



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes


SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A
16th 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: 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. Francis De Sales: Universal Holiness

In the midst of growing challenges Christians face today, a valuable source to turn to for wisdom and strength, is St. Francis de Sales. The history and his credibility do prove that. In the past, Pope Benedict XVI called de Sales "a great teacher" whose influence has been "immense"; and Pope Pius XI wrote an encyclical celebrating his life and work. Recently Pope Francis, this year being the 400th death anniversary of St. Francis, addressed him as the relevant saint of the day. Blessed Paul VI named him the "Jewel of Savoy," who helped lay the foundation for Vatican II's call to universal holiness.

The uniqueness of St. Francis' theology is his radical belief which was unusual for his time, that holiness is meant for everyone, not just for a privileged few. He took the teachings of Christ "Be therefore perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect" and that of St Paul "This is the will of God, your sanctification" as universal commands. In his mind, the baker, the teacher, and the officer who followed the beatitudes and lived out the cardinal virtues (prudence, justice, temperance and courage) could attain holiness, as much as the monk or cloistered nun. And he was not impressed by those who thought that they could attain a higher degree of sanctity by withdrawing from the dominant culture, inside a supposedly protected enclave: "There are evil spirits that go to-and-fro even in desert places quite as much as in cities," he wrote. Francis knew that original sin resided in every heart, and no one could escape it. The hard work of living a Christian life, he taught, comes from within, and not from living in an artificially created Christian town or community. St. Francis concludes that holiness is not meant only for the monks, priests, nuns in monasteries and convents but all can attain even in their busy living. In the Catholic Church, we have many lay faithful who lived a holy life and have been canonized as saints too.

St. Francis De Sales, Pray for us.

Fr Vijay Boilla MSFS

Entrance Antiphon

1 Pt 2:2

***Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure,
spiritual milk,
that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.***

described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

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

1st Reading

Acts 2:42-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24. R. v.1

***Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.***

2nd Reading

1 Pt 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 20:29

***Alleluia, alleluia!
You believe in me, Thomas,
because you have seen me;
happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!
Alleluia!***

Gospel

Jn 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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



Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 20:27

***Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.***

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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.

RCIA EASTER CELEBRATIONS

At the Easter Vigil we celebrated the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion given to **Denis White, Lattana Souly, Elizabeth Brunton-Holt and Shevaughn Whitty** for the first time. We also welcomed into full Communion to the Church **Jennifer D'Onofrio** who made her Confirmation and received Holy Communion for the first time. Lattana's son Levi also was baptized that night. A big thank you to Fr. Salas, the Choir and all who assisted in making this night such a moving Celebration of Faith.

It was an evening full of special blessings and to all who came to share this special night with our Parish Family, we are extremely grateful. Over the last nine months, many parishioners have prayed and walked with our newly baptized and we sincerely thank you as we continue our faith journey together.



Syrian Earthquake Appeal - Weekend 15th/16th Apr

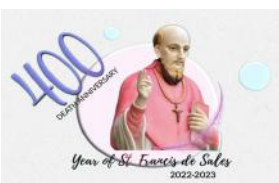
There will be a third collection at all Masses this weekend to support the Syrian Earthquake appeal with the aim of providing much needed support to the communities in Syria that have been affected by more than a decade of civil war and now, the recent earthquake.



Tuesday 25/4/23 - Masses
St Christopher's : 9.15am
(No 7pm Mass)
St Patrick's: 8am

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.



St Christopher's Garden Club

You are invited to join our Garden Club! We will be meeting on the first Saturday every month at 10am (after Morning Mass)

First meeting will be Saturday May 6th at 10am. Please call and leave your name and phone number with parish office or just turn up if you are interested.

Happy Birthday to John Gibson

John turned 103 on April 8th, and has been a parishioner of St Patrick's for many year. God bless you John



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

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Ben via the Parish Office.



Opening Hours of Church

Due to the recent installation of surveillance cameras within the church and surrounding grounds, we are now able to keep the Church open throughout the week during parish office hours. Parishioners and friends are welcome and encouraged to use this opportunity to stop into the church for some quiet prayer.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Children in Year 3 or above who have received the Sacrament of Baptism are invited to make their Reconciliation this year.

Once completing Reconciliation they are able to make their Communion in the following term.

Parent Preparation Evening: Wed 10th May at 7.00pm in St. Christopher's Church. All parents wishing to have their child make their Reconciliation must attend this evening. Important information regarding the programme will be provided at this meeting.

Enrolment: the online enrolment form will be available on Thur 11th may and will be closed Sun 14th May at both parishes website.

Commitment Weekend: Presentation of candidates for Reconciliation on the weekend of 20th/21st May - Sat. 5.30pm Mass or any Sunday Mass at both parishes. **This is a compulsory part of the Reconciliation Programme.**

Reconciliation Lessons: Lessons commence Tuesday 23rd or Wednesday 24th May @ 6.30pm for four consecutive weeks at 300 The River Rd, Revesby Heights (**Attendance at all lessons is compulsory**)

Celebration of the Sacrament:

St. Christopher's Church.

Wednesday 21st June - 5pm OR 6.30pm

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

Tuesday 25th April: Anzac day Masses
 St Christopher's: 9.15am - No 7pm Mass
 St Patrick's: 8am
 Sunday 30 April @ 9.30am : Celebration of the year of
 St. Francis De Sales
 at St Christopher's



Mass Intentions

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

Recently Deceased:

Melanie Dunn, Anthony Trad, Elias Chouaifaity, Jose K.M.

Anniversaries:

Gioan Tran, Danny Federici, Jane Zammit, Monalisa San Juan, Deidre Whitcroft, Dominic Han & Maria Hong, Georgy Pierre, John Poole, Deebe Assad, Jose Santos, Frank Sherry, Richard Gonsalves, Gwen & Bill Williams, John Moro, Margaret McLeish, Norma Brady.

General Intention:

Thomas Mullane, Camilla & William, Julia, John, Terrence Hoad, Betty & Beard, Gordan & Meg Jordon, Jenny Lenthalm, Jenny John Kirby, Mary Latham, Joanna Weston, Hanna & Mansour families, Joseph & Veronica Ritchie & Alf Pandoleon, Lina & Ottaviano Serafin, Steven Peli, Angela & Sean McLoughlin, Thomas McLoughlin, John Field, George & Andreana Sultana, Joseph & Frances Field, Roger Brown, Rob Ellery and Brown, Pereira, D'Souza, Aranjio, Rosario Families, Ray Gurney, Keith Wheeler, Akash Anthony, Dominic & Maria Doan, Paul & Tim Burke, Deceased members of the Legion of Mary.

The Sick and Infirm:

Lisa Field, Aria Zimmermann, Di Mason, Georgina Kermode, Robert Charadia, Moussa Debs, Pedro Priou, Michael Hains, 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 Tunnicliff, Pat Tindall, Sick members of the Legion of Mary.

ST CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKEND ROSTERS 2023

15th/16th Apr	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
Readers:	Gabrielle Innes Louise Anderson	Volunteer Tanya Nguyen	Lea De Angelis Sam Coorey	Nazira Hanna Volunteer	Communion to the Sick Norma Coorey Gabi Bietresato Van Doan
Communion Ministers:	David Raish Volunteer	Van Doan Gabi Bietresato	Margaret Yasbek Magdalene Vetter	Volunteer Nazira Hanna	Counters: George Elias Dennis Lister
Acolytes/ Servers	Jonathan Tran	Jon D'Astoli	Ruben Nool	Ryan Romero	
22nd/23rd Apr	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	Michelle Ryan Tanya Nguyen	Communion to the Sick Magdalene Vetter Terese Jones Josephine Jones
Communion Ministers:	Frank O'Brien Renee Taylor	Magdalene Vetter Terese Jones	Louise Anderson Stephanie Siaoosi	Volunteer Anne Maree Morris	Counters: John Tesoriero Joanne Carney
Acolytes/ Servers	John Tesoriero	Volunteer	Lisa Kerry	Cheryl Beaver	

ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2023

	15th/16th Apr		22nd/23rd Apr	
	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 Garry Solway
Communion Ministers:	Alison Simler Barbara Sherry	Cathy Moussa Volunteer	Elena Salgueira Volunteer	May Coorey Joan Jones
Counters:		Dorothy Gonsales Seamus Mc Kenna		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.