



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

18th February 2024

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

The Rainbow

The Rainbow is God's signature to a treaty with humankind. On God's part, material forces will never be sent to annihilate human beings as a punishment for wrongdoing. On our part, as humans made in the likeness of God, we are to image God's rainbow relationship to nature.

This is the Divine Treaty basis of our responsibility for the environment. We undertake not to engage in practices or support policies which could severely damage the fragile ecology which supports life on our planet. The deforestation of the slopes of the Himalayas, leading to floods which kill thousands, is a catastrophic example.

And, gazing at the rainbow, we can pray for our planet, for the human beings and all other creatures who inhabit it, and quite often for ourselves at a deep personal level. For we know that, just as after a storm and dark clouds, light penetrates the misty sky and the beautiful bow of colour appears, the same phenomenon can occur in our own lives.

We could take a moment to pray that the rainbow will appear, perhaps for ourselves, perhaps for others we know who are going through a stormy time.

Fr Michael Tate

Quote of the Day



APRIL 18

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Ps 90:15-16

***When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.***

First Reading

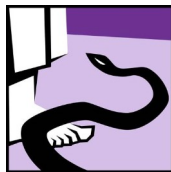
Genesis 9:8-15

A reading from the book of Genesis

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

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



Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R. see v.10

***Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth
to those who keep your covenant.***

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:18-22

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when

God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:4

***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from
the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!***

Gospel

Mark 1:12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

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

Communion Antiphon

Matthew 4:4

***One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the
mouth of 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.

Welcome to all our new Parishioners

With the New Year, we also have some new faces coming to Mass.

Welcome to any new Parishioners at St Christopher's and St Patrick's Churches. We hope you feel welcome and we look forward to getting to know you. It would be great if you could complete a Parish Census Form, which can be found in the Church foyer. Also, if you are interested in joining a ministry, please reach out to the Priest or Parish Office 9774 3662.

Project Compassion

Project Compassion boxes & envelopes are available in the parish foyer.



Stations of The Cross



St Patrick's: Every Friday during Lent after 8am Mass

St Christopher's: Every Friday during Lent at 7pm

Lenten Program



St Patrick's

Morning program: Starts Ash Wednesday 14th Feb after 8am Mass in the church meeting room.

Please see Marge Salone for more details or contact the Parish Office.

Evening Program: Starts Wed 21st Feb at 7pm at The Sherry family home. Please see Maureen Sherry for more details or contact the Parish Office.

St Christopher's



Statue of Our Lady: St Christopher's & St Patrick'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, please call parish office 9774 3662

Welcome Mass & Morning Tea for Archbishop Eugene Nugent - Sunday 18th February

This Sunday St Christopher's church is having a special visitor, Archbishop Eugene Nugent (relation of parishioners Julie and Pat Nugent) on this day. He is currently the Apostolic Nuncio to Bahrain, Kuwait and Qatar and we are honoured to have him preside at our 9.30 am Mass. The Mass will be followed by morning tea in the foyer. Please join us to welcome the Archbishop with a cup of tea and some tasty treats.

Ministry training

The Liturgy office offers training courses for Readers, Eucharist Ministers and Acolytes. If you are interested in joining any of these ministries, please contact Parish Office 9774 3662.

The program details are on the notice board in the foyer.

St Christopher's School Welcome back Mass & BBQ

At the St Christopher's church on Sunday 3rd March @ 9.30am Mass, we will be welcoming back our St. Christopher's school students & families, both old and new, followed by a BBQ in the School ground. All are welcome!

St Christopher's Panania Playgroup Monday Mornings



St Christopher's
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL PANANIA

Playgroup is open to all families of St Christopher's school and Parish community and provides a great opportunity for playtime, craft and storytelling. Starting Monday 26th February

When - Monday Mornings 9.15am-10.45am

Where - St Christopher's Panania School Hall (enter Hall via Eddie Avenue)

Cost - Gold coin donation - to cover sandwiches and equipment. Contact - Any questions, please contact marianne.bishara@syd.catholic.edu.au



RIP Dorothy Porter

Our prayers and condolences are with June Orton, St Patrick's parishioner, on the passing of her mother, Dorothy Porter. The Funeral was held on Friday 16th February.



St. Christopher's & St. Patrick's Parish Contacts
Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9.00am-3.00pm
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Parish Secretary: Van Doan
Parish Manager: John Tesoriero
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St. Christopher's Church
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 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



Mass Intentions

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

Recently Deceased:

Dorothy Porter, Norm Ronan, Kathleen Mulligan, Claude Hennessy, Thomas Do.

Anniversaries:

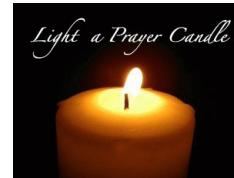
Frank Sherry, Baby Lucas, Dominic Lien Tran, Kevin Byron, Bruce Lister, Cecilia Gaveran, Michael & Mary Singleton, Lillian Harris, Angela Cardwell, Mickalina Azzopardi & Yvonne Fitzpatrick, Paulose Puthuparambil, Peter Vu, Stephen Cummins.

General Intention:

Marianna & Josef Buda, Marouf Khoury, Najib & Jhon Abouaad, Giuseppe Lopez, Sandrossi & Chouaifaity Families, Dominic Doan, Paul & Tim Burke, Deceased members of the Legion of Mary.

The Sick and Infirm:

Bronwyn Pearson, May Tran, Joan Jones, Georgina Kermode, Matilda Rodriguez, Daniel Antonio Garcia, Terry Cooper, Jolymay Sammut, Annie Saffrett, Simon Boukaram, Margaret Maloney, Mario Bosquet, Igor Mileusnic, Owen & Marie McLoughlin, Micky Long, Pat Coates, Di Mason, Michael Hains, Martin Hannagan, Jim O'Neill, Mary Israel, Stephen Sinclair, Pat Tindall, Sick members of the Legion of Mary.



ST CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKEND ROSTERS 2024

17th/18th Feb	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
Readers:	Gabrielle Innes Louise Anderson	Volunteer Ron Woods	Lea De Angelis Andrew Mills	Nazira Hanna Tanya Nguyen	Communion to the Sick Terese Jones Gabi Bietresato Ellen Russell
Communion Ministers:	David Raish Volunteer	Terese Jones Gabi Bietresato	Norma Coorey Magdalene Vetter	Volunteer Nazira Hanna	Counters: George Elias Denis Lister
Acolytes/ Servers	Jonathan Tran	Andrew Mills	Rennie Velarde	Ruben Nool	Other Ministries
Altar Servers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Communion to the Sick Magdalene Vetter Van Doan Josephine Jones
24th/25th Feb	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Counters:
Readers:	Louise Harvey Clare Lourey	George Elias Ron Woods	Gabriela Bietresato Sam Coorey	Michelle Ryan Tanya Nguyen	John Tesoriero Joanne Carney
Communion Ministers:	Frank O'Brien Renee Taylor	Magdalene Vetter Van Doan	Louise Anderson Norma Coorey	Anne Maree Morris Volunteer	
Acolytes/ Servers	John Tesoriero	Jon D'astoli	Lisa Kerry	Cheryl Beaver	
Altar Servers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	

ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2024

	17th/18th Feb		24th/25th Feb	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
Acolytes/Servers:	Kevin	Ray	Chris	Moses
Readers:	Siobhan Van Den Nieuwenhuizen Wanieta Young	Lynda Cameron Mary Cameron	Steve Iacono Monika Bradvica	Cathy Moussa Ann Papalii
Communion Ministers:	Elena Salgueira Steve Iacono	May Coorey Cathy Moussa	Elena Salgueira Monika Bradvica	May Coorey Volunteer
Counters:		Bill Woods Brian Quinn		Dorothy Gonsales Seamus McKenna



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.