



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes


SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B
7th April 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)


Gospel Reflection

Thomas the Doubter seeing the wounds

The true believers in the Risen Christ kept Thomas the Doubter within their circle, rather than expelling him. This gave him a further opportunity to experience the very Real Presence of the Risen Lord and his gift of peace. Companionable patience is our best response to those struggling with belief in even fundamental tenets of the faith.

Thomas saw that the wounds of Christ were still present, not obliterated. Does this suggest that our redeemed bodies will bear the marks of the wounds unjustly inflicted on us? However, they will not be disabling to our personality because they will be incorporated into the resurrection life of Christ. Incredibly, our self-inflicted wounds, i.e. our sins, will be obliterated in the mercy of God.

Pope Francis emphasises that it was in responding to the invitation to touch the wounds of Christ that Thomas understood Christ's true identity, exclaiming: 'My Lord and my God'. It is only by touching the wounds of Christ in many different people in many different situations that we can authentically make the same act of faith.

We could take a moment to pray for the strength to touch the wounds of Christ in others, 'the least'. And we could pray that, wounded as we may be by the vagaries and injustices of life, we may be liberated from their evil effects as the Risen Lord adopts our wounds as his own.

Fr Michael Tate
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

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Assistant Priest

Fr Vijay Kumar Boilla MSFS

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Entrance Antiphon

1 Peter 2:2

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

with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

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

1st Reading

Acts 4:32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24. R. v.1

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

2nd Reading

1 John 5:1-6

A reading from the first letter of St John

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us;

this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith.

Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God;

Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood;

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 20:29

**Alleluia, alleluia!
You believe in me, Thomas,
because you have seen me;
happy are 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 John 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.

Project Compassion

Thank you to those who have returned their Project Compassion boxes.

If you haven't returned your box yet, please do so at one of the weekend Masses or at the Parish Office.



Congratulations to RCIA Catechumens



At the Easter Vigil Mass we welcomed 2 new members into full Communion to the Church. A very warm welcome to **Mitchell Lowe** and **Kyle Ebbs** to the Parish of St Patrick's. A big thank you to Fr Vijay and all those who assisted in making this night such a moving Celebration of Faith.

Communion Service

Fr Salas & Fr Vijay will be away for Clergy conference next week and there will no be Masses at our parishes The detail as below

St Christopher's

Tuesday 9 April No Mass

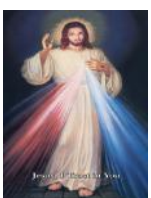
Wed 10th & Thur 11th - Communion Service

St Patrick's

Tues, Wed & Thur—Communion Service



Grateful thanks to the Parish Pastoral Council and all those parishioners who generously assisted with the Holy Week Ceremonies last weekend. Your help and involvement for the various services was very much appreciated.



The Feast Day of the Divine Mercy Sunday 7th April

This 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.



St Patrick's Church Morning Tea Sunday 21st April

Join us for a cuppa and a chat after 9am Mass. Everyone is welcome!

Year 5 Parish Family Mass - Sunday 7th April

This 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!



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 15th 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 16th May and will be closed Sun 19th May at both parishes website.

Commitment Weekend: Presentation of candidates for Reconciliation on the weekend of 25th/26th 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 28th or Wednesday 29th 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 26th June - 5pm OR 6.30pm

RIP Antoinette Galea

Our condolences go out to Joan & Michael for the passing of their mother Antoinette Galea and the funeral will be at St Bernard's Botany on Tuesday 16th April

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, Leighart 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?>

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Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9.00am-3.00pm
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St. Christopher's Church

Parish Pastoral Council

Chairperson: Anne Weeks
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Chairperson: John Tesoriero

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Jeanette Carroll

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Secretary: Pat Nolan

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Siobhan Van Den Nieuwenhuizen



Mass Intentions

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

Recently Deceased:

Jim O'Neill, Anna Le, Antoinette Galea, Melanie Fialho, John Carbone, Rikki Doumit, John O'Connor, Joan Jones, Agnes Linsangan, Jane Simiana.

Anniversaries:

John Poole, Bruce Bradley, Georgy Pierre, Virgilio Tagle, Maria & Dominic Han, Colin Mills, Henri Goder, Monica Christensen & Maureen McCullagh.

General Intention:

Shirley Melanie & Souls in Purgatory, Anthony Bova, Hanna & Mansour Families, Crisogono Bartolo Jr, Anton Kovic, Emily Burns, Joseph & Veronica Ritchie, Alf Pandoleon, Jose Quintal, Dominic Doan, Paul & Tim Burke, Deceased members of the Legion of Mary.

The Sick and Infirm:

Shaun Ivor, 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

6th/7th Apr	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm
Readers:	Clare Lourey Chris Tran	Ron Woods Stephanie Siaosi	Sam Coorey Joe Nguyen	STC School Students
Communion Ministers:	Jeanette Carroll Josephine Jones	Megan Perez Norma Coorey	Jacqueline Bull Terese Jones	Volunteer
Acolytes/ Servers	Jonathan Tran	Jon D'astoli	Richard Hurst	Denis Lister
Altar Servers	Sybella & Milla C Michael & Giorgio M, Daina F, Jeff P	Volunteers	Liam Dunne, Oliver & Gabriel Zdunek Jenson Grainger	Hannah H, Joshua & Annika K, Ava B, Chloe J Beatrice M, Lachlan B
13th/14th Apr	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm
Readers:	Michael Mallia Sue Bracken	Steve Darcy Carolyn Ford	Mary Chan Pauline O'Shea	Charbel Tabet Tanya Nguyen
Communion Ministers:	Jeanette Carroll Barbara Tesoriero	Terese Jones Gabi Bietresato	Norma Verjoustinsky Bernadette Saleme	Volunteer Stephanie Siaosi
Acolytes/ Servers	John Tesoriero	Aldrae Cruz	Tony O'Shea	Cheryl Beaver
Altar Servers	Sybella & Milla C, Mary I, Thomas L, Alyssa S	Volunteers	Liam D, Chloe J, Oliver & Gabriel Z	Charlotte K, Eleanor M Illijana L, Mackenzie H Duran M

Other Ministries
Communion to the Sick Megan Perez Norma Coorey Margaret Yasbek
Counters: John Tesoriero Marie Lourey
Other Ministries
Communion to the Sick Josephine Jones Terese Jones Gabi Bietresato
Counters: Jeanette Carroll Philip Weeks

ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2024

	6th/7th Apr		13th/14th Apr	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
Acolytes/Servers:	Kevin	Moses	Chris	Ray
Readers:	Steve Iacono Volunteer	Roza Bulic Volunteer	Roza Bulic Pat Nolan	Steve Iacono Dawn Poole
Communion Ministers:	Elena Salgueira Steve Iacono	May Coorey Lynda Cameron	Elena Salgueira May Coorey	Barbara Sherry Jacqueline Bull
Counters:		Maureen Sherry, Brian Quinn		Sue-Ann Burton, Peter Volk



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.