

# St Christopher's & St Patrick's

## Catholic Parishes



#### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR**

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** 

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**

#### Reconciliation

**Saturday:** 4.45 pm-5:15 pm

#### **Baptisms**

Weddings (by appointment)

#### **Parish Priest**

#### **Assistant Priest**

Fr Vijay Kumar Boilla MSFS



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#### St Christopher's Primary School

De La Salle College

Mount St Joseph College

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## Gospel Reflection

#### The Voice

In the regions where Jesus was an itinerant preacher, three or four flocks could be kept in a communal sheepfold for safety. In the morning, the shepherds would come and, as each called out, the sheep attuned to the sound of his voice would follow to life-giving pasture.

We are surrounded by hundreds of voices clamouring for our attention. We are bombarded by messages, social media incessantly chattering. Jesus invites us to get attuned to his voice, listening for the distinctive sound of it so that, even if it is faintly heard in a cacophony, we immediately turn toward it so that we can follow it in a life-giving direction.

How do we get attuned to that voice? By reading the gospels. A Chinese student once told me that the Chinese character for gospel is 'happy sounds'. I like the plural. Jesus' gospel voice is not a monotone but a polyphony sounding in different ways in different situations.

As disciples, we have to get onto the same wavelength as that voice so that we can echo it in our own lives. We become reverberations of Christ's voice in many different situations, helping him to lead others to life-giving pastures.

We could take a moment to pray for better listening so that we might recognise the gospel voice of Jesus Christ, especially at the moment of death. Then we may hear the one voice we need and long for: 'Today you will be with me in paradise.'

Fr Michael Tate

#### Quote of the Day

"Humility allows us to see the real good that God has planted in us" St Francis De Sales The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

1st Reading Acts 4:8-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

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

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

#### 2nd Reading

1 John 3:1-2

A reading from the first letter of St John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;

all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

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



Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

**Gospel** John 10:11-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd:

the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd. The Father loves me,

The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.
No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Communion Antiphon**

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, 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.

#### St Patrick's Church Morning Tea Sunday 21st April



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

#### Thursday 25th April 2024 - Anzac Day



For Australia and New Zealand observing Anzac Day, that honouring those who sacrificed their lives in the cause of freedom, we will commit

ourselves to the work of peace in all circumstances.

#### Mass will be celebrated at St Patrick's at 8am

#### **Communion Service - St Christopher's**

Next week there will no be Masses at our parish. Thu 25th & Fri 26th - Communion Service @ 9.15am

#### **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, Sacritans, 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?

#### Statue of Our Lady: St Christopher's & St Patrick's



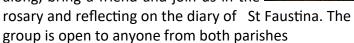
Would you like to take Our Lady home to pray and receive blessings with your friends and family? Please fill in the sheet near the Statue. Delivery of the statue can be arranged if needed. Please contact

parish office 9774 3362

#### **Divine Mercy Prayer Group**

Every Monday, St Patricks Church has a Devine Mercy Prayer Group.

If you are free on Mondays at 6pm and would like to join in, please come along, bring a friend and join us in the



#### **Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary**



Congratulations Georgette and Fouad Abouraad on their wedding anniversary on Sunday 21st April. May God bring them more joy and many more blessings.



# 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

## Oremus: Living the Year of Prayer 2024



Our Holy Father has asked the entire Church to dedicate 2024 as a Year of Prayer in preparation for the 2025 Jubilee, 'in order to foster a renewed ardour for evangelisation'. Join us online for a 3-week short course in which we

will consider practical approaches to prayer as the font of renewal and mission in our parishes.

DATES: Thursday 2 May, 2024

TIMES: 7.30—8.45pm

For more information and to register, go to gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events

# CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL NSW CLELBRATING PENTECOST EVE "ANOINTING"

Please join the Catholic Charismatic Renewal NSW in celebrating Pentecost Eve "Anointing" on Saturday 18th May at Servants of Jesus Centre 15 Park Road Seven Hills for an afternoon of Praise & Worship, Testimonies and Prayer Ministry from 4-7pm hosted by youth from different streams. Booking is essential, register with link. https://www.trybooking.com/CPMXQ?qr=true.

Any inquires email: email@ccrnsw.org.au

# St. Christopher's & St. Patrick's Parish Contacts Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9.00am-3.00pm Address: 237 Tower Street, Panania

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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:

<u>Parish Finance Committee</u> 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



#### Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

#### Recently Deceased:

Joan Jones, Peter Harrison, Ibrahim Andraos, Ron King, Jim O'Neill, Anna Le, Antoinette Galea, Melanie Fialho, John Carbone,

#### **Anniversaries:**

Fr Patrick McAuliffe, Kathleen Latham, Therese Boukaram, Renato Valencia Jr, Monalisa San Juan, Margaret Sheehan, Marie & June Zoefel, John Poole.

#### **General Intention:**

Tom & Tamam Coorey, Anthony Coorey, Georgette and fouad Abouraad, Souls in Purgatory, Shirley & Georges Melanie, Dominico Khanh, Shirley & Georges Melanie, Bob & Cath Davis, Deceased members of Davis & Carr families, Nehmallah Chovaifaity and family, Shirley Melanie & Souls in Purgatory, Anthony Bova, Hanna & Mansour Families, Crisogono Bartolo Jr, Dominic Doan, Paul & Tim Burke, Deceased members of the Legion of Mary.

#### The Sick and Infirmed:

Joly Sammut & Georgia Alsent, Shaun Ivor, Jordan Smith, Jake Stevenson, Tracey Gillfeather, Bronwyn Pearson, Alma Tahhan, May Tran, 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						
20th/21st Apr	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other	
Readers:	Gabrielle Innes Louise Anderson	Volunteer Ron Woods	Volunteer Andrew Mills	Nazira Hanna Tanya Nguyen	Communion to the Sick Ann Marie Darcy Van Doan	
Communion Ministers:	David Raish Volunteer	Ann Marie Darcy Van Doan	Margaret Yasbek Magdalene Vetter	Volunteer Nazira Hanna		
Acolytes/ Servers	Jonathan Tran	Andrew Mills	Rennie Velarde	Ruben Nool	Ellen Russell	
Altar Servers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	George Elias Denis Lister	
					Other	
27th/28th Apr	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Ministries	
Readers:	Louise Harvey Clare Lourey	George Elias Ron Woods	Gabriela Bietresato Sam Coorey	Michelle Ryan Tanya Nguyen	Communion to the Sick	
Communion Ministers:	Frank O'Brien Renee Taylor	Magdalene Vetter Norma Coorey	Louise Anderson Kim Barbagallo	Volunteer Anne Maree	Magdalene Vetter Norma Coorey Josephine Jones	
Acolytes/ Servers	John Tesoriero	Jon D'astoli	Lisa Kerry	Cheryl Beaver	Counters: John Tesoriero Joanne Carney	
Altar Servers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers		

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Acolytes/Servers:	Kevin	Jason	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	Cathy Moussa May Coorey	Elena Salgueira Monika Bradvica	May Coorey Volunteer	
Counters:		Elena Salgueira Charlie Howard		Bill Woods Brian Quinn	



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.