



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes


THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)
25th 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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Mount St Joseph College

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To our dear Parishioners,
 2022 has been a year of great joy as we emerged from our 'Covid' sleep and began the work of re-energising and re-building all the ministries of our parishes. The year started with the St Christopher's 70th Jubilee Mass, a beautiful celebration of the past, present and future of the parish. We have celebrated all of the Sacraments with our primary school children, and welcomed our new Ministry and Liturgy Coordinator, Ben, who has been working to grow youth ministry and a number of new initiatives. We farewelled Fr Bhaskar in August and welcomed Fr Ravi to our community for the remainder of the year. St Christopher's hosted a beautiful Remembrance Mass for All Souls Day and we continue to embrace our RCIA candidates in the parish. St Patrick's hosted our first special HSC Mass and also our volunteers Christmas party.

This week we all share the beautiful celebration that is Christmas and we can reflect on the many joys we have experienced together, a revival of friendships and a sense of renewal and hope in the future. Let us rejoice together in the birth of the baby Jesus, the beginning of the great Christian story of God's love for us.

May 2023 bring us even greater opportunities to grow our faith and continue to work together to share our gifts with all those around us. We pray that all those who are suffering or lonely may still feel the love and hope that the Christmas season offers us.

Blessings and Peace to you all,
 Fr Salas and Fr Ravi.

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 9:5

***A child is born for us, and a son is given to us;
his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder,
and his name will be called Messenger of great
counsel.***

today I have become your father, or: I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Again, when he brings the First-born into the world, he says: Let all the angels of God worship him.

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

1st Reading

Is 52:7-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

How beautiful on the mountains, are the feet of one who brings good news, who heralds peace, brings happiness, proclaims salvation, and tells Zion, 'Your God is king!'

Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices, they shout for joy together, for they see the Lord face to face, as he returns to Zion.

Break into shouts of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord is consoling his people, redeeming Jerusalem.

The Lord bares his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

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

Gospel Acclamation

***Alleluia, alleluia!
A holy day has dawned upon us.
Come you nations and adore the Lord.
Today a great light has come upon the earth.
Alleluia!***

Gospel

Jn 1:1-5. 9-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the beginning was the Word: the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him.

All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower.

The Word was the true light that enlightens all men; and he was coming into the world.

He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him.

He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him.

But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock or urge of the flesh or will of man but of God himself.

The Word was made flesh, he lived among us.

And we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:1-6. R. v.3

***All the ends of the earth have seen the saving
power of God.***

2nd Reading

Heb 1:1-6

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son, the Son that he has appointed to inherit everything and through whom he made everything there is. He is the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature, sustaining the universe by his powerful command; and now that he has destroyed the defilement of sin, he has gone to take his place in heaven at the right hand of divine Majesty. So he is now as far above the angels as the title which he has inherited is higher than their own name.

God has never said to any angel: You are my Son,

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 97:3

***All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation
of our 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.

Welcome Fr. Suresh Babu MSFS

This week, we welcome the Very Reverend Fr. Baviri Suresh Babu MSFS, the Provincial Superior of the Missionaries of Saint Francis De Sales, Visakhapatnam Province, who is visiting our St. Christopher's and St. Patrick's Parish communities on his Canonical Visitation to his confreres in Australia. He is looking forward to meeting all our parishioners.



Very Rev. Fr. B. Suresh Babu MSFS

Welcome Fr. Vijay

This week, we are very fortunate to welcome Fr. Vijay, who is joining our St. Patrick's and St. Christopher's Parish communities as our new Assistant Priest. We look forward to welcoming Fr. Vijay and he is looking forward to meeting all our parishioners over the coming weeks.



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



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 dvnbeauty@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: 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

**COMING
EVENTS**



Mass Intentions

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

Recently Deceased:

Samira, Mark Travis, Colin Fisher, Patricia Donoghue.

Anniversaries:

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

General Intention:

Ray Parry, Michael & Anne Choueifate and member of the Choueifate, Antonio & Cecilia Gaveran, Crisogono & Ofelia Bartolo, Rita & Jose Andan, Dolores Catbagan, Mary & Vince McNamara, Patricia & Roy Innes, Donna Hammond, Pat Lukins, Kean Sheila, Joe Cudmore, Joseph & Veronica Ritchie, Alf Pandoleon, Jose Quintal, Roger Brown, Rob Ellery & Brown, Pereira, Aranjo, Rosario & D'Souza families, Geory Pierre, John Biasetto, Pat Togher, Hanna & Mansour families, John Sullivan & Georgia Brown, Dominic & Maria Doan, Paul & Tim Burke, Deceased members of the Legion of Mary.

The Sick and Infirm:

Stephanie Siaosi, 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 & 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 Tunnickliff, Pat Tindall, Sick members of the Legion of Mary.

ST CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKEND ROSTERS 2022

24th/25th Dec	Sat. 5.30pm	Sat. 7.30pm	Mid-night	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Other Ministries
Readers:	Michael Mallia Nazira Hanna	Tanya Nguyen Louise Anderson	George Elias	Ron Woods Tanya Nguyen	Sam Coorey	Communion to the Sick N/A
Communion Ministers:	Terese Jones	Barbara Tesoriero Jeanette Carroll	Volunteers	Volunteers	Norma Coorey	Counters: George Elias Dennis Lister
Acolytes/Servers	John Tesoriero Renee Velardo	John Tesoriero	Jon D'Astoli Richard Hurst	Cheryl Beaver	Andrew Mills Ruben Nool	Other Ministries
3rd Dec/1st Jan	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am		Sun 9.30am	NO - Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
Readers:	Michael Mallia Chris Tran	Ron Woods Stephanie Siaosi		Sam Coorey Joe Nguyen		Communion to the Sick N/A
Communion Ministers:	Caroline Khouri Josephine Jones	Megan Perez Margaret Yasbek		Jacqueline Bull Terese Jones		Counters: Volunteers
Acolytes/Servers	John Tesoriero	Denis Lister		Richard Hurst		

ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2022

	24th/25th Dec		3rd Dec/1st Jan	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
Acolytes/Servers:	Kevin & Jason	Kevin & Jason	Chris	Ray
Readers:	Pat Nolan Olivia Hoffmier	Roza Bulic Teresa Hughes	Marie Carr Liam Carr	Pat Nolan Dawn Poole
Communion Ministers:	Elena Salgueira	Catherine Moussa	Alison Simler Barbara Sherry	Madeleine Pizzuti Cathy Moussa
Counters:		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.