



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes


FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A
18th 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 Patrick's Catholic Church Revesby Heights

St Christopher's Primary School

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De La Salle College

(02) 9773 7755

Mount St Joseph College

(02) 8724 6200



Gospel Reflection

Just Man Dreaming

Joseph could not ignore Mary's pregnancy, but he had an exceptional large-heartedness, so that he preserved a future for Mary even though she had apparently wronged him.

If he had gone to sleep in a frame of mind to avenge his honour, he would not have been ready to have the deepest levels of his consciousness stirred in the way God wanted. In the deep sleep of a just and good man, Joseph was enlightened as to the divine dimension of Mary's pregnancy. The old cycle of human history, literally generation after generation, was being broken. Something utterly new had happened.

You and I are just as likely to receive an intuition as to God's plan for us in the depths of sleep: who we really are, who we are destined to be, where we fit in to God's plan for transforming the whole of creation. When we get these instructive moments in our sleep, what can we do when we wake up? We can do what Joseph did: get up and do what is needed to fulfil the message.

We could pause for a moment to thank Joseph for showing what dreams can be made of. Tonight might be the night!

Fr Michael Tate

Quote of the Day

"Our actions are like roses which are more beautiful when fresh, yet have a greater fragrance and power when dry."

DECEMBER 18

St. Francis De Sales

Entrance Antiphon

Is 45:8

***Drop down dew from above, you heavens,
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.***

1st Reading

Is 7:10-14

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No', Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.'

Then Isaiah said:

'Listen now, House of David:

are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men

without trying the patience of my God, too?

The Lord himself, therefore,
will give you a sign.

It is this: the maiden is with child

and will soon give birth to a son

whom she will call Immanuel,

a name which means "God-is-with-us".'

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 23:1-6. R. see vv 7. 10

***Let the Lord enter;
he is king of glory.***

2nd Reading

Rom 1:1-7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God, who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations

in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 1:23

***Alleluia, alleluia!
A virgin will give birth to a son;
his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.
Alleluia!***

Gospel

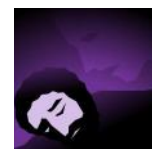
Mt 1:18-24

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew*

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

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



Communion Antiphon

Is 7:14

***Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel.***

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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.

St. Patrick's Christmas Celebrations

This weekend, we will be having a Christmas Supper after the 5:30pm Vigil Mass and a Christmas Morning tea after the 9am Sunday Mass at St. Patrick's. Please join us after these Masses. It is a chance for the parish community to come together and celebrate the joy of the Christmas season.

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.

Archbishop's Flood Appeal

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP has announced that proceeds raised at this year's Christmas at the Cathedral event will go directly towards providing relief and recovery to the victims of the NSW flood disaster.

Donations can also be made online here:

<https://www.ourfaithourworks.org/flood-appeal/>

CHRISTMAS MASSES 2022

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S PANANIA

Saturday 24th December

Normal morning Mass & Benediction 9am

(Reconciliation 9.30am - 10am)

CHRISTMAS EVE

	CAROL	MASS
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

	CAROL	MASS
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.

Communion - Visit to the sick

During the month of January 2023 there will be no regular Sunday Communion Visits to the Sick until the 5th February as most of the ministers are on holidays. If there is need anytime please contact parish office 9774 3662 and leave a message.

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.

Catechist wanted

Do you love talking about Jesus Christ our Saviour and spreading the word of God? Then this is your Ministry! All training and support provided, great benefits, school holidays off.

If you would like to learn more about this Ministry . Please contact the Catechist Co-Ordinator's

St Christopher's: Pauline O'Shea - 0405 578 103

St Patrick's: Cathy Moussa - 0421 087 530, email dnvbeauty@hotmail.com or Monika Bradvica - 0412 131 693, email monikabradvica@gmail.com or see them after weekend Masses

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.



Christmas closure of Parish office

The office will be closed from Monday 26/12/2022 to 2/01/2023 and reopen on Tuesday 3/01/2023

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:

Mark Travis, Colin Fisher, Patricia Donoghue.

Anniversaries:

John Azzopardi, Joseph Dalli, Joseph Charadia, Benjamin San Juan Sr., Felicimo San Juan, Thomas Conway, Domin & Maria Pham, Lubow Salgueira, Pauline O'Shea (Tony's mother).

General Intention:

Jose Quintal, Roger Brown, Rob Ellery & Brown, Pereira, Aranjó, Rosario & D'Souza families, Georgy Pierre, John Biasetto, Pat Togher, Hanna & Mansour families, Anh Pham, Bev, Jimmy, Boulos, Eddie, David, Hamid Tonnagi, Norm Tannous, John Sullivan & Georgia Brown, 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, 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 Tunnickliff, Pat Tindall, Sick members of the Legion of Mary.



ST CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKEND ROSTERS 2022

17th/18th Dec	Sat.5.30pm	Sun 8am		Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
<i>Readers:</i>	Gabrielle Innes Louise Anderson	Maureen Singleton Gabriela Bietresato		Lea De Angelis Andrew Mills	Nazira & Josie Hanna	
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Volunteer David Raish	Terese Jones Gabi Bietresato		Magdalene Vetter Margaret Yasbek	Volunteer Nazira Hanna	<i>Counters:</i> Jeanette Carroll Maureen Singleton
<i>Acolytes/Servers</i>	John Tesoriero	Andrew Mills		Ruben Nool	Ryan Romero	Other Ministries
24th/25th Dec	Sat. 5.30pm	Sat. 7.30pm	Mid-night	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Other Ministries
<i>Readers:</i>	Michael Mallia Nazira Hanna	Volunteers	George Elias	Volunteers	Sam Coorey	
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Terese Jones	Barbara Tesoriero Jeanette Carroll	Volunteers	Volunteers	Norma Coorey	<i>Counters:</i> George Elias Dennis Lister
<i>Acolytes/ Servers</i>	John Tesoriero Renee Velardo	John Tesoriero	Jon D'Astoli Richard Hurst	Lisa Kerry Cheryl Beaver	Andrew Mills Ruben Nool	

ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2022

	17th/18th Dec		24th/25th Dec	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	Chris	Jason	Kevin & Jason	Kevin & Jason
<i>Readers:</i>	Marge Salone Barbara Sherry	Tess Hughes Volunteer	Pat Nolan Volunteer	Roza Bulic Teresa Hughes Catherine Moussa
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Sue Chant Elena Salgueira	May Coorey Joan Jones	Elena Salgueira	Catherine Moussa
<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. 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.