



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes



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,

Healing Mass

7 pm, 1st Friday of the month

Exposition & Benediction

8:30 am - 9am, 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 Bhaskar Mendam MSFS



CONTACT US

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📍 St Patrick's Catholic Church Revesby Heights

St Christopher's Primary School

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☎ 02 9773-7196

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B - 7th March 2021



Gospel Reflection

Where does God really dwell?

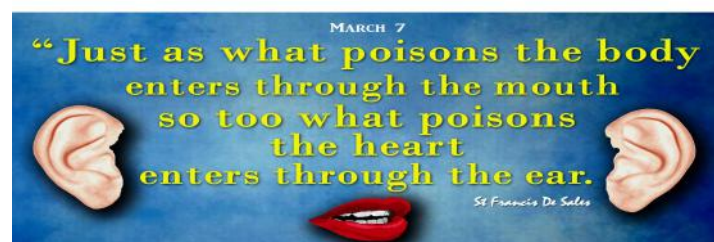
The Ten Commandments are badly named. Rather, they are the Ten Responses which should characterise a liberated people, freed from slavery by 'the Lord, your God'.

By the time Jesus came on the scene, the Temple in Jerusalem was no longer a fit dwelling place for a God who desires to free people from oppression and exploitation. To the contrary, Jesus saw the Temple ideology as placing undue burdens and shackles on people. His anger at this erupted in dramatic street theatre. His overturning of the tables of the money-changers signalled the overturning of the Temple system.

What Our Lord revealed to uncomprehending authorities was that His body was the true sanctuary. The body of Jesus of Nazareth is the dwelling place of God, the habitation of the Lord God who liberates people. In short, God's sanctuary is not a place, but a person.

We could take a moment to pray, using the Ten Responses to review and guide our reflection and practice as we move towards Easter. This will help us to celebrate the enigmatic saying: 'Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it again.'

Fr Michael Tate



***My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.***

***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!
God loved the world so much,
he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!***

1st Reading*Ex 20:1-3. 7-8. 12-17**A reading from the book of Exodus*

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you. 'You shall not kill. 'You shall not commit adultery. 'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

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

Responsorial Psalm*Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68*

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

2nd Reading*1 Cor 1:22-25*

*A reading from first letter of St Paul to
the Corinthians*

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

Gospel*Jn 2:13-25*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Communion Antiphon***Jn 4:13-14*

***For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water
I shall give will become in him a spring welling up
to eternal life.***



Safeguarding Children and Volunteers in St Christopher's Parish:

In response to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney established The Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office in 2015. One of the roles of the Safeguarding Office is to raise awareness regarding our collective responsibility to protect the safety, well-being and dignity of children and young people.

While we all, as a Parish, need to be aware of our role in protecting children and becoming familiar with the cultural change within the Church, we need to ensure that all volunteers in roles of trust and responsibility fulfil the necessary requirements mandated by the Archdiocese.

All Volunteers in our Parish will need to ensure that they have:

1. A current Working With Children Check (WWCC). This is easy to obtain and is free. To obtain or renew your WWCC go to the website: <https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-check>
2. Complete a Volunteer Registration – Acceptance Form (available in the church foyer or from the Parish Office)
3. Read and Sign the Code of Conduct for Working With Children (available in the church foyer or from the Parish Office)

The list of Volunteer positions requiring the above documentation is quite extensive and has recently been extended. The list includes Parish Priests, Assistant Priests; Parish Secretaries; Youth Ministers, Workers or Leaders; Sacramental Coordinators and Group Leaders; Catechists; Children's Liturgy Coordinators and Leaders; Acolytes and Senior Altar Servers; Ministers of the Altar; Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion; Ministers of the Word (Readers); Parish Counters/Collectors/Wardens; Pious Goods Stall assistants; Parish Pastoral Council members; Ministers to the Housebound and Choir members.

Many of you may wonder why this is necessary when you seemingly don't come into direct contact with children. The reality is that you, by engaging in that Ministry, are in a position of TRUST. Children see you as someone who is in a significant role in the Parish and thus someone they can trust. While we may never have had an issue here at St Christophers, unfortunately, the historic evidence shows us that people in these positions have, at times, abused that position of trust. That is why the Archdiocese is being proactive and responding to the evidence they have been presented with. It is up to us to help so that all processes can be seen to be transparent.

There is also a legal requirement that all volunteers comply with the request. Failure to complete a WWCC attracts a hefty fine (\$11,000) per person and for the Parish. Father Salas is responsible for ensuring that all requirements are met.

Jeanette Carroll – St Christopher's Parish Safeguarding Support Officer (PSSO)



Every Wednesday during Lent.
* **St Christopher's:** 7.30pm in the church meeting room
* **St Patrick's:** 9am in the Church
7.30pm at the Sherry residence



Every Friday during Lent
St. Christopher's: **7pm**
St. Patrick's: **after 8am** Mass.

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS

and Blessings to our Parish Priest Fr Salas who has been appointed as the Dean of the South Western Deanery. He will continue his role as Parish priest here at St Christopher's as well as taking on this additional responsibility. We pray that God continues to bless you with the energy and drive to fulfil all these duties and we offer our prayers and support to you Father at this time.



CONGRATULATIONS to Brooke Watson who has been appointed Assistant Principal of St Christophers Panania. She has been acting in the role and will continue to be a wonderful support to Mr Wahab and the whole St Christopher's Community.

Feast of St Joseph: Friday 19th March

NOVENA : Wednesday 10th to Thursday 18th March

There will be a Novena said leading to the feast day at each Mass after Communion.

HOLY HOUR—St Christopher's: Friday 19th March

There will be a Holy Hour from 2 - 3pm in his honour & to ask him to pray for our church, our Country & our families. All welcome!



Feast of St Patrick's 17th March

The Celebration of St Patrick's feast day will be held on weekend Masses 20th & 21st March with light refreshment after each Mass in front of the church.

BAPTISM



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Parishes welcome the families of those being baptised this weekend: Harper Li, Heather & Patrick O'Mullane, Roy & Frankie Sirotnak

Let us keep the children and their family in our prayers

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

Parish Secretary: Van Doan
Parish Manager: John Tesoriero
Sac. Co-ordinator: Anne Maree Morris
Pastoral Care: Norma Coorey

St. Christopher's Church

Parish Pastoral Council

Chairperson: Anne Weeks
 Secretary: Dympna Paterson

Parish Finance Committee

Chairperson: John Tesoriero
 Secretary:

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Jeanette Carroll

St. Patrick's Church

Parish Pastoral Council:

Chairperson: Chris Russell
 Secretary: Pat Nolan

Parish Finance Committee

Chairperson: John Tesoriero
 Secretary: Pat Nolan

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Siobhan Van Den Nieuwenhuizen

Kindergarten 2022

*Tours of St Christopher's
 Panania with the Principal

*Dates between
 1st - 19th March

*Please contact the school
 office (9771 5492) to book
 a tour (max 20 per group)



Mass Intentions

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

Recently Deceased:

Dalton Bonnici, Ken Petersen, Patricia Chamley, Sr
 Jelka Predragovic, Fr Bob Barber S.M, Betty Tracey.

Anniversaries:

Allen Barton, Margaret McLeish, John Gardiner, Eric
 Moon, Arthur Smith, Dominick McDermott & Souls in
 Purgatory, Margaret Ellem, Mary Singleton, Angela
 Cardwell,

General Intention:

Tony Lorizio & Maree McCann, Bella Mercado, Jose
 Adrias SR, Fr Tadeusz (birthday) Anthony Bova,
 Noelene Byron, Jose Joao Quintal, Giuseppe Lopez,
 Souls in Purgatory, Paul Burke, Holy Souls in
 Purgatory, Deceased members of Legion of Mary.

The Sick and Infirm:

Helen Dawson, Loreta Tavita, Kerry & Russ, Stephen
 Sinclair, Chris Burke, Vincent Doan, Marie McLoughlin,
 Olive Gaynor, Mary Israel, Rudolf Rodrigues, Suzanne
 Moig, Junior Zoran Stojanovski, Therese Boukaram,
 Pat Tunnicliff, Pat Tindall, Val Edwards

Pious Goods stall

Copies of updated rosters for the Pious Goods stall for
 5.30pm Mass and 9.30am Mass are available
 for collection at the stall. We still desperately require
 more VOLUNTEERS for stall as some weekends there is
 no one available and stall will have to remain closed.
 If you can help, please contact Jo Grosvenor 97722544
 or Pat Coates 0402077142.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKEND ROSTERS 2021

6th/7th March	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm
Readers:	Trish McNamara Patrick McDermott	John Coates Stephanie Siaoosi	Sam Coorey Anne Weeks	Julie Nugent Tanya
Communion Ministers:	Di Hennessy Josephine Jones	Megan Perez Norma Coorey	Jacqueline Bull Terese Jones	Rebecca Lee Lauren Smith
Acolytes/Servers:	Alan Freeman	Jon D'asoli	Dennis Lister	John Tesoriero
13th/14th March	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm
Readers:	Ron Woods Sue Bracken	Steve Darcy Carolyn Ford	George Elias Pauline O'shea	Rebecca Lee Bridget Weeks
Communion Ministers:	Jeanette Carroll Carla Tesoriero	Anne Maree Darcy Josephine Jones	Norma Verjoustinsky Bernadette Saleme	Stephanie Siaoosi Maasina Tuala
Acolytes/Servers:	Alan Freeman	John Coates	Tony O'Shea	Cheryl Beaver

ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2021

	6th/7th March		13th/14th March	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
Acolytes/Servers:	Chris	Ray	Chris	Jason
Readers:	Marge Salone Barbara Sherry	Yvonne Toleafoa Camilla Toleafoa	Marie Carr Liam Carr	Tess Hughes Madeleine Pizzuti
Communion Ministers:	Sue Chant Elena Salgueira	May Coorey Joan Jones	Alison Simler Barbara Sherry	Madeleine Pizzuti Cathy Moussa