



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A 22nd 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

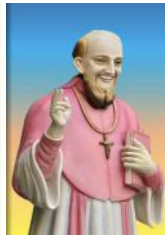
11am: 1st & 3rd Sundays

Weddings (by appointment)



Feast of St Francis De Sales - 24th January

St Francis de Sales: The Gentleman Doctor for the Everyday



St. Francis, who is well known as "the Gentleman Saint" because of his patience and gentleness, was born on 21 August 1567 in France. St. Francis was one of the greatest evangelists and the most powerful confessors during the Counter-Reformation. His writings on Catholic spirituality still inspire the faithful today and his words still resonate across the

centuries.

At his weekly general audience at the Vatican, Pope Benedict XVI said that St. Francis de Sales believed and wrote that "divine love is the reason for all things" and that his views, which were influential during his lifetime between the 16th and 17th centuries, are still relevant today.

Pope Francis' letter was titled "Totum Amoris Est" ("Everything Pertains to Love") and was released by the Vatican Dec. 28, 2022, on the occasion of the 400th anniversary of the death of St. Francis de Sales. The saintly bishop developed a new approach to spiritual direction, the pope said. "It was a method that renounced all harshness and respected completely the dignity and gifts of a devout soul, whatever its frailties." Even before the Second Vatican Council would teach 350 years later, the pope wrote, St. Francis de Sales knew and wrote that every person was called to holiness and that the call was specific to each person and his or her talents, shortcomings and state in life.

St. Francis taught how to live in the world and to appreciate it, but also to maintain a proper detachment from it and it remains a valuable lesson for men and women in our own time. Today his spirituality is widespread because his guidance is easy and practical.

He died on 28 December 1622 and was buried on 24 January 1623. He was beatified in 1661 by Pope Alexander VII, who then canonized him four years later. He was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius IX in 1877. In 1923, Pope Pius XI proclaimed him a patron of writers and journalists, because he made extensive use of broadsheets and books both in spiritual direction and in his efforts to convert the Calvinists of the region.

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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(02) 9773 7755

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Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 95:1,6

***O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendour,
strength and honour in his holy place.***

1st Reading

Is 8:23 – 9:3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who live in a land of deep shadow
a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater,
you have made their joy increase,
they rejoice in your presence
as men rejoice at harvest time,
as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.
For the yoke that was weighing on him,
the bar across his shoulders,
the rod of his oppressor,
these you break as on the day of Midian.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 26:1. 4. 13-14. R. v.1

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

2nd Reading

1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the
Corinthians*

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul

that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 1:14. 12

***Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.
Alleluia!***

Gospel

Mt 4:12-17

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew*

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!
Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,
Galilee of the nations!

The people that lived in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death
a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

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



Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 33:6

***Look toward the Lord and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.***

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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.

Feast of St Francis De Sales - 24th January

The parish communities St Christopher's & St Patrick's wish Fr Salas & Fr Vijay a happy feast day.

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.

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.

Combined St Christopher's & St Patrick's PPC meeting

Date: Tuesday 31/1/2023

Time: 7.30pm

Location: St Christopher's Parish Centre



Pastoral Council

Pontifical Requiem Mass for the late George Cardinal Pell

The Funeral Mass for our late Archbishop will be held on Thursday 2 February at 11am at St Mary's Cathedral. Members of the public are invited to attend.

If you're unable to attend the Funeral Mass, there will also be other opportunities to pay our respects to our late Archbishop, George Cardinal Pell at St Mary's Cathedral: Wednesday 1 February

9.30am: Reception of the Body & Commencement of lying in State

1.10pm: A Mass for the Dead

5.30pm Evening Prayer and Vigil

8pm: A Mass for the Dead

Please continue to pray for the repose of the soul of our late Archbishop.

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



Counter's Roster for St Christopher's parish is available from the Piety Store.

Parish Pilgrimage - Footprints of Jesus



HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE INFORMATION MEETING

Thursday, 2 February 7.00 PM

If you have ever thought about going to the Holy Land please plan on attending an information meeting with Fr. Salas on Thursday, 2 February 2023 at 7:00 pm. in the Parish Church meeting room. We will watch a presentation with wonderful points of interests that will be a part of this pilgrimage. (Jericho- Oldest city in the world, Mt. Tabor, Galilee, Mt. of Beatitudes, Nazareth, Caesarea, Jerusalem, Church of the Holy Sepulchre, walk down the hill to Dominus Flevit, where Christ wept over Jerusalem, Dead Sea and so much more! This Pilgrimage to the Holy Land is scheduled for 21 May through 3 June 2023. The representative from Magi Pilgrimages, will attend this meeting to provide detailed information on this pilgrimage.

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/RkXKMn3qXHq1RX8> 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.

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

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Secretary: Pat Nolan

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Siobhan Van Den Nieuwenhuizen

COMING EVENTS



Mass Intentions

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

Recently Deceased:

Cardinal George Pell, Margaret Bell, Glenda Austin, Francis Xavier Nguyen, Maria Bui, Michael Murray.

Anniversaries:

Joy Ackapadickal, Maria Tesoriero, Michael Singleton, Win Burns.

General Intention:

Jim Burns, Thomas, Dominico Phat, Anh Pham, Fr Joseph Dao, Joseph & Maria Dao, Dominic & Maria Doan, Paul & Tim Burke, Jack & Dulcie Southwell. Deceased members of the Legion of Mary.

The Sick and Infirm:

Mr Ho, Jenny Lau, Bronwyn Pearson, 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 2023

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21st/22nd Jan	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
<i>Readers:</i>	Louise Harvey Mary Young	George Elias Ron Woods	Gabriela Bietresato Sam Coorey	Michelle Ryan Tanya Nguyen	<i>Communion to the Sick</i> N/A
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Frank O'Brien Renee Taylor	Magdalene Vetter Norma Coorey	Louise Anderson Stephanie Siaoisi	Anne Maree Morris Volunteer	<i>Counters:</i> N/A
<i>Acolytes/ Servers</i>	John Tesoriero	Andrew Mills	Lisa Kerry	Cheryl Beaver	Other Ministries
28th/29th Jan	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	<i>Communion to the Sick</i> N/A
<i>Readers:</i>	Alan Tuohy Clare Lourey	Joe Nguyen George Elias	Michael Dumlao Gabriela Bietresato	Tanya Nguyen Volunteer	<i>Counters:</i> John Tesoriero Joanne Carney
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Barbara Tesoriero Jeanette Carroll	Magdalene Vetter Ellen Russell	Volunteer Valasi Zimmerman	Volunteer Stephanie Siaoisi	
<i>Acolytes/ Servers</i>	John Tesoriero	Jon D'Astoli	Tony O'Shea	Ryan Romero	

ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2023

	21st/22nd Jan		28th/29th Jan	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	Chris	Jason	Chris	Ray
<i>Readers:</i>	Marge Salone Barbara Sherry	Tess Hughes Madeleine Pizzuti	Marie Carr Liam Carr	Pat Nolan Dawn Poole
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Elena Salgueira Sue Chant	May Coorey Joan Jones	Alison Simler Barbara Sherry	Madeleine Pizzuti Cathy 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.