of Jesus and take pilgrims to various places of significance within Jesus' life. For more information, please contact Fr. Salas via the Parish Office 9774 3662.

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 stcpministry@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



Counters need

Counters are need at both St. Christopher's & St. Patrick's each Sunday to prepare the collections for banking. If you would like to add your name to the roster, please call the parish office.

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



Used Postage Stamps Wanted—St Christopher's

If you have any used postage stamps that you are wanting to throw away, please leave them at the St. Christopher's Piety Stall as we are collecting them for charity.



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**



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

General Intention:

Georgy Pierre, John Biasetto, Pat Togher, Hanna & Mansour families, Anh Pham, Bev, Jimmy, Boulos, Eddie, David, Hamid Tonnagi, Norm Tannous, John Sullivan & Georgia Brown, Anthony Coorey, Therese Boukaram, 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 & Gillfeathers 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

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10th/11th Dec	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	
Readers:	Chris Tran 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
Communion Ministers:	Jeanette Carroll Barbara Tesoriero	Ann-Maree Darcy Magdalene Vetter	Norma Verjoustinsky Bernadette Saleme	Volunteer Stephanie Siaoosi	Counters: Stephanie Siaoosi John Tesoriero
Acolytes/Servers	John Tesoriero	Volunteer	Tony O'Shea	Cheryl Beaver	
17th/18th Dec	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
Readers:	Gabrielle Innes Louise Anderson	Maureen Singleton Gabriela Bietresato	Lea De Angelis Andrew Mills	Anita & Josie Hanna	<i>Communion to the Sick</i> Terese Jones Gabi Bietresato Norma Coorey
Communion Ministers:	Volunteer David Raish	Terese Jones Gabi Bietresato	Magdalene Vetter Margaret Yasbek	Volunteer Nazira Hanna	Counters: Jeanette Carroll Maureen Singleton
Acolytes/ Servers	John Tesoriero	Andrew Mills	Ruben Nool	Ryan Romero	

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	10th/11th Dec		17th/18th Dec	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
Acolytes/Servers:	Chris	Ray	Chris	Jason
Readers:	Monika Bradvica Steve Iacono	Cathy Moussa Roza Bulic	Marge Salone Barbara Sherry	Tess Hughes Madeleine Pizzuti
Communion Ministers:	Alison Simler Barbara Sherry	Madeleine Pizzuti Cathy Moussa	Sue Chant Elena Salgueira	May Coorey Joan Jones
Counters:		Sue-Ann Burton, Peter Volk		Elena Salgueira, Charlie Howard



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.