



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B

28th 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)

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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St Patrick's Catholic Church Revesby Heights

St Christopher's Primary School

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Gospel Reflection

Spiritual Drink

We are too familiar with today's gospel. Christ is the vine and we are the branches, sometimes in need of a good pruning. But God's purpose is not to produce a perfect vineyard. It is to produce a full-bodied wine at the end of history.

There is a foretaste of this at every Mass. The wine we offer – 'fruit of the earth and work of human hands' – becomes the spiritual drink which best serves the purpose of our Heavenly Father. How does this happen?

For the Jewish people observing an animal whose throat is cut, it is obvious that the life drains out with the blood. 'Life' and 'blood' became synonyms. So, when the Jewish Jesus says of the wine in the chalice at the Last Supper: 'This is my blood', amongst other things he is saying: 'This is my life force, this is my very life given unreservedly for you.'

So, when we drink from the chalice at Holy Communion, the life of the Risen Lord courses through our bodies just as the sap of the vine courses through its branches. We share the same ultimate vitality so that our bodily existence builds into the Body of Christ. He becomes truly 'full-bodied' as the Divine Vignerone desires.

We could take a moment to pray that we respond to the pruning and the tending and the pressing by our Heavenly Father so as to contribute our distinctive character to the vintage at the end of history, the spiritual drink of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Fr Michael Tate

Quote of the Day

"I ask you never to slander anyone, either directly or indirectly."
St Francis De Sales

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Ps 97:1-2

***O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.***

Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him.

We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

1st Reading

Acts 9:26-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

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Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:26-28. 30-32

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

2nd Reading

1 John 3:18-24

A reading from the first letter of St John

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these:

that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to.

Gospel Acclamation

John 15:4-5

***Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!***

Gospel

John 15:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.

Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more.

You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you.

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.

As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me, with me in him,

bears fruit in plenty;

for cut off from me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it.

It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

Cf John 15:1,5

***I am the true vine and you are the branches,
says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me,
and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, 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.



CWF Parish Appeal Weekend 4th/5th May

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND
Your local charity

Help keep alive vital ministries of the Church in service to those who need it most. In hospitals, churches, schools, communities and families, your donation is making our world a loving, caring and compassionate place.

Give generously.

Your tax-deductible donation changes lives.

Thank you

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, Leichhardt 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?>

Parish Pastoral Council Formation

Parish Priests and their Parish Pastoral Councils are invited to an evening of formation on the importance and role of the Parish Pastoral Council; it will include formation on the complementarity of clergy and laity, as well as discussing the new archdiocesan guidelines for Parish Pastoral Councils.

There will be three evening offerings across the Archdiocese to make it accessible for all.

The options are as follows:

Date: Wednesday 1 May

Venue: St Kevin's Eastwood Parish Hall

Date: Wednesday 29 May

Venue: St Joseph's Moorebank Parish Hall

Date: Thursday 6 June

Venue: St Raphael's Hurstville South Parish Hall

All sessions will commence at 7pm & doors opening at 6.30pm, and the evening will conclude at 9pm.

Register at: www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL NSW CELEBRATING 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>.



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 parish websites.

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.

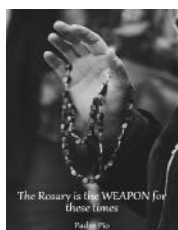
Wednesday 26th June - 5pm OR 6.30pm

St Patricks Mother's Day Celebrations

Mother's day is approaching and at St Pat's we celebrate it in a special way and assist women in need. Why not bring a small something which can help others? Parishioners are invited to bring new toiletries, scarfs/beanies/gloves, underwear, blankets or whatever to Saturday evening or Sunday morning mass (weekend 11/12 May 2024). Before mass you are asked to bring them up and leave the items at the altar as a reminder of your mothers. After the weekend, these goods will then be given to a local support group to distribute to women living on the streets.



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

St. Christopher's & St. Patrick's Parish Contacts
Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9.00am-3.00pm
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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

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Mass Intentions

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

Recently Deceased:

Joan Jones, Peter Harrison, Ibrahim Andraos, Anna Le, Antoinette Galea,

Anniversaries:

Jane Zammit, Therese Boukaram, Thomas McLoughlin, Fr Patrick McAuliffe, Kathleen Latham, Renato Valencia Jr, Monalisa San Juan, Margaret Sheehan, Marie & June Zoefel.

General Intention:

Angela McLoughlin, Jose Quintal, Tom & Tamam Coorey, Anthony Coorey, Georgette and Fouad Abouraad, Souls in Purgatory, Shirley & Georges Melanie, Dominico Khanh, Bob & Cath Davis, Deceased members of Davis & Carr families, Nehmallah Chouaifaity and family, Dominic Doan, Paul & Tim Burke, Deceased members of the Legion of Mary.

The Sick and Infirm:

Alma Tahhan, Bruno Mollica & Remano Natili, Joly Sammut & Georgia Alsent, Shaun Ivor, Jordan Smith, Jake Stevenson, Tracey Gillfeather, Bronwyn Pearson, 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

27th/28th Apr	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
Readers:	Louise Harvey Clare Lourey	George Elias Ron Woods	Gabriela Bietresato Sam Coorey	Michelle Ryan Tanya Nguyen	
Communion Ministers:	Frank O'Brien Renee Taylor	Magdalene Vetter Norma Coorey	Louise Anderson Kim Barbagallo	Volunteer Anne Maree	
Acolytes/ Servers	John Tesoriero	Jon D'astoli	Lisa Kerry	Cheryl Beaver	Counters: John Tesoriero Joanne Carney
Altar Servers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	
4th/5th May	Sat. 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
Readers:	Clare Lourey Chris Tran	Ron Woods Stephanie Siaosi	Sam Coorey Joe Nguyen	Julie Nugent Tanya Nguyen	
Communion Ministers:	Caroline Khouri Josephine Jones	Megan Perez Margaret Yasbek	Jacqueline Bull Terese Jones	Volunteers	
Acolytes/ Servers	Jonathan Tran	Jon D'astoli	Richard Hurst	Denis Lister	Counters: John Tesoriero Marie Lourey
Altar Servers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	

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	27th/28th Apr		4th/5th May	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
Acolytes/Servers:	Chris	Moses	Kevin	Ray
Readers:	Steve Iacono Monika Bradvica	Cathy Moussa Ann Papalii	Steve Iacono Volunteer	Roza Bulic Volunteer
Communion Ministers:	Elena Salgueira Monika Bradvica	May Coorey Volunteer	Elena Salgueira Steve Iacono	May Coorey Lynda Cameron
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 safeguarding.enquiries@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.