



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


**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**
**22th October 2023**
**St Christopher's Catholic Church**

233 Tower Street Panania NSW 2213

[www.stchristopherpanania.org.au](http://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)

**St. Patrick's Catholic Church**

294 The River Road Revesby Heights NSW 2212

[www.stpatrickrevesbyheights.org.au](http://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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St Patrick's Catholic Church Revesby Heights

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## Gospel Reflection

### *Whose Image and Likeness?*

Jesus first cleverly throws his questioners on the defensive. They are the ones carrying the coinage, not him. Then he poses the crucial question, 'Whose image is it and whose inscription?' They said to him, 'Caesar's'. Then he said to them: 'Render to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's.'

The coin bore the image and inscription of Caesar. Genesis teaches us that human beings are made in the image and likeness of God. Our Lord is saying, 'Let the political and financial authorities have their coinage. It is their legal tender. But they cannot have human beings. Human beings belong to Another. They belong to God.'

We are fortunate to live in a wonderful democracy. But even a democracy can violate the dignity of a human being created in the image and likeness of God. As Pope John Paul II said: 'Authentic democracy is possible only in a state ruled by law, and on the basis of a correct conception of the human person.' (Italics added)

We could pause for a moment to thank God for the inscription, 'Child of God', effectively engraved on our hearts by baptism.

Fr Michael Tate

## Quote of the Day

*"God does not intend each person to follow all the counsels, but only those that are suitable."*

St. Francis De Sales

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## Entrance Antiphon

*Cf Ps 16:6,8*

**To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;  
turn your ear to me; hear my words.  
Guard me as the apple of your eye;  
in the shadow of your wings protect me.**

## 1st Reading

*Isaiah 45:1.4-6*

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,  
whom he has taken by his right hand  
to subdue nations before him  
and strip the loins of kings,  
to force gateways before him  
that their gates be closed no more:  
It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,  
of Israel my chosen one,  
that I have called you by your name,  
conferring a title though you do not know me.  
I am the Lord, unrivalled;  
there is no other God besides me.  
Though you do not know me, I arm you  
that men may know from the rising to  
the setting of the sun  
that, apart from me, all is nothing.



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

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10.*

**Give the Lord glory and honour.**

## 2nd Reading

*1 Thessalonians 1:1-5*

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the  
Thessalonians*

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in  
Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord  
Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the  
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God  
for you all, and constantly remember before God our  
Father how you have shown your faith in action,  
worked for love and persevered through hope, in our  
Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you  
have been chosen, because when we brought the Good  
News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as  
power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

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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.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*Philippians 2:15. 16*

**Alleluia, alleluia!  
Shine on the world like bright stars;  
you are offering it the word of life.  
Alleluia!**

## Gospel

*Mt 22:15-21*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Matthew*

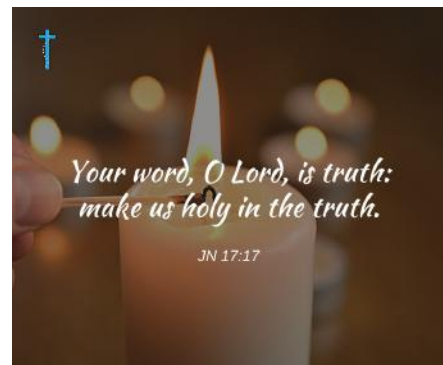
The Pharisees went away to work out between them  
how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their  
disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say,  
'Master, we know that you are an honest man and  
teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you  
are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means  
nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it  
permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus  
was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites!  
Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money  
you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and  
he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's'  
they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back  
to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what  
belongs to God.'

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

## Communion Antiphon

*Cf Psalm 32:18-19*

**Behold, the eyes of the Lord  
are on those who fear him,  
who hope in his merciful love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine.**





### Morning Tea - St Christopher's

This Sunday 22nd October we will be having morning tea after 9.30am Mass to honour June Colin-Thome on receiving the Dempsey Medal.

**Family Mass** - On Sunday 29th October, there will be a Family Mass for all families of students in Year 6 at the 5pm Parish Mass at St Christopher's. All are welcome!

### Garden Club - St Christopher's

If you are a keen gardener and wish to assist looking after the gardens of our parish, Please come on Saturday 28th October at 10am do some gardening and discuss going forward in having a garden club.

### Remembrance Mass

With the support of the Grief Care team from Catholic Cemeteries and Crematoria, there will be a Remembrance Mass on Thursday, 2nd November at 7pm in St. Christopher's Church to remember all our parishioners, friends and loved ones who have gone before us from St. Christopher's and St. Patrick's. If you would like your family represented, please send in photos (with names) of your deceased loved ones to [stcpanania@hotmail.com](mailto:stcpanania@hotmail.com) or drop them in to the Parish Office so that they can be included in the remembrance power point presentation at the Mass. A



**All saints day Mass:** Wednesday 1st Nov  
St Christopher's: 9.15am & 7pm  
St Patrick's: 8am



**All souls day Mass** - Thursday 2nd Nov  
St Christopher's: 9.15am & 7pm  
St Patrick's: 8am



### November Mass Envelopes

Envelopes are available in the foyer, to be placed in the Sacred place at the front of the Altar for both St Christopher's & St Patrick's churches.

### Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal

An estimated 1 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs.

With your support, we will be able to help our partners on the ground to assist people displaced and affected by the current conflict.

Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal. You can donate online [www.caritas.org.au/gaza](http://www.caritas.org.au/gaza) or phone 1800 024 413

### RIP - Antoinette Zattera & Cecelia Donohue

Sad to announce the passing of Antoinette Zattera and Cecelia Donohue who were our parishioners.

Our prayers and condolences are with the families.

**Antoinette Zattera:** Funeral will be held at St Christopher's on Monday 30th October at 10am

**Cecelia Donohue:** Funeral will be held at Holy Family Church Menai on Tuesday 24th October at 10am



### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

For children in Year 6 or above who have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and Eucharist.

**Lessons: 1 - 3** : commence Tuesday 24/10/23 or Wednesday 25/10/23 at 7pm in St Patrick's Conference Centre, 300 The River Rd, Revesby Heights for three consecutive weeks (**Attendance at all lessons is compulsory**)

### Lesson 4 and Retreat Day:

Friday 17th November begin with Mass at 9.15am and concluding at 3pm in St Christopher's Church & School ground.

### SCAM WARNING

Dear Parishioners,  
There have been reports of SMS message scams targeting individuals and parishes in the Archdiocese. These scams impersonate the members of our parish, including myself, asking for urgent help and often requesting gift card purchases for those in need. Rest assured that neither I nor any member of our parish staff would ever ask for such assistance through SMS or any other unsolicited means. If you receive suspicious messages, contact us directly via phone or in person.  
Fr Salas Muttathukattil MSFS - Parish Priest

### Fr Salas is on leave

Fr Salas will be away from 16/10 - 10/11/2023 to visit his family in India. We wish him a safe journey and a peaceful time with his family.



St Patrick's Parish Revesby Heights  
cordially invites you to attend the Mass  
and Celebration on the occasion of the

**50<sup>TH</sup>** ANNIVERSARY  
OF ST. PATRICK'S  
PARISH  
SUNDAY  
26 NOVEMBER 2023  
9.00AM

CELEBRANT:  
MOST REVEREND RICHARD UMBERS  
AUXILIARY BISHOP OF SYDNEY

Please join us for Morning Tea in the College Hall, Ferndale Road  
following the Mass at St Patrick's Church,  
294 The River Road, Revesby Heights.



**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  
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**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**

**Wednesday 1st Nov** - All saints day Mass  
 St Christopher's: 9.15am & 7pm & St Patrick's: 8am  
**Thursday 2nd Nov** - All souls day Mass  
 St Christopher's: 9.15am & 7pm & St Patrick's: 8am



*Mass Intentions*

**Let Us Pray for our Parish Community**

**Recently Deceased:**

Cecelia Donohue, Michael Marsden, Angelo Ninni, Eddie Gallagher, Antoinette Zattera, Shirley Scott, June Ryan, Brian Campbell, Mary Anne Borg, Damian Brunton, Janet Bahn.

**Anniversaries:**

Sydney Israel & Barb Baldwin, John O'Connor, Pam Quinn, Roger Brown, Tony Jabbour, John Sullivan, Antonio Gaveran, Rita & Jose Andan, Fred Anderson, Lawrence Tan, Doumit & Nayfe Tahhan, Egidio Carretta.

**General Intention:**

Malyn, Noelene Byron, Shirley Melanie, Jose Quintal, Bob & Cath Davis, Deceased members of the Carr & Davis families, Rob Ellery, Deceased members of Brown, Pereira, D'Souza, Aranjó & Rosario families, Ray Jones, Dulcie & Jack Southwell, Esther & Vijay Charles, Jose Quintal, Sue & Anthony, John Field & George Sultana, Dominic Doan, Paul & Tim Burke, The poor Souls in Purgatory, Deceased members of the Legion of Mary.

**The Sick and Infirm:**

Jack Mullane, Leonie Mullane, Baby Lexi, Gerry & David Shepherd, Owen & Marie McLoughlin, Micky Long, Igor Mileusnic, Joan Jones, Nenita Nool, Margaret Sullivan & Jenny Breen, Sarah & Asher McLoughlin, Sebastian & Pedro Priou, Pedro Rozo, 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, John Esther, Rosanne Sukkar, Bill Papadopoulos, McLoughlin, Gillfeathers families, Geordan Smith, Margaret O'Donnell, Kathleen Mulligan, 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**

21st/22nd Oct	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
<i>Readers:</i>	Louise Harvey Clare Lourey	George Elias Ron Woods	Gabriela Bietresato Sam Coorey	Michelle Ryan Tanya Nguyen	<i>Communion to the Sick</i> Magdalene Vetter Van Doan Josephine Jones
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Frank O'Brien Renee Taylor	Magdalene Vetter Van Doan	Louise Anderson Kim Barbagallo	Volunteer Anne Maree Morris	<i>Counters:</i> John Tesoriero Marie Lourey
<i>Acolytes/ Servers</i>	John Tesoriero	Jon D'Astoli	Lisa Kerry	Cheryl Beaver	<b>Other Ministries</b>
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Sybella & Milla Carney Edward B, Veronica L, Abi W	Volunteers	Lachlan B, Charlie D, Spencer & Grace F, Gabriel Z	Hannah Henry Illijana Lembyrk Mackenzie Hooton	<i>Communion to the Sick</i> Magdalene Vetter Ellen Russell Van Doan
28th/29th Oct	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	<i>Counters:</i> Stephanie Siaso John Tesoriero
<i>Readers:</i>	Alan Tuohy Michael Mallia	Joe Nguyen George Elias	Michael Dumlao Gabriela Bietresato	Tanya Nguyen Volunteer	
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Barbara Tesoriero Jeanette Carroll	Magdalene Vetter Ellen Russell	Norma Coorey Valasi Zimmerman	Volunteer Stephanie Siaso	
<i>Acolytes/ Servers</i>	John Tesoriero	Jon D'Astoli	Ruben Nool	Ryan Romero	
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Sybella & Milla C Charlotte K, Gabrielle P, Mary I	Volunteers	Alyssa Smith Gabriel Zdunek	Duran Martin Chloe Jabbour	

**ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2023**

	21st/22nd Oct		28th/29th Oct	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	Chris	Moses	Kevin	Jason
<i>Readers:</i>	Siobhan Van Den Nieuwenhuizen Wanieta Young	Lynda Cameron Mary Cameron	Monika Bradvica Steve Iacono	Cathy Moussa Ann Papalli
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Elena Salgueira Monika Bradvica	May Coorey Volunteer	Elena Salgueira Steve Iacono	May Coorey Cathy Moussa
<i>Counters:</i>		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](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.