



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes


FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A
26th February 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 Vijay Kumar Boilla MSFS

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St Christopher's Primary School

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Gospel Reflection
It is Written

'Jesus was offered three shortcuts for his ministry. Firstly, exceptional powers to satisfy his own needs (bread out of stones). Secondly, when he needed to take risks, angels to keep him safe. Thirdly, when he wanted to change the world, absolute political power.

These were the Temptations of Christ, but also for us. If you or I are tempted to sin, we will find the marks of this threefold pattern. We want the whole world to change to satisfy us, or we want to take stupid risks and come out unscathed, or we want to exercise total power over others.

How can we try to follow Jesus without the shortcuts of the fantasy world which the Devil may offer? Note that Jesus resisted each temptation with: 'It is written'. The forty days of Lent are a perfect opportunity to read what 'is written' in the Gospels about the episodes and pattern of the life of Jesus Christ.

We could pause for a moment to find what is written and to imitate what we find. That is how the Devil is defeated.

Fr Michael Tate
Quote of the Day


Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 90:15-16

***When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.***

1st Reading

Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 50:3-6. 12-14. 17

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

2nd Reading

Rom 5:12, 17-19

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

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not

deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

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Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 4:4

***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless
glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every
word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!***

Gospel

Mt 4:1-11

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew*

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

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

Communion Antiphon

Mt 4:4

***One does not live by bread alone, but by every word
that comes forth from the mouth of 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 Tom Jose MSFS

This week, we welcome Fr Tom who will be joining our Parish Communities for a couple of months. We look forward to getting to know Fr Tom. If you see Fr Tom in your travels, please say hello and introduce yourself. He is looking forward to getting to know the St. Christopher's and St Patrick's communities.

Welcome Back Mass

At the St Christopher's Parish Vigil Mass this Saturday, we will be welcoming back our St. Christopher's primary school families, both old and new, followed by dinner at Panania Diggers. All are welcome!

RCIA – RITE OF ELECTION

We congratulate **Jenn, Elizabeth, Lattana, Shevaughn and Denis** on their commitment to the program as they begin the final period of preparation and purification leading to their initiation into our Catholic Faith. Please join them this Sunday at the 9.30am Mass where they will be reassured of our blessing and prayers as they go forth to the Rite of Election to be celebrated this afternoon at St. Mary's Cathedral. Please join them for Morning Tea after Mass.



St. Patrick's: In church Meeting Room Wednesdays (starting from 1st March) at 9am and 7:30pm

St. Christopher's: In Church Meeting Room - Wednesdays (starting from 1st March) at 7pm



St Patrick's: Every Friday during Lent after 8am Mass.

St Christopher's: Every Friday during Lent at 7pm

St Patrick's day - 19th March

Parishioners of St. Christopher's and St. Patrick's are cordially invited to our annual St Patrick's Day party. Last year was good but this year will be better!! Come along on Saturday, 18th March 2023, following the St. Patrick's 5.30 pm Vigil Mass at St. Patrick's Conference Centre (300 The River Rd). There will be food and drinks along with music, games, prizes and entertainment. Come along to what is sure to be a good night and remember, be keen and wear **green**!!



RIP - Maureen McCullagh

It is sad to announce the passing of Maureen McCullagh, a long term parishioner of our parish. Maureen was an active member of our community and assisted in many activities that required help. Maureen passed away on 15th February 2023. She donated her body to science and a memorial service was held at Panania Diggers on 23rd February 2023. Our condolences are with her family.

Parish Pilgrimage - Footprints of Jesus



Just a reminder that Fr Salas will be leading a pilgrimage in the footsteps of Christ from 21st May - 3rd June 2023. There are only a few spots remaining on the pilgrimage

so if you're interested in being part of this experience, please contact Fr. Salas through the Parish Office. Registrations must close 15th March 2023!

Agape Youth

Agape Youth is our new youth ministry which launched last weekend after the St Christopher's 9:30am Mass in the Primary School Hall. It was great to meet those children who attended our first session. After feedback and further discussion, we have decided to open Agape Youth for anyone in Years 3-7. It will be an opportunity to gather, have some fun, explore the faith and to be inspired by Christ. If you have not registered your child but they would like to attend, it is not too late! If you would like to register your child online, please scan the code or use the link <https://forms.gle/8QtQnajEwNoQ3TbY7> If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Ben via the Parish Office 9774 3662.



Project Compassion

After losing her father when she was just 10-years-old, Laxmi was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty. But with the support of our partner Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club, became a leader in her school and is now a mentor to other children in her village.

You can donate through the Boxes and envelopes available at the church foyer or calling 1800 024 413 or visit caritas.org.au/project-compassion.



ENROLLING AT ST CHRISTOPHER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

St Christopher's is a co-educational Catholic Primary School and has a current enrolment of 620 students, with three streams and 21 class groups. Our school operates within an area of large cultural diversity, with the students enrolled reflecting an amalgam of 25 cultural backgrounds.

St Christopher's was opened in January 1955 by the Sisters of St Joseph and continues today to practice the values and traditions of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

If you would like more information or you would like your child to join our wonderful community, please contact the school office on 9771 5492.

Enrolment forms can be completed online and are available via the school website: <https://stcpanania.syd.catholic.edu.au/enrolment/enrol-now>

Sacramental Programme 2023

The pamphlets of the 2023 sacramental programme are available at the church's foyer.

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
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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

26th Feb: Rite of the sending of the candidate & catechumens for election @ 9.30am Mass
 St Christopher's
 19th Mar: St Patrick's Day



Mass Intentions

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

Recently Deceased:

Peter Ho, Hugh Ross, Noreen Dorn, Ellen Whittingstall & Tom Olds, John Murphy, Maureen McCullagh, Maria Garufo, Dragica Jovic.

Anniversaries:

Dominick McDermott & Anne Sutton, Len Khoury, Maria & Joseph, Lawrence Huynh, Dominic & Maria Phan, Baby Lucas Pullinger.

General Intention:

Jose Quintal, Athol Hughes, Melinda Woods, Anne Garben (Birthday) Clare & Cyril Gillfeather, Akash Anthony, Roger Brown, Rob Ellery, Gerald & Sybil Pereira, Brown, Pereira, Arango & Rosario families, Bui Family, Thelma McDermott, Souls in Purgatory, Maria Luong, Isaac Sandroussi, Chovaifaity & Sandroussi families, Dominic & Maria Doan, Paul & Tim Burke, Deceased members of the Legion of Mary.

The Sick and Infirm:

Michael Hains, Gemma O'Shea, Anthony Trad, Helena Kokoszka, Eriw Burwicle, Jenny Lau, Bronwyn Pearson, 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 Lawrence, Kerry & Russ, Stephen Sinclair, Vincent Doan, Mary Israel, Rudolf Rodriques, Suzanne Moig, Junior Zoran Stojanovski, Pat Tunncliffe, Pat Tindall, Sick members of the Legion of Mary.

ST CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKEND ROSTERS 2023

					Other Ministries
25th/26th Feb	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	
Readers:	STC Students	George Elias Ron Woods	Gabriela Bietresato Sam Coorey	Michelle Ryan Tanya Nguyen	Communion to the Sick Magdalene Vetter Van Doan Josephine Jones
Communion Ministers:	Frank O'Brien Renee Taylor	Magdalene Vetter Van Doan	Louise Anderson Stephanie Siasosi	Anne Maree Morris Volunteer	Counters: Jeanette Carroll Maureen Singleton
Acolytes/ Servers	John Tesoriero	Jon D'Astoli	Andrew Mills	Cheryl Beaver	Other Ministries
4th/5th Mar	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	
Readers:	Clare Lourey Chris Tran	Ron Woods Stephanie Siasosi	Sam Coorey Joe Nguyen	Julie Nugent Tanya Nguyen	Communion to the Sick Megan Perez Norma Coorey Margaret Yasbek
Communion Ministers:	Caroline Khouri Josephine Jones	Megan Perez Margaret Yasbek	Jacqueline Bull Terese Jones	Gabi Bietresato Volunteer	Counters: George Elias Dennis Lister
Acolytes/ Servers	Jonathan Tran	Jon D'Astoli	Richard Hurst	Denis Lister	

ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2023

	25th/26th Feb		4th/5th Mar	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
Acolytes/Servers:	Chris	Ray	Chris	Jason
Readers:	Marie Carr Liam Carr	Pat Nolan Dawn Poole	Siobhan Van Den Nieuwenhuizen Wanieta Young	Lynda Cameron Mary Cameron
Communion Ministers:	Alison Simler Barbara Sherry	Cathy Moussa Volunteer	Sue Chant Elena Salgueira	May Coorey Joan Jones
Counters:		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.