



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes


NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A
13th August 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 Patrick's Catholic Church Revesby Heights

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(02) 9773 7755

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Gospel Reflection

Keep Rowing!

The disciples had started off from the Jewish side of the Sea of Galilee, familiar territory. Jesus guided them through the stormy situation to 'the other side', the pagan side, unfamiliar territory where they would not have felt at home.

Buffeted by storms, the Church is in the midst of a journey from familiar to unfamiliar territory.

Some of the storms include a new attitude to authority, to gender roles. There is anger and suspicion at sexual abuse and its cover up. Many of our contemporaries are openly hostile or contentedly indifferent.

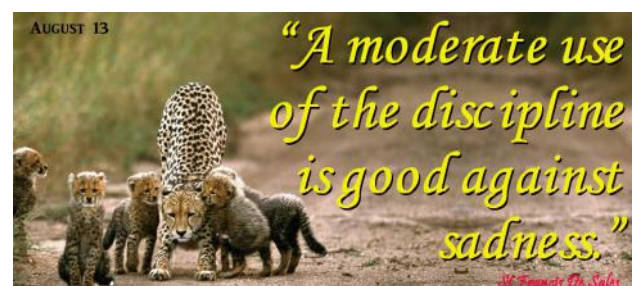
In all these situations and many more, Our Lord will not allow us the indulgence of nostalgic yearning for the safety of the past country inhabited by the Church. We are not to throw Tradition with a capital 'T' overboard. To jettison the spirit-led experience of the Church over two millennia will not help us. Discerning tradition from nostalgia, we must make our way to the other shore.

We could pause for a moment, resolving to row with courage because we know we are in the same boat as Peter whom our Risen Lord assures:

'Do not be afraid.'

Fr Michael Tate

Quote of the Day



Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 73:20,19,22,23 ever blessed! Amen.

***Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.***

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

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 129:5

***Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.
Alleluia!***

1st Reading

1 Kings 19:9,11-13

A reading from the first book of the Kings

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

***Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.***

2nd Reading

Romans 9:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for

Gospel

Mt 14:22-33

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew*

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

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



Communion Antiphon

Psalm 147:12,14

***The bread that I will give, says the Lord,
is my flesh for the life of the world.***

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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.

Morning Tea @ St Patrick's Church

St Patrick's Parish would like to celebrate our Dempsey Medal recipients, both past and present. Join us for a cuppa and a chat after 9am mass this Sunday. Everyone is welcome!



Feast of The Assumption - Tuesday 15th August



Mass will be celebrated at St Patrick's at 8am & St Christopher's at 9:15am (with School) & 7pm. As the Feast of the Assumption is a Holy Day of Obligation, we as Catholics, are expected to attend Mass at some stage during the day so we encourage you to attend Mass if you're capable of doing so.

Position Vacant – Ministry/Liturgy Coordinator St Christopher's Panania & St Patrick's Revesby Heights.

The parish Ministry/ Liturgy Coordinator supports Fr Salas, the parish priest, in meeting the pastoral care needs of the parish. If you are a people person and enjoy networking and meeting new people and would like to be involved in the pastoral life of the parish then please contact the parish office for a copy of the position description.

This position is part time for 8 hours per week and the salary is negotiable. This position will involve working on weekends.

Email: stcpanania@hotmail.com , Phone: 9774 3662

Pilgrimage to Marry Mackillop Place North Sydney

St Christopher's Catholic school are organising a Pilgrimage on Tuesday 22nd August.

Time: Meet at St Christopher's school 8.45am –Train to North Sydney. Tour of Museum, Church and Grounds of May Mackillop Place.



Lunch - TBC North Sydney

We will be back at school in time for school pick up.

Cost - Approx \$15 plus Train fare & lunch

To reserve a spot please use the link below

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1FAIpQLSfX1o6XIMM3vnIOAK25ay2omiK4uo-QhLT_EOKYpcbBPqsTogg/viewform or email

Marianne.bishara@syd.catholic.edu.au

Parents, Grandparents, Friends & Carers please join us on the Pilgrimage.

Cursillo Movement - Wollongong Diocese

Cursillo is a movement from the Church that focuses on helping each person to discover themselves, their relationship with Christ and with others.

There will be the Cursillo 3-Day weekend on 5/10/23 - 8/10/23 at Carmel House, 345 St Andrews Road, Varroville 2566. For more info please collect the pamphlet in the foyer.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



All lessons will be at 300 The River Rd, Revesby Heights

Time: 6.30pm—7.30pm

Lesson1: Tuesday & Wednesday 15th & 16th August

Lesson2: Tuesday & Wednesday 22nd & 23rd August

Lesson3: Tuesday & Wednesday 29th & 30th August

Lesson4: Tuesday & Wednesday 5th & 6th September

St Patrick's - Volunteers needed

You may have been wondering about giving back to your Parish community. There are a variety of roles within our Parish such as



reading, cleaning, altar serving, serving in the pious good stall, visiting the sick or lonely, counting, preparing flowers, etc. If you would like to help, come and talk to Father, a member of the Parish Pastoral Council or see Van in the office about how you can use your skills within the parish. All training is provided.

Care And Concern

Would you or someone you know benefit from a social visit? If you like a social visit or a phone call from a fellow parishioner or if you need anything at all, please complete a Care and Concern form, located in the Church foyer and place it in the clear box provided. Please make sure that Mass intention envelopes are not placed in this box as they can get mixed up. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office 9774 3662.



PLANNED GIVING

The Planned Giving contributions have significantly reduced in the last 5 years. Contributions towards the Parish Planned Giving assists in formulating a budget each year to the upkeep and maintenance of the Parish. To contribute, please complete forms located in the foyer or contact parish office 9774 3662.



CWF August Parish Appeal—Thank You

On behalf of this parish, we sincerely thank you for supporting the Charitable works Fund (CWF) August Appeal Through your generous gift, we are able to continue in our mission to provide care for the most vulnerable in our community through our CWF agencies and ministries, and to promote the good works of our faith in our seminaries, school and universities. For more information, please visit: www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf.

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:
St. Christopher's Church
Parish Pastoral Council
 Chairperson: Anne Weeks
 Secretary:
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 15th Aug: The Assumption of the Blessed Mary
 St Christopher's : 9.15am & 7pm Mass
 St Patrick's: 8am Mass



Mass Intentions

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

Recently Deceased:

Mary Bowers, Bale Faga, Geoff Connolley, Neil Mason, Nenita Tobias-Nool, Marie O'Brien,

Anniversaries:

John Azzopardi, Julia Hoad, Ofelia Bartolo, Maria Pham & Dominic Tran, All Souls, Henry Byers, Ben Penrose, Colleen Woods,, Julia Hoad, Peter Man, Amado San Juan, Thelma McDermott & Sandra Young, .Maureen Kelly

General Intention:

Nick Boris, Giovanna Iacono, George Buidang, Lawrence, Will Wilcox, Jenny Lentholt, Jim & Helen Traey, John, Terren, Jean & Vincent Hoad, Emily Burn, Mary Ellen & Aileen Gillfeather, Georgy Pierre, Jimmy Taoro, Nazha & Joseph Nassif, Boulos Zoghbi, Eddie Obeid & Souls in Purgatory, Cathy Williams, Hanna & Mansour families, Susan, Sneha & Mario, Hai Truoc, Louis, Dominic Doan, Paul & Tim Burke, Deceased members of the Legion of Mary.

The Sick and Infirm:

Nenita Nool, Kevin Barnes, Margaret Sullivan & Jenny Breen, Sarah & Asher McLoughlin, Sebastian & Pedro Priou, Pedro Roza, George Ormerod, Sryani Genge, Betty McDermott, Pat Coates, Ivette Charadia, Ursula O'Shea, Peter Yasbek, Glen San Juan, Manfred Adam, Anne Hanna, Lisa Field, Aria Zimmermann, Di Mason, Robert Charadia, Moussa Debs, Michael Hains, Helena Kokoszka, Eriw Burwicle, Bronwyn Pearson, Margaret Azzi, Miriam Priou, Maria Koh, Giovanna Iacono, John Esther, Rosanne Sukkar, Bill Papadopoulos, McLoughlin & Gillfeathers families, Geordan Smith, Margaret O'Donnell, Kathleen Mulligan, Marie McLoughlin, Alma Tahan, Martin Hannagan, Jim O'Neill, Anne Coome, Mary Israel, Stephen Sinclair, Pat Tindall, Sick members of the Legion of Mary.

ST CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKEND ROSTERS 2023

12th/13th Aug	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	STC school students	Communion to the Sick Norma Coorey Gabi Bietresato Ellen Russell
Communion Ministers:	Jeanette Carroll Barbara Tesoriero	Norma Coorey Ellen Russell	Norma Verjoustinsky VOLUNTEER	Volunteer Stephanie Siasosi	Counters: Jeanette Carroll Maureen Singleton
Acolytes/ Servers	John Tesoriero	Aldrae Cruz	Tony O'Shea	Cheryl Beaver	Other Ministries
Altar Servers	Sybella & Milla Carney Charlie F, Rose C	Volunteers	Natalie Bulic Mary Ibrahim	Campbell Meilak Nathanial Falas	Communion to the Sick Margaret Yasbek Gabi Bietresato Van Doan
19th/20th Aug	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Counters:
Readers:	Gabrielle Innes Louise Anderson	Volunteer Ron Woods	Lea De Angelis Andrew Mills	Nazira Hanna Tanya Nguyen	George Elias Dennis Lister
Communion Ministers:	Volunteer David Raish	Margaret Yasbek Gabi Bietresato	Magdalene Vetter VOLUNTEER	Volunteer Nazira Hanna	
Acolytes/ Servers	Johnathan Tran	Andrew Mills	Ruben Nool	Ryan Romero	
Altar Servers	Sybella & Milla C Edward B, Jeff P, Alicia	Volunteers	Chloe J, Mary I, Spencer & Grace F	Hannah H, Illijana L, Mackenzie H	

ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2023

	12th/13th Aug		19th/20th Aug	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
Acolytes/Servers:	Chris	Moses	Kevin	Ray
Readers:	Marge Salone Barbara Sherry	Tess Hughes Garry Solway	Marie Carr Roza Bulic	Pat Nolan Dawn Poole
Communion Ministers:	Elena Salgueira Barbara Sherry	May Coorey Joan Jones	Elena Salgueira Alison	May Coorey Cathy Moussa
Counters:		Sue-Ann Burton, Peter Volk		Elena Salgueira Charlie Howard



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.