



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes


THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A
12th March 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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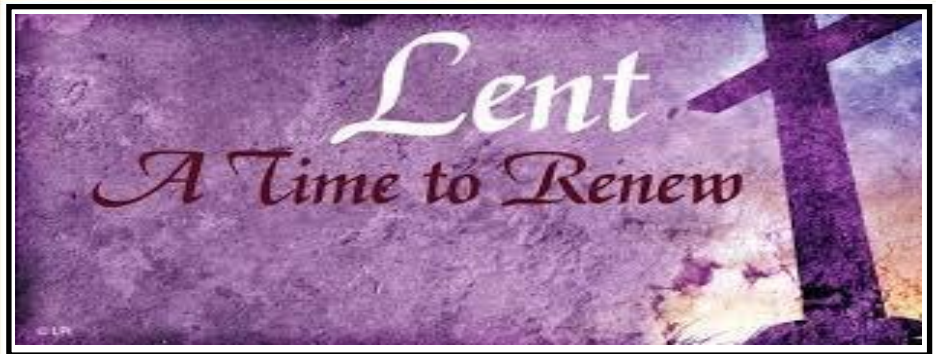
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Gospel Reflection

Our Sacred Site

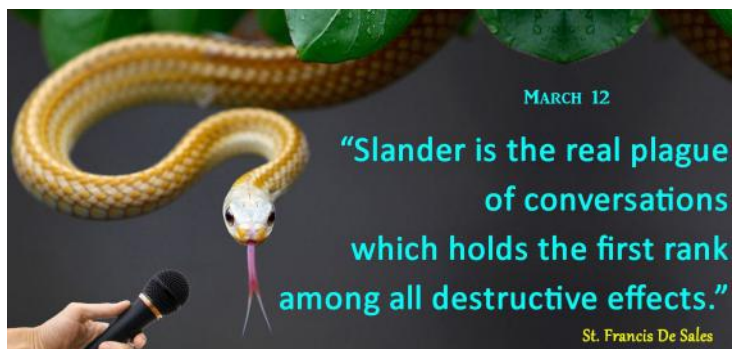
The Jewish people worshipped at the Temple in Jerusalem. The Samaritans to the north worshipped on Mount Gerizem. But Jesus says to the woman of Samaria: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem . . . true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth.'

We do this by acknowledging Jesus Christ as our sacred site. Jesus is where God is to be found. In his earthly ministry this was around places like the well in Samaria. As Risen Lord, he is to be found in those in dire need, and in the Heavenly Bread. In both cases we need to incline the body as an act of worship: in the case of the needy, by doing something practical; in the case of the Heavenly Bread, by genuflecting, bowing, before the Blessed Sacrament.

We could pause for a moment to reorientate ourselves to the Sacred Site who is the Risen Christ, acknowledging him as indeed the 'Saviour of the World'.

Fr Michael Tate

Quote of the Day



MARCH 12

**"Slander is the real plague
of conversations
which holds the first rank
among all destructive effects."**

St. Francis De Sales

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 24:15-16

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

***My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.***

1st Reading

Ex 17:3-7

A reading from the book of Exodus

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

***If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.***

2nd Reading

Rom 5:1-2. 5-8

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

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

Gospel Acclamation

See Jn 4:42. 15

***Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.***

Gospel

Jn 4:5-15. 19-26. 39-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again: but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again:

the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews.

But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants.

God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.' Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

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

Communion Antiphon

Jn 4:13-14

***For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,
the water I shall give will become in him
a spring welling up to eternal life.***

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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.

St Patrick's day - 18th 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**!!



The Legion of Mary - ACIES at St Christopher's Church

The Legion of Mary extends an invitation to all Legionaries, members, auxiliaries and past members to attend the ACIES on Sat. 18th March commencing with 9am Mass. Benediction followed by a renewal of the promise made to Our Holy Mother by members and Auxiliaries of the Legion.

For more info contact Josephine 0418405402 or Emily 0417223061

Mass Offerings and Communion To The Sick Update

If you would like to offer a Mass to a loved one, please complete an envelope with details clearly written to avoid any misread names and please leave your contact number, should we need any clarification. Please also include which Parish the intention is for. We are also wishing to update our communion to the sick list so if you would like to add a name to the list or remove a name, please contact the Parish Office 9774 3662.

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 PPC Meeting

Date: Tuesday 14th March at 7pm

Location: Parish centre

Sacramental Programme 2023

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



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

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 run fortnightly for Years 3-7. It is an opportunity to gather, have some fun, explore the faith and to be inspired by Christ. If you would like to register your child online, please scan the

code or via the following link: <https://forms.gle/8QtQnajEwNoQ3TbY7>



If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Ben via the Parish Office. Our next session is Sunday, 19th March at 10:30am in the St Christopher's Primary School Hall

Project Compassion

Zimbabwe is experiencing an intense drought, exacerbated by climate change. With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops and started poultry farming to support her family during the current food crisis.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations.

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.



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



Day of Unborn Child - Sunday 26/3/2023

The Feast of the Annunciation is internationally recognised as the Day of Unborn Child. It is a day of celebration and remembrance of the dignity of the unborn. The celebration is at St Mary's Cathedral as per details below:

10.30am Mass

12 noon Angelus, followed by a prayerful street procession led by Archbishop Fisher.

1.30pm Benediction



St. Christopher's & St. Patrick's Parish Contacts
Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9.00am-3.00pm
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Parish Secretary: Van Doan
Parish Manager: John Tesoriero
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St. Christopher's Church

Parish Pastoral Council

Chairperson: Anne Weeks
 Secretary: Dympha Paterson

Parish Finance Committee

Chairperson: John Tesoriero

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Jeanette Carroll

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COMING EVENTS

18th Mar: St Patrick's Day STP
 18th Mar: 9am Mass STC - The legion of Mary : ACIES
 19th Mar: Agape Youth in STC school Hall after 9.30am Mass



Mass Intentions

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

Recently Deceased:

Gwen Troy, Joan Kemp, Maxine Stellar, Peter Ho, Hugh Ross, Noreen Dorn, Ellen Whittingstall & Tom Olds, Maureen McCullagh, Maria Garufo.

Anniversaries:

Richard Gonsalves, Gwen & Bill Williams, John Moro, Margaret McLeish, Norma Brady, Dominick McDermott & Anne Sutton.

General Intention:

Souls in Purgatory, John Field, Ken Wilson, Jose Quintal, Athol Hughes, Akash Anthony, Dominic & Maria Doan, Paul & Tim Burke, Deceased members of the Legion of Mary.

The Sick and Infirm:

Robert Charadia, Moussa Debs, Pedro Priou, Michael Hains, Gemma O'Shea, Anthony Trad, Helena Kokoszka, Eriw Burwicle, 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 McLoughlin, Alma Tahan, Martin Hannagan, Sam Law, Therese Nasser, Denis Kovc, Jim O'Neill, Anne Coome, Stephen Sinclair, Vincent Doan, Mary Israel, Rudolf Rodriques, Pat Tunncliffe, Pat Tindall, Sick members of the Legion of Mary.

ST CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKEND ROSTERS 2023

11th/12th Mar	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
Readers:	Michael Mallia Sue Bracken	Steve Darcy Carolyn Ford	Mary Chan Pauline O'Shea	Volunteers Tanya Nguyen	<i>Communion to the Sick</i> Anne Maree Darcy Josephine Jones Ellen Russell
Communion Ministers:	Jeanette Carroll Barbara Tesoriero	Ann-Maree Darcy Ellen Russell	Norma Verjoustinsky Bernadette Saleme	Volunteer Stephanie Siaosi	Counters: John Tesoriero Joanne Carney
Acolytes/ Servers	John Tesoriero	Jon D'Astoli	Tony O'Shea	Cheryl Beaver	Other Ministries
18th/19th Mar	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
Readers:	Gabrielle Innes Louise Anderson	Volunteer Tanya Nguyen	Lea De Angelis Andrew Mills	Nazira Hanna Volunteer	<i>Communion to the Sick</i> Terese Jones Gabi Bietresato Norma Coorey
Communion Ministers:	Volunteer David Raish	Terese Jones Gabi Bietresato	Magdalene Vetter Margaret Yasbek	Volunteer Nazira Hanna	Counters: Philip Weeks John Tesoriero
Acolytes/ Servers	Jonathan Tran	Andrew Mills	Ruben Nool	Ryan Romero	

ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2023

	11th/12th Mar		18th/19th Mar	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
Acolytes/Servers:	Chris	Ray	Chris	Jason
Readers:	Monika Bradvica Steve Iacono	Cathy Moussa Roza Bulic	Marge Salone Barbara Sherry	Tess Hughes Volunteer
Communion Ministers:	Alison Simler Barbara Sherry	Cathy Moussa Volunteer	Elena Salgueira Volunteer	May Coorey Joan Jones
Counters:		Dorothy Gonsales Seamus McKenna		Maureen Sherry 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.