



# St. Christopher's & St. Patrick's Catholic Church



## St. Christopher's Mass Times

233 Tower Street, Panania NSW 2213

Website: <https://www.stchristopherpanania.org.au/>

Sat. Vigil: 5:30pm Sunday: 8am, 9:30am & 5pm

Weekdays: Tue: 7pm, Wed, Thurs, Fri: 9.15am Sat: 9am

Exposition & Benediction: Tues: 6-7pm, Thurs: 5-7pm  
Sat. after 9am Mass

Holy Hour: Fri: 6.15am - 7.15am (except school holidays)

Reconciliation: Sat. 9.30am & 4:30pm

Baptisms: 11am: 1st & 3rd Sundays Weddings: By Appointment

## St. Patrick's Mass Times

294 The River Road, Revesby Heights NSW 2212

Website: <https://www.stpatrickrevesbyheights.org.au/>

Sat. Vigil: 5:30pm Sunday: 9am

Weekdays: Tue, Wed, Thurs, Fri: 8am

Healing Mass: 1st Friday of the month: Mass starts at 7pm  
with Reconciliation (6pm) & Exposition, Benediction follows.

Reconciliation: Saturday: 5pm

Baptisms: 10.30am: 4th Sunday

Weddings: By Appointment

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER — YEAR A.

17th May 2020

### Entrance Antiphon

*Cf. Is 48:20*

the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

**Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;  
proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.**

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



### 1st Reading

*Acts 8:5-8. 14-17*

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R.*

**R: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy**

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise.  
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! (R)
- 2 'Before you all the earth shall bow;  
shall sing to you, sing to your name!  
Come and see the works of God,  
tremendous his deeds among men. (R)
3. He turned the sea into dry land,  
they passed through the river dry-shod.  
Let our joy then be in him;  
he rules for ever by his might. (R)

**Parish Priest: Fr. Salas Muttathukattil MSFS**

**Assistant Priest: Fr. Bhaskar Mendam MSFS**

Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales

Parish Office: 029774-3662 Email: [stcpanania@hotmail.com](mailto:stcpanania@hotmail.com) Emergency: 0402 494 246

St Christopher's Primary School, Panania: 02 9771-5492 De La Salle College, Revesby: 02 9773 7196

## St. Christopher's & St. Patrick's Parish Contacts:

<b>Parish Pastoral Council: (St. Christopher)</b> Chairperson: Anne Weeks	<b>Parish Pastoral Council: (St. Patrick)</b> Chairperson: Chris Russell
<b>Parish Secretary:</b> Van Doan	<b>Office Hours:</b> Tuesday - Friday 9.00am—3.00pm
<b>Parish Manager:</b> John Tesoriero	
<b>Sac. Co-ordinator:</b> Anne Maree Morris	<b>Pastoral Care</b> Norma Coorey

### Important Notice

We are pleased to advise that from Tuesday 19th May 2020, the church will be open Tuesday to Sunday for a maximum of 10 worshippers at the times specified in the Temporary Schedule. Visit time should be limited so other parishioners also have a chance to pray.

***Please note: all entering the Church must leave their name and contact details for COVID-safe purposes and social distancing and hygiene measures must be observed at all times.***

#### Mass

A maximum of ten people only are permitted in the congregation at each mass. All places for each Mass must be pre-booked. Booking can be requested no more than 7 days in Advance by contacting the parish office on **029774-3662** between **9.00am & 3.30pm (Tuesday to Friday only)**. Available places are allocated in the order requests are received. Only one reservation at a time will be accepted to give more people a chance to attend Mass.

Names and contact details for each person must be given. Names will be checked off on arrival before the mass.

Although public Mass is now available, the small number permitted in the congregation means most parishioners still will be unable to attend Mass therefore the archbishop's dispensation from the usual obligation to attend Sunday Mass still applies.

#### Confessions/Private Prayer

Confessions will be heard in the Church at the times given in the temporary Schedule. Bookings are not required for these confessions or to visit for private prayer. However, all entering the church must leave their names and contact details for Covid- Safe purposes, only ten people are permitted inside the church, and social distancing and hygiene measures must be observed at all times.

<b>Temporary Schedule for Mass/ Confessions/Private Prayer</b>	
<b>St Christopher's Panania</b> <i>(All Masses are Live streamed – Facebook / YouTube)</i>	<b>St Patrick's, Revesby Heights</b>
<p style="color: #E67E22;"><b>Tuesday-Friday</b> 9.15am - Mass 10am- 12pm Church Open for Private Prayer</p> <p style="color: #E67E22;"><b>Saturday</b> 9am Mass &amp; Adoration 9.30am - Confessions 4.00pm – Confessions 5.30pm- Vigil Mass</p> <p style="color: #E67E22;"><b>Sunday</b> 8.00am – Mass 9.30am- Mass 11.00am – Mass 5.00pm- Mass</p>	<p style="color: #2E8B57;"><b>Tuesday-Friday</b> 8.00am - Mass</p> <p style="color: #2E8B57;"><b>Saturday</b> 4.00pm – Confessions 5.30pm- Vigil Mass</p> <p style="color: #2E8B57;"><b>Sunday</b> 9.00am – Mass 10.30am- Mass</p>

### Saints of the day

- 18th May St John I
- 19th May St Dunstan
- 20th May St Bernardine of Siena
- 21st May St Christopher Magallanes & Companions
- 22nd May St Rita of Cascia
- 23rd May St William of Rochester

### Condolence

Deepest condolences and our prayers to all of the Thome family for the passing of our fellow parishioner George Colin-Thome. The funeral to be celebrated at St Christopher's on Monday 18th May 2020

### Directives for Churches and Liturgies under Step One of the relaxation of restrictions during the COVID-19 pandemic, 13 May 2020

From this Friday, 15 May 2020, in New South Wales:

- churches may reopen for private prayer and Confessions, as long as no more than 10 people are in the church at once (this must be supervised by the parish priest or delegate)
- religious gatherings are permitted with congregations of up to 10 for Masses, Weddings, Baptisms, Eucharistic adoration, the Divine Office, Rosary in common, Bible study etc.
- up to 20 mourners indoors or 30 mourners outdoors are permitted for Funerals
- contact details of all those entering the church (name, phone number, email address) must be recorded
- spatial distancing (at least 1½m from each other) and hygiene directions (including regularly disinfecting the church) must be observed; attendees are exhorted to take care when coughing or sneezing and to avail themselves of hand sanitizer provided
- the very elderly, those with symptoms, those with a compromised immune or respiratory system are asked to stay at home

Future relaxations of the CovidSafe provisions are expected over coming months, in at least two more stages, but this will depend upon infection rates not spiking and churches being able to demonstrate responsible behaviour.

Further special directives have been issued for the celebration of Baptisms, Confessions, Masses, Worship and Reception of the Eucharist outside of Mass, Weddings, Care of the Sick, and Funerals.

Priests must exercise judgment in deciding whether it is yet practicable to conduct public Masses. Even were Sunday Masses multiplied, the majority of the faithful will be unable to attend and so are dispensed from attending Sunday Mass. The faithful can keep Sunday holy by setting aside some time for prayer at home, reading the Scriptures of the day, watching Mass on television or online, and asking God for the graces they would normally receive in Holy Communion ('spiritual communion').

For further information, please use the links below  
<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/>



### The Sick and Infirm

- Therese Boukaram
- May Tran
- Samuel Hekeik
- Christina Apolinario
- Remelo Ongkowidjaja
- Marjorie Egliston
- Pat Tunicliffe
- Brian O'Shea
- Sr. Kath Price
- Stephen Sinclair
- Donna Clarke
- Frank Azzopardi
- Norma Moudawar
- Col & Irene Cross
- Brett Pacey
- Pat Tindall
- Val Edwards
- Francis Cudmore
- Marie McLoughlin
- Annette Baiado
- Venny Villapando
- Glen Clarke
- Narelle Martin
- David Sheppard

### Anniversaries

- Kevin Burns
- Rosanna Byron
- Toni Cuneo
- John Foley
- Reynolds
- Monica Christensen
- Kathleen Ross
- Nicholas Warianka
- Dominic Uyen Doan

### Recently Deceased

- Mick Smith
- George Colin-Thome
- Ursula Lewy
- Ron Roarty
- Lynette Taylor
- Kevin King
- Glen Humphris
- Josh Prestney

### General Intention

- Ken Palmer
- Mary Anne Gapps
- Veronica Taylor
- Kathleen McDermott
- Maria Doan
- Maria Catarina Nguyen
- Thelma Mc Dermott
- Hilda Khoury
- Tamam Coorey
- Special Intention
- Paul Rossington
- Francis Shanley
- Jack & Helen Van Sanden
- Marjorie & Jerome Mack
- Catherine & Peter Serton
- Ann Bastock
- Mary Brennan
- Janet Kelly
- Joanne Shanahan
- Tania McNeil
- Mary Ann Gapps
- Marie Fricot
- Danny & Sylvia Armour
- Paul Burke
- Deceased members of Legion of Mary
- Holy Souls in Purgatory

### Volunteers needed

Volunteers needed to mind the Church when it is opened for private Prayer for up to 10 people. If you are interested please contact Parish Office on 9774 3662.

**St Christopher's**- 10am-12pm from Tuesday to Friday  
**St Patrick's**- Church can be opened depending on the availability of the required volunteers

### Baptism

Please contact Parish Office for booking and for more information.

**First Holy Communion** might be postponed until family members and parishioners can attend.

**The celebration of Confirmation** is indefinitely postponed, except at risk of death or the baptism of an adult.

4. Come and hear, all who fear God.  
I will tell what he did for my soul:  
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer  
nor withhold his love from me. (R.)

## 2nd Reading

*1 Pt 3:15-18*

*A reading from the first letter of St Peter*

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had 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.

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

## Gospel Acclamation

*Jn 14:23*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**All who love me will keep my words,**  
**and my Father will love them and we will come to**  
**them. Alleluia!**

## Gospel

*Jn 14:15-21*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will

live.

On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.’

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



## Communion Antiphon

*Jn 14:15-16*

**If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.**

## Next Week's Readings:

*24th Apr 2020*

The Ascension of the Lord - Year A.

**1st Reading:** Acts 1:1-11 - *Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.*

**2nd Reading** Eph 1:17-23 - *He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.*

**Gospel:** Mt 28:16-20 - *All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.*

### **Prayer Resources during time of Pandemic**

The Archdiocese of Sydney has a dedicated webpage with prayers and scriptural reflections to help nurture your faith during these difficult times. You'll find the webpage here-

<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/prayer-resources-for-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>

