



# St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes



**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD YEAR A**

**2nd April 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: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays

**Weddings** (by appointment)



## *The Evangelical and Pastoral Heart of St. Francis de Sales*

We often find one saint as a theologian, another as a mystic, another as an apologist, or another as a devotional author but St. Francis De Sales was all of these. Beyond these, St. Francis was a true evangelist and pastor of souls. From the beginning, he gave up nearly everything to be a priest. He had received a doctorate in law and theology from the University of Padua. His father, meanwhile, had secured a variety of prestigious positions for him. However, he became priest in 1593 and in 1594, at age 26, Francis and his cousin Louis embarked on a lengthy mission of conversion in the Calvinist district of the Chablais, France. Here's how he described the situation that he entered into: "When we entered, we saw sixty-five parishes, wherein the Churches, partly stripped, partly in ruins; nowhere the sign of the cross, nowhere altars; the ancient and true faith destroyed; everywhere false teachers. The Catholic religion crushed in every way." In another letter, he added that the people were forbidden, by law, from hearing him preach and the people he was trying to convert wouldn't listen to him, wouldn't give him anything to eat, or a place to sleep. St. Francis continued to love his people, even when they turned their backs on him. Francis started writing apologetics pamphlets comparing Catholicism and Calvinism, and posting them wherever he could, even silently sliding them under townspeople's doors because the people did not want to listen to him.

For the first two years, he met with little success. Even Louis, exhausted and out of money, turned back. It would have been easy for Francis to give up, but by the grace of God, he didn't. His persistence paid off. Over the span of a few years, fruit began to sprout up. Ultimately, the mission was a huge success, with nearly every one of the 72,000 souls living in the Chablais returning to Catholicism, the parishes organized, churches being restored and scarcely one hundred Calvinists remained." Glory to God for His wonderful works through St. Francis De Sales.

***St Francis De Sales, Pray For Us***

## 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month

### Reconciliation

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

### Baptisms

10:30am, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month

**Weddings** (by appointment)

### Parish Priest

Fr Salas Muttathukattil MSFS

### Assistant Priest

Fr Vijay Kumar Boilla MSFS

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**Mount St Joseph College**

(02) 8724 6200

## **Entrance Antiphon**

*Cf. Jn 12: 1, 12-13; Ps 23: 9-10*

**Six days before the Passover,  
when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem,  
the children ran to meet him;  
in their hands they carried palm branches  
and with a loud voice cried out:  
\* Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed are you,  
who have come in your abundant mercy!  
O gates, lift high your heads;  
grow higher, ancient doors.  
Let him enter, the king of glory!  
Who is this king of glory?  
He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.  
\* Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed are you,  
who have come in your abundant mercy!**

## **1st Reading**

*Is 50:4-7*

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

The Lord has given me  
a disciple's tongue.  
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied  
he provides me with speech.  
Each morning he wakes me to hear,  
to listen like a disciple.  
The Lord has opened my ear.  
For my part, I made no resistance,  
neither did I turn away.  
I offered my back to those who struck me,  
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;  
I did not cover my face  
against insult and spittle.  
The Lord comes to my help,  
so that I am untouched by the insults.  
So, too, I set my face like flint;  
I know I shall not be shamed.

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

## **Responsorial Psalm**

*Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2*

**My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

## **2nd Reading**

*Phil 2:6-11*

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

His state was divine,  
yet Christ Jesus did not cling  
to his equality with God  
but emptied himself  
to assume the condition of a slave,  
and became as men are,  
and being as all men are,  
he was humbler yet,  
even to accepting death,  
death on a cross.  
But God raised him high  
and gave him the name  
which is above all other names  
so that all beings  
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,  
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus  
and that every tongue should acclaim  
Jesus Christ as Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

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

## **Gospel Acclamation**

*Phil 2:8-9*

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
king of endless glory!  
Christ became obedient for us even to death  
dying on the cross.  
Therefore God raised him on high  
and gave him a name above all other names.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
king of endless glory!**

## **Gospel**

*Mt 26:14 – 27:66*

*A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Matthew*

**AS PER BOOKLET**



## **Communion Antiphon**

*Mt 26:42*

**Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my  
drinking it, your will be done.**

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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.**



## Holy Land collection - Friday 7th April

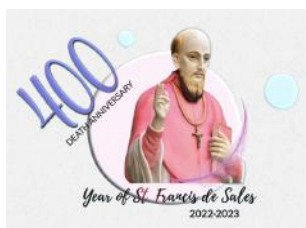
The collection offers all Catholics an opportunity to express their solidarity with Christians in the Holy Land. A donation to the Holy Father's annual appeal is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of those caught up in war, violence and instability in this region, and of course the recent pandemic.

## Welcoming of Candidate and Catechumens

During the Easter Vigil Mass, we will welcome 1 candidate and 4 catechumens who will be fully initiated into our Catholic Church after participating in the RCIA program over the last nine months. This is a very exciting and faith filled time in their journey. Because of this, the Vigil Mass will take a bit longer. Although it will be a longer Mass, we still warmly invite our community to come along and support our candidate and catechumens.

## Celebration of the year of St. Francis De Sales – 30 April 2023

On Sunday, 30th April at the St Christopher's 9:30 am Mass, Bishop Danny Meagher, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney, will be joining us to celebrate the Year of St Francis De Sales 2022-2023, commemorating the 400th Anniversary of the death of St. Francis de Sales. There will be a special celebration following the Mass in the St. Christopher's Primary School Hall. We would like to invite all parishioners to bring a cultural dish to share in the hall. If you are able to bring a dish to share, please contact the Parish Office 9774 3662.



## Holy Week Roster

Please refer to next page for Easter Vigil & Sunday Roster

ST CHRISTOPHER'S	HOLY THURSDAY 6 April - 7pm	GOOD FRIDAY 7 April
Acolytes	Alan Freeman Jonathan Tran	Alan Freeman John Tesoriero
Readers	Natalie Salemeah	Gabi Bietresato Tanya Nguyen
	Clare Courey Tanya Nguyen	Natalie Salameh Andrew Mills Sam Coorey
Choir	Andrew & John	Lilia's Group
Altar Server	Andrae Cruz	Volunteers
ST PATRICK'S		
Acolytes	Kevin Fardy Jason Sapura	Kevin Fardy
Communion Ministers	Monika Bradvica Steve Iacono	Elena Salgueira May Coorey
Readers	Roza Bulic Cathy Mousa	Roza Bulic Monika Bradvica
Altar Servers		Ante B David B

## 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 .



Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean

drinking water.

With your generosity, Caritas Australia has been able to help millions of vulnerable people around the world, through the Project Compassion appeal.

You can donate through the Boxes and envelopes available at the church foyer or calling 1800 024 413 or visit below link

[caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion).



## RIP - Peter James (Jim) O'Meara

We recently received the sad news that long time parishioner of St. Christopher's, Jim O'Meara, passed away on 26th March 2023. Jim was affectionately known as the Mayor of Panania, having been a foundational member of the St. Christopher's Parish community and given himself in service to the community for many years. The Parish community is sending prayers and condolences to Jim's family. The funeral will be held on Monday, 3rd April at 10am. If you would like to view the funeral online, please go to <https://northeastfunerals.com.au/live-stream>.

## EASTER CEREMONIES

### LENTEN COMMUNITY RECONCILIATIONS:

St Christopher's: Wednesday 5th April 2023 at 7pm

**HOLY THURSDAY MASS** - 6th April 2023

St. Christopher's: 7pm

St. Patrick's: 7pm

**NO THURSDAY MORNING MASS**

**GOOD FRIDAY** - 7th April 2023

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

St. Christopher's: 10am (Confessions to follow)

St. Patrick's: 10am (Confessions to follow)

**OUR LORD'S PASSION**

St. Christopher's: 3pm

St. Patrick's: 3pm

**NO SATURDAY MORNING MASS/BENEDICTION**

**EASTER VIGIL: SATURDAY**— 8th April 2023

St. Christopher's: 5.30pm

St. Patrick's: 5.30pm

**EASTER: SUNDAY** - 9th April 2023

St. Christopher's: 8am, 9.30am

**NO 5pm Mass**

St. Patrick's: 9am

**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: 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**



*Mass Intentions*

**Let Us Pray for our Parish Community**

**Recently Deceased:**

Jose K.M, Jim O'Meara, Marie Solway, Dolores Aleqro, Anthony Trad, Gwen Troy, Joan Kemp.

**Anniversaries:**

Dominic Han & Maria Hong, Georgy Pierre, John Poole, Colin Mills, Deebe Assad, Jose Santos, Frank Sherry, Richard Gonsalves, Gwen & Bill Williams, John Moro, Margaret McLeish, Norma Brady,

**General Intention:**

Ray Gurney, Keith Wheeler, John Field, Jose Quintal, Akash Anthony, Dominic & Maria Doan, Paul & Tim Burke, Deceased members of the Legion of Mary.

**The Sick and Infirm:**

Aria Zimmermann, Di Mason, Georgina Kermode, Robert Charadia, Moussa Debs, Pedro Priou, Michael Hains, Anthony Trad, Helena Kokoszka, Eriw Burwicle, Bronwyn Pearson, Margaret Azzi, Miriam Priou, Maria Koh, Giovanna Iacono, John Esther, Rosanne Sukkar, Bill & Dina Papadopoulos, 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 Tunncliff, Pat Tindall, Sick members of the Legion of Mary.



**ST CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKEND ROSTERS 2023**

1st/2nd Apr	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
<b>Readers:</b>	Clare Lourey Chris Tran	Ron Woods Stephanie Siaosi	Sam Coorey Joe Nguyen	Julie Nugent Tanya Nguyen	<b>Communion to the Sick</b> Megan Perez Norma Coorey Margaret Yasbek
<b>Communion Ministers:</b>	Caroline Khouri Josephine Jones	Megan Perez Jeff Giltinan	Jacqueline Bull Terese Jones	Gabi Bietresato Volunteer	<b>Counters:</b> Stephanie Siaosi John Tesoriero
<b>Acolytes/ Servers</b>	John Tesoriero Jonathan Tran	Denis Lister	Richard Hurst	Denis Lister	
8th/9th Apr	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	NO 5pm Mass	Other Ministries
<b>Readers:</b>	Tanya N, Clare L Gabi B	Tanya Nguyen Ron Woods	Pauline O'shea Sam Coorey		<b>Communion to the Sick</b> Megan Perez Norma Coorey Margaret Yasbek
<b>Communion Ministers:</b>	Jeanette Carroll Kim Barbagallo	Ellen Russell Gaby Bietresato	Jacqueline Bull Terese Jones		<b>Counters:</b> Jeanette Carroll Maureen Singleton
<b>Acolytes/ Servers</b>	John T, Jonathan T Allan F	Jon D'Astoli Volunteer	Tony O'Shea Volunteer		

**ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2023**

	1st/2nd Apr		8th/9th Apr	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
<b>Acolytes/Servers:</b>	Chris	Jason	Kevin F & Moses P	Kevin F & Jason S
<b>Readers:</b>	Siobhan Van Den Nieuwenhuizen Wanieta Young	Lynda Cameron Mary Cameron	Monika Bradvica Volunteer	Steven Iacono, Pat N Cathy Mousa
<b>Communion Ministers:</b>	Alison Simler Barbara Sherry	Cathy Moussa Volunteer	Elena Salgueira Barbara Sherry	Cathy Mousa May Coorey
<b>Counters:</b>		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](mailto: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.