



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

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD — YEAR A

24th MAY 2020

Entrance Antiphon

Acts 1:11

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

1st Reading

Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

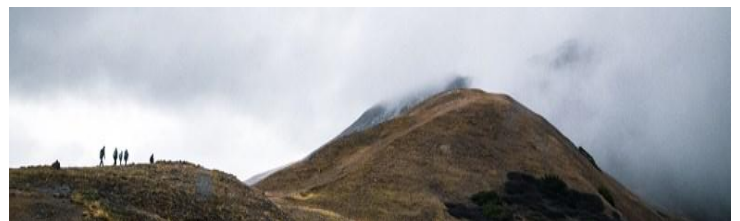
In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.



Parish Priest: Fr. Salas Muttathukattil MSFS

Assistant Priest: Fr. Bhaskar Mendam MSFS

Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales

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

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

Important Notice

We are pleased to advise that from Tuesday 19th May 2020, the church will be opened 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.

Temporary Schedule for Mass/ Confessions/Private Prayer	
St Christopher's Panania <i>(All Masses are Live streamed – Facebook / YouTube)</i>	St Patrick's, Revesby Heights
<p style="color: #E67E22; margin: 0;">Tuesday-Friday</p> <p style="margin: 0;">9.15am - Mass</p> <p style="margin: 0;">10am- 12pm Church Open for Private Prayer</p> <p style="color: #E67E22; margin: 0;">Saturday</p> <p style="margin: 0;">9am Mass & Adoration</p> <p style="margin: 0;">9.30am - Confessions</p> <p style="margin: 0;">4.00pm – Confessions</p> <p style="margin: 0;">5.30pm- Vigil Mass</p> <p style="color: #E67E22; margin: 0;">Sunday</p> <p style="margin: 0;">8.00am – Mass</p> <p style="margin: 0;">9.30am- Mass</p> <p style="margin: 0;">11.00am – Mass</p> <p style="margin: 0;">5.00pm- Mass</p>	<p style="color: #2E8B57; margin: 0;">Tuesday-Friday</p> <p style="margin: 0;">8.00am - Mass</p> <p style="color: #2E8B57; margin: 0;">Saturday</p> <p style="margin: 0;">4.00pm – Confessions</p> <p style="margin: 0;">5.30pm- Vigil Mass</p> <p style="color: #2E8B57; margin: 0;">Sunday</p> <p style="margin: 0;">9.00am – Mass</p> <p style="margin: 0;">10.30am- Mass</p>

Our Lady Help of Christians Feast: Monday 25th May

There will be special Mass at 9.15am St Christopher's



Quote for the day: Let us run to Mary and as her little children cast ourselves into her arms with perfect confidence. - *St. Francis de Sales*

Saints of the day

- 25th May Our Lady Help of Christians
- 26th May St Philip Neri
- 27th May St Augustine of Canterbury
- 28th May St Senator
- 29th May St Theodosia
- 30th May St Joan of Arc



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/>



Mass Intentions

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community



Recently Deceased

- Mick Smith
- George Colin-Thome

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

General Intention

- Mollie & Bill Purdy
- Molly & Bill Love
- Shirley Holland
- Bernard Togher
- The Brown Family
- The Togher Family
- 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
- Paul Burke
- Deceased members of Legion of Mary
- Holy Souls in Purgatory

Anniversaries

- Arthur Gapps
- Mill Smith
- Kath Lake
- Kath Ross
- George Moulden
- Colin Potts

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

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.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6

**R: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. (R)
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R)
3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. (R)

2nd Reading

Eph 1:17-23

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

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

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



Gospel Acclamation

Mt 28:19. 20

**Alleluia, alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!**

Gospel

Mt 28:16-20

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew*

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

Mt 28:20

**Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.**

Next Week's Readings:

31st May 2020

Pentecost Sunday - Year A.

1st Reading: *Acts 2:1-11 - They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.*

2nd Reading: *1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13 - In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.*

Gospel: *In 20:19-23 - As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.*

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/>

