



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



## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD YEAR B 31st March 2024

### 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

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### *"They saw the empty tomb and believed"*

Today, we celebrate Easter, the feast of all feasts, the feast of faith and hope. As St Paul Says "If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is empty and your faith comes to nothing" (1Cor 15: 14). Yes, the resurrection of Jesus is the crowning point of the history of our salvation and foundation of our Christian faith. For this reason, the Easter acclamation "Alleluia" becomes our song of joy to praise and thank the Lord for the wonders that our Lord has worked for us.

Mary of Magdala loved Jesus beyond words, and that was what led her to the tomb the next day morning looking for him. But to her surprise, she could see only the empty tomb. This was the same experience that the disciples had when they went to look for him. But, the love that they had for Jesus removed all their fears and doubts, and they began to believe in the mystery of the risen lord. Therefore, to understand the mystery of the risen lord we need love him in the first place, because, the more we love him the more he will reveal his mystery to us. And to experience him, we need to gather in his name and listen to his words, and partake in the divine fellowship, the Eucharist.

The feast of Easter invites us to be the messengers of the resurrection and to witness the risen Lord. We need to proclaim Jesus who is the source and foundation of hope, love and joy. We all need to die with him and die to self to rise with him to new life. Let's try to understand this deeper significance of Easter and wish one another on this occasion of celebrating the joy of the Risen Lord.

***Wish you all a very Happy Easter***

***Fr Salas Muttathukattil MSFS & Fr Vijay Boilla MSFS***

## **EASTER VIGIL**

**First Reading :** *Gen 1:1. 26-31*

### **Responsorial Psalm**

*Ps 103:1-2. 5-6. 10. 12-14. 24. 35. R. see v.30*

*(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit,  
and renew the face of the earth.*

**Second Reading:** *Ex 14:15 – 15:1*

### **Responsorial Psalm** *Ex 15:1-6. 17-18. R. v.1*

*(R.) Let us sing to the Lord;  
he has covered himself in glory.*

**Third Reading** *Is 55:1-11*

### **Responsorial Psalm** *Is 12:2-6 R. v.3*

*(R.) You will draw water joyfully from the springs of  
salvation.*

**Fourth Reading** *Rom 6:3-11*

**Gospel** *Mark 16:1-7*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

## **EASTER SUNDAY**

### **Entrance Antiphon**

*Cf. Ps 138:18,5-6*

*I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.  
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.  
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge,  
alleluia, alleluia.*

### **1st Reading**

*Acts 10:34. 37-43*

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

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

## **Responsorial Psalm**

*Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24*

*This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.*

### **2nd Reading**

*Col 3:1-4*

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

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

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

### **Gospel Acclamation**

*1 Cor 5:7-8*

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;  
let us feast with joy in the Lord.  
Alleluia!*

### **Gospel**

*Jn 20:1-9*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

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

### **Communion Antiphon**

*1 Cor 5:7-8*

*Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;  
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened  
bread of purity and truth, alleluia, 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.**



## **Congratulations to RCIA Catechumens**



During the Easter Vigil Mass this weekend at St Patrick's, we will welcome 2 catechumens who will be fully initiated into our Catholic Church. This is a very exciting and faith filled time in their journey. The Parish community of St. Christopher's and St. Patrick's wishes to congratulate the new members of our Catholic Church and we send them lots of prayers and well wishes. Please join us at the Easter Vigil in welcoming them to our Catholic family!

## **Holy Land collection - Thank you**

As encouraged by Pope Francis. Through this collection, you join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. When you contribute to the Holy Land Collection, you become an instrument of peace in the land where Jesus walked.

## **Project Compassion—Thank you**



As Project Compassion 2024 comes to an end, we want to thank you for your incredibly generous support throughout Lent. This year, we shared with you the story of three inspiring women from across the globe, who overcame challenges to complete their education, access water and find secure employment. With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities

There is still time to donate! Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, for all future generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes are available in the foyer or by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413



Grateful thanks to all those parishioners who have generously assisted with the Easter Services this year. Your help at this busy time is much appreciated.



## **RIP - Jim O'Neill**

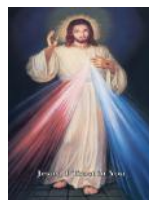


It is with great sadness we inform of the passing of Jim O'Neill on Saturday 16th March 2024. Jim was a long term parishioner to our parish community and served on many ministries with his wife Marie and in 2022 Jim was presented with the Dempsey Medal. Our condolences go out to his family. The funeral was at St Christopher's Church on Monday, 25th March 2024

## **RIP - Joan Jones**



Condolences to the family of Joan Jones, who passed away last Saturday 23/03/2024. Joan was a Communion Minister at St Patrick's and taking Communion to the nursing homes. She was also a leader in our Reconciliation program. Her funeral was at St Patrick's on Tuesday 27/03/2024



## **The Feast Day of the Divine Mercy Sunday 7th April**

Next Sunday at the 9am Mass at St Patrick's there will be a cenacle blessed for The Divine Mercy members. This ceremony is to formally recognize Eucharistic Apostles of

The Divine Mercy members who have persevered, and to further bind them as a cohesive group. We pray that they will continue to deepen their understanding of the Mercy of God, and work together to build up the local church and spread the Good News.

## **Eucharist retreat Day - Saturday 11th May 2024**



The Liturgy Office for the Archdiocese of Sydney is running a retreat day for liturgical ministers. All liturgical ministers are invited to attend eg - Ushers, Greeters,

Collectors, AV Operators, in addition to Readers, Acolytes, Musicians, Sacristans, Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, ect. Morning tea and lunch are provided. Retreat fee is \$ \$15, parking available on site. Location: St Martha's - Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney 38 Renwick St, Leighhart NSW 2024

Doors open at 9am for a 10am start. The retreat concludes at 4pm

Participants wishing to attend can register at <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1162316?>

## **Year 5 Parish Family Mass - Sunday 7th April**

Next Sunday at the 5pm Parish Mass at St Christopher's, there will be a Family Mass for all Year 5 families. Masses such as this allow our school and parish communities to come together as one in celebration of the Holy Eucharist. All are welcome!

**St. Christopher's & St. Patrick's Parish Contacts**  
**Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9.00am-3.00pm**  
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**Parish Finance Committee**  
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 Parish Safeguarding Officer: Jeanette Carroll

**St. Patrick's Church**

**Parish Pastoral Council:**

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Secretary: Pat Nolan

**Parish Finance Committee**

Chairperson: John Tesoriero

Secretary: Pat Nolan

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Siobhan Van Den Nieuwenhuizen



*Mass Intentions*

**Let Us Pray for our Parish Community**

**Recently Deceased:**

Jim O'Neill, Rikki Doumit, Joan Jones, Agnes Linsangan, Jane Simiana, Margaret Daher, Maeva Mansour, John Cassidy.

**Anniversaries:**

Bruce Bradley, Georgy Pierre, Virgilio Tagle, Maria & Dominic Han, Colin Mills, Henri Goder, Monica Christensen & Maureen McCullagh, Richard Gonsalves, Georgette Shad, Leocadio & Monalisa San Juan, Paul Weber.

**General Intention:**

Anton Kovic, Emily Burns, John O'Connor, Joseph & Veronica Ritchie, Alf Pandoleon, Melanie Fialho Jose Quintal, Roger Brown, Rob Ellery, Brown, Pereira, Arango & Rosario families, Felisa San Juan & Pena, Virgilio Tagle, Mary & Jim McPherson, Dominic Doan, Paul & Tim Burke, Deceased members of the Legion of Mary.

**The Sick and Infirm:**

Binh Le, Jordan Smith, Jake Stevenson, Tracey Gillfeather, Bronwyn Pearson, Alma Tahhan, May Tran, Georgina Kermode, Daniel Antonio Garcia, Terry Cooper, Annie Saffrett, Simon Boukaram, Margaret Maloney, Mario Bosquet, Igor Mileusnic, Owen & Marie McLoughlin, Micky Long, Pat Coates, Di Mason, Martin Hannagan, Mary Israel, Stephen Sinclair, Pat Tindall, Sick members of the Legion of Mary.

**ST CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKEND ROSTERS 2024**

30th/31st Mar	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	NO Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
<b>Readers:</b>	Louise A, Clare L Natalie S	Tanya N George E	Josie H		<b>Communion to the Sick</b> NO Services
<b>Communion Ministers:</b>	Jeanette C, Gabi B Terese J	Magdalene V Gabi B	Louise A, Norma V, Nazira H		<b>Counters:</b> John Tesoriero, Stephanie Siaso
<b>Acolytes/ Servers</b>	John T, Jon D, Alan F, Jonathan T, Ruben N, Rennie V	Jon D, Richard H, Cheryl B	Andrae C, Ruben N, Rennie V		<b>Other Ministries</b>
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Volunteers	Volunteers	Lachlan B, Jorja H		<b>Communion to the Sick</b> Megan Perez Norma Coorey Margaret Yasbek
6th/7th Apr	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Counters:
<b>Readers:</b>	Clare Lourey Chris Tran	Ron Woods Stephanie Siaso	Sam Coorey Joe Nguyen	STC School Students	John Tesoriero Marie Lourey
<b>Communion Ministers:</b>	Caroline Khouri Josephine Jones	Megan Perez Jeff Giltinan	Jacqueline Bull Terese Jones	Volunteer	
<b>Acolytes/ Servers</b>	Jonathan Tran	Jon D'astoli	Richard Hurst	Denis Lister	
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Sybella & Milla Carney Michael & Giorgio Maghames, Daina Ferraro, Jeff Phan	Volunteers	Liam Dunne, Oliver & Gabriel Zdunek Jenson Grainger	Hannah H, Joshua & Annika K, Ava B, Beatrice M, Lachlan B, Chloe J	

**ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2024**

	30th/31st Mar	6th/7th Apr
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
<b>Acolytes/Servers:</b>	Kevin F, Jason S, Ray D, Chris R, Moses P	Jason P
<b>Readers:</b>	Ann P, Cathy M, Lynda C Mary	Tess H, Pat N,
<b>Communion Ministers:</b>	Elena Salgueira	Cathy Moussa
<b>Counters:</b>		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.