

## St Christopher's & St Patrick's

## Catholic Parishes



#### **SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C**

20th February 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,

#### **Healing Mass**

#### **Exposition & Benediction**

8:30 am - 9am, 1st Friday of the month

#### Reconciliation

**Saturday:** 4.45 pm-5:15 pm

#### **Baptisms**

Weddings (by appointment)

#### **Parish Priest**

Fr Salas Muttathukattil MSFS

#### **Assistant Priest**

Fr Bhaskar Mendam MSFS



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#### Parish Office

f St Christopher's Catholic Church Pananiaf St Patrick's Catholic Church Revesby Heights

#### St Christopher's Primary School

De La Salle College

02 9773-7196



### **Gospel Reflection**

### **Learning the Language of Heaven**

Jesus challenges us to unlearn the language of the world and to learn a language which is counter-cultural, paradoxical, perplexing, such as: 'Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you' etc, etc. Are such attitudes and actions possible?

Our Lord is the best model. Jesus is the Word of God in human history. Jesus is the language of Heaven spoken in a human life. We have to read the Gospels and then imitate His dialect. Otherwise we might merely mutter to ourselves which would end up being eternally Hellish.

When we become aware of our language malpractice, i.e., sinning, and if we become really tongue-tied, i.e., seriously sinning, we can come to the Sacrament of Confession and emerge articulate and conversant with Christ again. We can talk with Our Lord again. We are singing the same tune.

Then at the moment of death we can gracefully pass over to our intended destiny which is not incommunicado, but communicado, holy communicado, holy conversation with God and with every creature.

We might pause for a moment and resolve to practise the language of Heaven and to 'walk the talk' every day.

Fr Michael Tate

Ps 12:6

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me. as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

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

1st Reading

1 Sm 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

A reading from the first book of Samuel

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

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

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13, R, v,8

The Lord is kind and merciful.

2nd Reading

1 Cor 15:45-49

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

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new commandment;
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 6:27-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

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

#### **Communion Antiphon**

Ps 9:2-3

I will recount all your wonders,
I will rejoice in you and be glad,
and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.



#### **Mission Day**

The Parish Renewal Team is hosting a 'Parishes for Mission' day at Revesby parish hall for parishes in the local area. The day includes time to consider the pastoral reality of each parish, the purpose of parishes, current priorities of the parish for living Christ's mission, and identifying steps to strengthen the mission of the parish according to the unique circumstances, gifts and challenges of each parish. Details are: Sat, 26 Feb 2022 Approximately 10 am – 4 pm. Revesby Parish Hall on Beaconsfield Street. If you are interested in attending, please contact the parish office 9774 3662.

The registration will be closed on Wed 23 Feb.

#### **Training Courses**

There will be some upcoming Liturgy training courses for Readers. Acolytes and Eucharistic Ministers. They will be held in March in our Parish. If you are interested in attending one of these courses please contact the Parish Office.

#### **Ministry needs**

We are in urgent need of extra readers and counters in our Parishes. If you are able to assist in any way, it would be a once a month commitment to the Mass Time you are available for. Please contact the Parish Office to add your name to the roster.

#### **Burning of Palms**

A box will be in the foyers of both Church to collet palms from last year to burn and create ashes for Ash Wednesday.

## St Christopher's Panania School welcome Back Mass and BBQ - Saturday, 26th February 5.30pm

Our Parish Priests, Fr Salas and Fr Bhaskar, our Principal Mr Loy, along with the School community, would like to invite all families to our Welcome Back Mass on Saturday at 5.30pm. This will be followed by a Welcome BBQ at Panania Diggers.



#### Funeral at St Patrick's

For the Late Mr James Patrick Innes Monday 21/2/2022 at 10am

#### St Patrick's Day event - Saturday 19th March

All parishioners are cordially invited to our annual St Patrick's Day party. It will be held Saturday 19th March 2020, following the 5.30 pm vigil Mass at the former Education Offices next to the Church. Hot & cold food and drinks will be provided along with music, games, prizes and entertainment. Everything comes free of charge.

So come along and have a great time. And remember be keen and wear GREEN.

#### **BAPTISM**



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Parishes welcome the families of those who being baptised this weekend:
Valentina Gregoriou ,Rory Tagle-Sison,

Jack Thomas, and Aurora D'Onofrio

Let us keep the children and their family in our prayers

#### **Archdiocesan Requirements for Volunteers:**

In order to make it easier for Volunteers to complete their Safeguarding Induction training, we have arranged to do a presentation here in the Parish for any volunteers who would prefer this. It will be for volunteers at St Patricks and St Christophers and will be held on **Saturday 5th March at 10:00am** in the meeting room at the back of St Christophers church. It will only take about an hour of your time to complete the training. Could you please email: safeguardingstcpanania@gmail.com to notify us if you will be attending.

It can also be done online and is very quick and simple. Volunteers have been emailed the link for the details. Or you can participate in a Zoom training session conducted by the Safeguarding Office of the Archdiocese.

Date	Time
Wednesday, 9 March 2022	3.00 pm - 4.00 pm
Monday, 21 March 2022	4.00pm – 5.00pm
Tuesday, 10 May 2022	9.00am – 10.00am
Monday, 30 May 2022	4.00pm – 5.00pm
Thursday, 9 June 2022	9.00am – 10.00am

Volunteers can simply register for the Zoom Induction Training by calling 9390 5811 or emailing below safeguardingtraining@sydneycatholic.org.

# RCIA TRAINING COURSES FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN BECOMING PART OF ST. CHRISTOPHER'S/ST. PATRICK'S RCIA TEAM

Getting Started with RCIA online sessions, which will be held on Wednesday evenings – 23 Feb, 9 and 16 March. These sessions will be purposed towards helping parishes build an RCIA team, or have new volunteers receive training for the first time. The goal of these three sessions will be to:

- 1) Provide initial training for those new to RCIA on the four periods and three liturgical rites.
- 2) Learn how to accompany your catechumens and candidates.

This year's sessions will prepare for this upcoming RCIA season (traditionally Easter or Pentecost onwards). For those interested, please RSVP via the following online form – https://forms.gle/pG4Ax8waS463bHDj7.

Zoom invite details will be sent two days before each session, with a reminder provided on the morning of the Wednesday session.

Simon Yeak MATS – Sacramental Life & RCIA Coordinator Email: simon.yeak@sydneycatholic.org

#### **RCIA Candidates and Catechumens Rite of Election**

We pray for our Candidate and Catechumens who will be attending the Rite of Election early next month. This will be celebrated at St. Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 2nd March 2022 from 2.00 – 4.00pm. Any family, friends or parishioners of our Candidates and Catechumens who would like to attend, please contact the Parish Office before Wednesday 24th February.

## St. Christopher's & St. Patrick's Parish Contacts Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9.00am-3.00pm Address: 237 Tower Street, Panania

Phone: (02) 9774 3662

Parish Secretary: Van Doan
Parish Manager: John Tesoriero
Sac. Co-ordinator: Anne Maree Morris
Pastoral Care: Norma Coorey

#### 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: Chris Russell

Secretary: Pat Nolan

Parish Finance Committee
Chairperson: John Tesoriero
Secretary: Pat Nolan

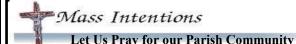
Parish Safeguarding Officer: Siobhan Van Den Nieuwenhuizen

#### Saint of the day

21st Feb St Peter Damian

22nd Feb The chair of St Peter, Apostle

23rd Feb St Polycarp



#### **Recently Deceased:**

Nancy Biviano, Paul O'Shea, Carol Ellison, James Innis, Kevin Byron, John George, Stanislaw Kramarzewski, Peter Tao Vu, Don Williams, Dallas Sterling, Fr Paulino Tui Kolio, Joyce Havard, Cheryl Smith, Connie Cachia, Joyce Sharah, John Elias, Bernie Kadry.

#### **Anniversaries:**

Baby Lucas Pullinger, Nell Dunstan, Michael, Dominick & Thelma McDermott, Allan Baragry, Bob & Oswald Mitchell, Len Khoury, Stephen Cummins, Bruce Lister, Mary Singleton, Angela Cardwell, Fr. Brian Byron, Warren Bruce, Richard Orton

#### **General Intention:**

Paula Bolan, George BuiDang, Jose Quintal, Simon Tan, Tess Peak, Frank Sherry, Jane Gibson, Fr Michael & Frank, Thomas Mullane, Anna Nhieu, Nora Tabares, Bree Keller, Sue Pascoe, Bev Pond, David Jones, Eddie Obeid, Karen Nix, Paul Burke, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Deceased members of Legion of Mary.

#### The Sick and Infirmed:

Moya Berkley-Campbell, Jane Zammit, Luke Brady, Owen McLoughlin, Tim Burke, Alma Tahan, Martin Hannagan, Sam Law, Therese Nasser, Denis Kovc, John Esther, Alacoque Welsh, Jo Grosvenor, Dawn Poole, Jim O'Neill, Giuseppe Iacono, Anne Coome, Sira Raveane, Bernadette Lawrance, Helen Dawson, Kerry & Russ, Stephen Sinclair, Chris Burke, Vincent Doan, Marie McLoughlin, Olive Gaynor, Mary Israel, Rudolf Rodriques, Suzanne Moig, Junior Zoran Stojanovski, Pat Tunnicliff, Pat Tindall, Val Edwards

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKEND ROSTERS 2022						
19th/20th Feb	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries	
Readers:	Gabrielle Innes Louse Anderson	Maureen Singleton Natalie Salameh	Lea De Angelis Andrew Mills	Anita & Josie Hanna	Communion to the Sick Terese Jones	
Communion Ministers:	David Raish Barbara Tesoriero	Terese Jones Gabi Bietresato	Margaret Yasbek Norma Verjoustinsky	Volunteer Nazira Hanna	Gabi Bietresato Norma Coorey	
Acolytes/	John Tesoriero	Andrew Mills	Ruben Nool	Ryan Romero	Counters: Stephanie Siaosi John Tesoriero	
Servers:				•	Other Ministries	
26th/27th Feb	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm		
Readers:	Louise Harvey Mary Young	George Elias Natalie Salameh	Gabriela Bietresato Sam Coorey	Michelle Ryan Volunteer	Communion to the Sick Ellen Russell Norma Coorey	
Communion Ministers:	Frank O'Brien Renee Taylor	Ellen Russell Norma Coorey	Louise Anderson Stephanie Siaosi	Anne Maree Morris Volunteer	Josephine Jones  Counters: Jeanette Carroll Maureen Singleton	
Acolytes/ Servers:	Volunteer	Geoff Giltinan	Lisa Kerry	Cheryl Beaver		

#### ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2022 19th/20th Feb 26th/27th Feb Sat Vigil: 5.30pm Sun: 9am Sat Vigil: 5.30pm Sun: 9am Acolytes/Servers: Chris Jason Chris Kevin Siobhan V D N Lynda Cameron Sean McKenna Cathy Moussa Readers: Wanieta Young Mary Cameron Garry Solway Roza Bulic Communion Ministers: Sue Chant May Coorey Alison Simler Madeleine Pizzuti Elena Salgueira Joan Jones Barbara Sherry Cathy Moussa Maree Carr, Phillip Carr Maureen Sherry, Brian Quinn Counters:



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.