



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A 19th 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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Gospel Reflection

Spittle and Mud

Our Lord, by the power of his word alone, could have healed the dis-ease of this man, blind since birth. Yet, he made a paste with spittle and put it over the eyes of the blind man. Just as God would have moistened the dust of the earth to shape the first human being, for the blind man, it was as though he had been created anew.

God rarely works by telepathy but has a preferred way of working through the elements of creation, especially in the Sacraments. So, with the Anointing of the Sick, pressing olive oil onto the forehead and hands of the sick or dying symbolises the Holy Spirit entering the very pores of the sick person, relieving that person of undue anxiety and giving strength for the next stage of life.

This sacrament is a formal ritual of healing by the Church. But there are a million informal ways, such as putting one's arm around someone who is lonely or unwell, which are sacramental to the world.

We could pause for a moment that we might go into the world like the man healed by Jesus, eyes wide open to see where we might exercise the healing power of the Lord of the Gospel.

Fr Michael Tate

Quote of the Day



Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 66:10-11

**Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.**

Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

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

1st Reading

1 Sm 16:1. 6-7. 10-13

A reading from the first book of Samuel

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

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Thanks be to God.*



Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22 R. v.1

**The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

2nd Reading

Eph 5:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 8:12

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Gospel

Jn 9:1. 6-9. 13-17. 34-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

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

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 9:11,38

**The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed,
I saw and I believed in 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.

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**!!



St Patrick's PPC Meeting

Date: Tuesday 21st March at 7.30pm
Location: Church meeting room

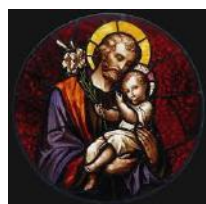


We would like to wish Thelma Moro, long time parishioner of St Christopher's, a very Happy 90th Birthday for Friday 24th March. We wish Thelma an abundance of happiness, joy and good health. May the next year bring her many blessings!

RIP- Marie Solway

The Parish community of St. Patrick's wishes to express our deepest condolences to the Solway family on the recent passing of long time parishioner, Marie Solway. Please continue to keep the family and her son, Garry who is active in our parish community in your prayers.

Marie's funeral will be held at 9:30am on Tuesday 21st March at St. Patrick's, Revesby Heights.



The Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday 20th March
Mass time
St Patrick's: 8am
St Christopher's : 7pm

St Christopher's School Year 1 family Mass

5pm Sunday 26th March. All welcome!

Sacramental Programme 2023

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



St. Patrick's: In church Meeting Room
Wednesday at 9am and 7:30pm

St. Christopher's: In Church Meeting Room - Wednesday 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 ASAP through the Parish Office 9774 3662 .

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 below 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. Due to Holy Week and unforeseen circumstances, our next and final session for Term 1 will be held on Sunday 26th March at 10:30am in the St. Christopher's Primary School Hall.



Thu lost his leg after stepping on a land mine in Vietnam. With the support of the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development, Thu can now earn extra income and care for his wife as she recovers from a stroke.

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: St Christopher's

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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St. Christopher's Church

Parish Pastoral Council

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Parish Safeguarding Officer: Jeanette Carroll

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 Secretary: Pat Nolan

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COMING EVENTS

18th Mar: St Patrick's Day STP
 26th Mar: Agape Youth in STC school Hall after 9.30am
 Mass
 St Christopher's school - Yr 1 Family Mass @
 5pm



Mass Intentions

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

Recently Deceased:

Marie Solway, Gwen Troy, Joan Kemp, Maxine Stellar.

Anniversaries:

Colin Mills, Deebe Assad, Jose Santos, Frank Sherry, Richard Gonsalves, Gwen & Bill Williams, John Moro, Margaret McLeish, Norma Brady,

General Intention:

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

The Sick and Infirm:

Georgina Kermode, 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, 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, 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

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	Communion to the Sick 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	Other Ministries
25th/26th Mar	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
Readers:	Louise Harvey Clare Lourey	George Elias Ron Woods	Gabriela Bietresato Sam Coorey	STC Students	Communion to the Sick Magdalene Vetter Van Doan Josephine Jones
Communion Ministers:	Frank O'Brien Renee Taylor	Magdalene Vetter Van Doan	Louise Anderson Stephanie Siaosi	Anne Maree Morris Volunteer	Counters: John Tesoriero Marie Lourey
Acolytes/ Servers	John Tesoriero	Jon D'Astoli	Lisa Kerry	Cheryl Beaver	

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	18th/19th Mar		25th/26th Mar	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
Acolytes/Servers:	Chris	Jason	Chris	Ray
Readers:	Marge Salone Barbara Sherry	Tess Hughes Garry Solway	Marie Carr Volunteer	Pat Nolan Dawn Poole
Communion Ministers:	Elena Salgueira Volunteer	May Coorey Joan Jones	Elena Salgueira Volunteer	May Coorey Joan Jones
Counters:		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.