



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8th January 2023

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

Wise Men
Still Seek
Him!

The
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Gospel Reflection

Stars and Seekers after Truth

Unlike the writers of the horoscope columns in our newspapers, these Wise Men were scholar astrologers, probably from Syria or Iraq. They believed that the stars controlled the destiny of human beings, but they were open enough to the Hebrew scriptures to be led to the amazing discovery of a star-child in Bethlehem.

They knelt before this baby, doing homage, because they realised that the stars did not control this infant, but that there was something of this baby which caused the night sky to respond! They preserved the child from the deadly schemes of Herod, and then they returned to their home country, 'by a different way'. They were on a different journey after encountering the Child.

Who can doubt that the Holy Spirit led these wise men from the East to the manger? In fact, the Holy Spirit is at work in every human being, prompting each and every one to become seekers after Truth. As a person responds to this prompting and tries to lead a good humane life, then the Church teaches that the Holy Spirit can draw them into the saving life of God. Thus, billions in China and India who have never heard the Gospel, can be saved. But, such persons do not savour the fullness of Truth as we do with the privilege of having the scriptures and the sacraments. Where it is possible, we are obliged to offer them the road map to the Truth.

We can take a moment to affirm our faith in the baby in the manger as the One of whom Dante spoke: 'the Love which moves the sun and other stars'. Come, let us adore him.

Fr Michael Tate

Quote of the Day

"When we are authentic we are in right relationship with ourselves."
St Francis De Sales

**Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;
and kingship is in his grasp, and power and
dominion.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!
We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.
Alleluia!**

1st Reading*Is 60:1-6*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears.

The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

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

Responsorial Psalm*Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13*

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

2nd Reading*Eph 3:2-3, 5-6*

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

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

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

Gospel*Mt 2:1-12*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew*

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

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

**Communion Antiphon***Cf. Mt 2:2*

**We have seen his star in the East,
and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.**

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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.



Many thanks to all the volunteers who made our Christmas Masses and church so beautiful for the Christmas season. Special thanks to those who created the Christmas nativity, the lights and wreath decorations and also to all the readers, musicians and Mass helpers who contributed to our Christmas liturgies.

Welcome Fr. Vijay

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.



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.

Counters needed

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.

Coordinators for Readers, Acolytes & Wardens are urgently required

For further information please contact parish office 9774 3662

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



Happy Birthday to Ray Dagher

Happy 80th birthday! May you celebrate many, many more big days for decades to come.

Funeral at St Christopher's Church

For the Late Michael Murray
11am on Monday 9th January 2023

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



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.



Samoan Mass - St Patrick's Church

There will be a Mass for Samoan Community every Third Sunday at 11am starting from Sunday 19th March 2023.

CCTV Surveillance

For security of the church, 24 hour surveillance camera have been installed inside and around the church.

BAPTISM

St Christopher's & St Patrick's Parishes welcome the families of those being baptised this weekend:

Lily Teixeira & Elijah Raposo

Let us keep the children and their family in our prayers



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:

Francis Xavier Nguyen, Maria Bui, Michael Murray, Samira, Colin Fisher.

Anniversaries:

Win Burns, Hilda Khoury, Ernest Wormleaton.

General Intention:

Fr Joseph Dao, Joseph & Maria Dao, Ray Parry, Michael & Anne Choueifate and members of the Choueifate family, 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, John Sullivan & Georgia Brown, Dominic & Maria Doan, Paul & Tim Burke, Jack & Dulcie Southwell. Deceased members of the Legion of Mary.

The Sick and Infirm:

Jeff Giltinan, Mary Cosgrove, 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 Tunnicliff, Pat Tindall, Sick members of the Legion of Mary.

ST CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKEND ROSTERS 2022

7th/8th Jan	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
<i>Readers:</i>	Michael Mallia Sue Bracken	Steve Darcy Carolyn Ford	Mary Chan Pauline O'Shea	Volunteers Tanya Nguyen	<i>Communion to the Sick</i> N/A
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Jeanette Carroll Volunteer	Ann-Maree Darcy Josephine Jones	Norma Verjoustinsky Bernadette Saleme	Volunteer Stephanie Siaosi	<i>Counters:</i> Stephanie Siaosi John Tesoriero
<i>Acolytes/ Servers</i>	John Tesoriero	John Tesoriero	Tony O'Shea	Cheryl Beaver	Other Ministries
14th/15th Jan	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
<i>Readers:</i>	Gabrielle Innes Louise Anderson	Maureen Singleton Tanya Nguyen	Lea De Angelis Andrew Mills	Anita & Josie Hanna	<i>Communion to the Sick</i> N/A
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	David Raish Barbara Tesoriero	Terese Jones Gabi Bietresato	Margaret Yasbek Magdalene Vetter	Volunteer Nazira Hanna	<i>Counters:</i> Jeanette Carroll Maureen Singleton
<i>Acolytes/ Servers</i>	John Tesoriero	Jon D'Astoli	Ruben Nool	Ryan Romero	

ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2022

	7th/8th Jan		14th/15th Jan	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	Chris	Jason	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>	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. 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.