



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

15th August 2021

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

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Gospel Reflection

A mother carries her child in her womb, giving that child a share in her own life. What if a child were able to share its life with its mother? This is what we believe happened between our Risen Lord and his mother, Mary.

It is our faith that our Lord nourishes Mary with His Resurrection life, meaning that her bodysoul, her total humanity, is suffused with His Divine glory.

She grace-fully made the transition from earthly to heavenly existence without the wrenching apart of body and soul which we may expect. This is what we mean by 'The Assumption'.

This has been believed and celebrated since the early centuries of the church. Why was it only proclaimed by Pope Pius XII in 1950? I think because in the first half of the 20th century tens of millions were killed in wars, death camps and in the Russian and China Communist dictatorships.

The Holy Spirit needed to remind the world that human beings are bodysouls made for transfiguration, not disfiguration by starvation, torture, massacre and disposal like animal carcasses.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we may share in the gift of transfigured bodies at the end of history.

Fr Michael Tate

Our quote for the day



Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Rev 12:1

***Let us all rejoice in the Lord,
as we celebrate the feast day in honour of
the Virgin Mary,
at whose Assumption the Angels rejoice
and praise the Son of God.***

enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

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



1st Reading

Rv 11:19; 12:1-6, 10

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened, and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it.

Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 44:10-12. 16. R. v.10

***The queen stands at your right hand,
arrayed in gold. .***

2nd Reading

1 Cor 15:20-26

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

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order; Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his

Gospel Acclamation

***Alleluia, alleluia!
Mary is taken up to heaven,
and the angels of God shout for joy.
Alleluia!***

Gospel

Lk 1:39-56

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

And Mary said: 'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid.

Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me.

Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him.

He has shown the power of his arm, he has routed the proud of heart. He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly.

The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away.

He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy – according to the promise he made to our ancestors – of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

*The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

Communion Antiphon

Lk 1:48-49

***All generations will call me blessed,
for he who is mighty has done great things for me.***



COVID UPDATE

The NSW Government has announced a new COVID-19 restrictions on churches effective from 27/7/2021

- * All churches across greater Sydney are closed until at least on Friday 27 August, under a NSW Government lockdown aimed at containing the spread of COVID-19.
- * Funerals may proceed at this time, with a maximum of 10 people in in the congregation.
- * More information is available on the Archdiocesan website below www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-frequently-asked-questions/.

Weekend livestream Mass. This will be the only livestream to cover all masses over the weekend so please join us virtually to offer your prayers and intentions in unity with the parish. If you cannot join us live at 5:30pm on Saturday, feel free to access the recording any time over the weekend. The link will be made available on our YouTube channel and parish Facebook page of both St Christopher's & St Patrick's. **Please click on the link below to watch the livestream of the mass from St Christopher's (available to access from 5.30pm, Saturday 14 August) - <https://youtu.be/10IAhG3s3hk>**



Eucharistic Adoration: There will be livestreamed eucharistic adoration every Friday at 7pm during this lockdown. It will be available on the parish YouTube channel and Facebook page.

Link: https://youtu.be/H_zLzvr97rE. Please join us in praying together for our parish.

The Sacrament of the Eucharist

Preparation evening: The Eucharist parent preparation evening will not go ahead as planned this year.

Online enrolment: will be open as planned on 7th August - please go to the Parish website (<https://www.stchristopherpanania.org.au/>) to enrol your child / children

Holy Communion Lessons: Zoom lessons will commence - Tuesday 17th August and Wednesday 18th August at 7pm for 4 weeks (Zoom lesson link will be provided once enrolments close).

As we move through our lessons further information on the Sacrament of 1st Eucharist will be provided.



Many thanks to Mr Wahab and the St Christopher's School community for the lovely Card and Cookie packages that were delivered to some of our elderly and frail parishioners. They were very happy to receive these gifts from our wonderful school family.

Catholic Weekly

If you would like to continue purchasing a hard copy of the Catholic Weekly during lockdown, you can purchase five issues for \$20 and they will be posted to your house. To arrange purchase please call Rita at the Catholic Weekly on 0405 600 322. Alternatively, you can subscribe to the Catholic Weekly online and access it for free while the lockdown lasts and churches are closed. Here is the link:

<https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/catholic-weekly-newspaper-online/>

COVID-19 Prayer resources

The Archdiocese of Sydney website has a dedicated page of prayer resources including links to popular podcasts in this time of pandemic. You'll find the webpage at this address: www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/prayer-resources-for-the-coronavirus-pandemic/.

2021 Tax receipts & 2022 Envelopes

Tax Receipts for the 2020/21 Financial year are available to be emailed. Due to the present situation the Parish office is not open so they are unable to be collected. Please email the Parish office at stcpanania@hotmail.com if you need assistance. You can contribute via the website or credit card if you are unable to collect your envelopes. Your ongoing generosity is vital to support the wellbeing and maintenance of our parishes. Grateful thanks for your continued support, Fr. Salas.

Donations to the Parish

Donation to the Parish can be made by using Bpoint service on our website :

St Christopher's : www.stchristopherpanania.org.au/

St Patrick's: www.stpatrickrevesbyheights.org.au/

alternatively by scanning the QR code given below.

Thank you for your kind generosity.

**St Christopher's
Parish Panania**

**St Patrick's
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 Secretary: Dympna Paterson

Parish Finance Committee

Chairperson: John Tesoriero
 Secretary:
 Parish Safeguarding Officer: Jeanette Carroll

St. Patrick's Church

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Saint of the day

16th Aug St Stephen of Hungary
 17th Aug St Hyacinth
 18th Aug St Helena
 19th Aug St John Eudes
 20th Aug St Bernard
 21st Aug St Pius X, pope



Mass Intentions

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

Recently Deceased:

Mary Mathew Koorappallil, Maria Bui, Jean Graham, Linda Yasbek, Barry Thomas, Anna Nguyen, Mick Samuel, Shaun Smith, Fr Colin Mason, Patricia Togher.

Anniversaries:

Anthony Coorey

General Intention:

Paul Burke, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Deceased members of Legion of Mary.

The Sick and Infirm:

Tom Mullan, John Foley, Jo Grosvenor, John Esther, Dawn Poole, Jim O'Neill, John Esther, Giuseppe Iacono, Anne Coome, Sira Raveane, Bernadette Lawrance, Helen Dawson, Kerry & Russ, Stephen Sinclair, Chris Burke, Vincent Doan, Marie McLoughlin, Olive Gaynor, Mary Israel, Rudolf Rodrigues, Suzanne Moig, Junior Zoran Stojanovski, Pat Tunncliff, Pat Tindall, Val Edwards



POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE - ST. CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKEND ROSTERS 2021

14th/15th Aug	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
<i>Readers:</i>					<i>Communion to the Sick</i>
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>					<i>Counters:</i>
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>					
21st/22nd Aug	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
<i>Readers:</i>					<i>Communion to the Sick</i>
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>					<i>Counters:</i>
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POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE - ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2021

	14th/15th Aug		21st/22nd Aug	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>				
<i>Readers:</i>				
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>				