



# St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes



**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD YEAR C 2nd January 2022**

## St Christopher's Catholic Church

233 Tower Street Panania NSW 2213

[www.stchristopherpanania.org.au](http://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: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays

**Weddings** (by appointment)

## St. Patrick's Catholic Church

294 The River Road Revesby Heights NSW 2212

[www.stpatrickrevesbyheights.org.au](http://www.stpatrickrevesbyheights.org.au)

### Mass Times

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:30pm

**Sunday:** 9am

**Tuesday- Friday:** 8am,

### Healing Mass

7 pm, 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month

### Exposition & Benediction

8:30 am - 9am, 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month

### Reconciliation

**Saturday:** 4.45 pm-5:15 pm

### Baptisms

10:30am, 4<sup>th</sup> 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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### Parish Office

📍 St Christopher's Catholic Church Panania

📍 St Patrick's Catholic Church Revesby Heights

### St Christopher's Primary School

☎ 02 9771-5492

### De La Salle College

☎ 02 9773-7196



## Gospel Reflection

### *Stars and Seekers after Truth*

Unlike the writers of the horoscope columns in our newspapers, these Wise Men were scholar astrologers, probably from Syria or Iraq. They believed that the stars controlled the destiny of human beings, but they were open enough to the Hebrew scriptures to be led to the amazing discovery of a star-child in Bethlehem.

They knelt before this baby, doing homage, because they realised that the stars did not control this infant, but that there was something of this baby which caused the night sky to respond! They preserved the child from the deadly schemes of Herod, and then they returned to their home country, 'by a different way'. They were on a different journey after encountering the Child.

Who can doubt that the Holy Spirit led these wise men from the East to the manger? In fact, the Holy Spirit is at work in every human being, prompting each and every one to become seekers after Truth.

As a person responds to this prompting and tries to lead a good humane life, then the Church teaches that the Holy Spirit can draw them into the saving life of God. Thus, billions in China and India who have never heard the Gospel, can be saved. But, such persons do not savour the fullness of Truth as we do with the privilege of having the scriptures and the sacraments. Where it is possible, we are obliged to offer them the road map to the Truth.

We can take a moment to affirm our faith in the baby in the manger as the One of whom Dante spoke: 'the Love which moves the sun and other stars'. Come, let us adore him.

*Fr Michael Tate*

## Entrance Antiphon

*Cf. Mal 3:1; 1 Chr 29:12*

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

**Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;  
and kingship is in his grasp,  
and power and dominion.**

## 1st Reading

*Is 60:1-6*

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come,  
the glory of the Lord is rising on you,  
though night still covers the earth  
and darkness the peoples.  
Above you the Lord now rises  
and above you his glory appears.  
The nations come to your light  
and kings to your dawning brightness.  
Lift up your eyes and look round:  
all are assembling and coming towards you,  
your sons from far away  
and your daughters being tenderly carried.  
At this sight you will grow radiant,  
your heart throbbing and full;  
since the riches of the sea will flow to you;  
the wealth of the nations come to you;  
camels in throngs will cover you,  
and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;  
everyone in Sheba will come,  
bringing gold and incense  
and singing the praise of the Lord.



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

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11*

**Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

## 2nd Reading

*Eph 3:2-3. 5-6*

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

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

## Gospel Acclamation

*Mt 2:2*

**Alleluia, alleluia!  
We have seen his star in the East;  
and have come to adore the Lord.  
Alleluia!**

## Gospel

*Mt 2:1-12*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Matthew*

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

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

## Communion Antiphon

*Cf. Mt 2:2*

**We have seen his star in the East,  
and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.**



## COVID UPDATE

- \* Churches are open to all people regardless of vaccination status.
- \* Masks wearing is required inside the church.
- \* All members of the congregation are permitted to sing.
- \* Covid Check-in is also required via the Service NSW App or a written record.

### **Become a Catechist or Helper in 2022**

Half of Catholic children in Sydney are in public primary and high schools.

Share the hope and joy that Jesus brings with them and become a catechist or helper, ready to start in Term 1, 2022.

Starting off as a helper, you'll receive easy step-by-step lessons and hand out activity books in primary schools. Find out more about the work catechists do here, whether at primary or secondary level: <https://ccd.sydneycatholic.org/>  
If you can help please contact Pauline O'Shea (STC) 0405 578 103 or Maureen Kelly (STP) 97715951

### **Home Visitation**

Those who cannot come to Church and wish to receive Holy Communion or a priest to visit, please contact the Parish Office 9774 3662

### **Parish office**

The office will be closed from Tuesday 28/12/2021 to 3/01/2022 and reopen on Tuesday 4/01/2022



Many thanks to all the volunteers who made our Christmas Masses and church so beautiful for the Christmas season. Special thanks to those who created the Christmas nativity, the lights and wreath decorations and also to all the readers, musicians and Mass helpers who contributed to our Christmas liturgies.

## **New Year Masses 2022**

### **ST. CHRISTOPHER'S PANANIA**

**SATURDAY, 1 JANUARY 2022 - NEW YEAR'S DAY**

Mass: **9.00am**

Sat Vigil :**5.30pm** (Reconciliation 4.45- 5.15pm)

**SUNDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY 2022**

Normal Sunday Masses - **8.00am, 9.30am and 5.00pm**

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### **ST PATRICK'S REVESBY HEIGHTS**

**SATURDAY, 1 JANUARY 2022 - NEW YEAR'S DAY**

Mass: **9.00am**

Sat Vigil :**5.30pm** (Reconciliation 4.45- 5.15pm)

**SUNDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY 2022: Parish Mass 9.00am**



**St. Christopher's & St. Patrick's Parish Contacts**  
**Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9.00am-3.00pm**  
**Address: 237 Tower Street, Panania**  
**Phone: (02) 9774 3662**

**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  
 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

**Saint of the day**

3rd Jan The Most Holy Name of Jesus  
 4th Jan St Elizabeth Ann Seton  
 5th Jan  
 6th Jan St Andre Bessette  
 7th Jan St Raymond of Penyafort



*Mass Intentions*

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

**Recently Deceased:**

Fr Michael Butler, Patricia Bailey, Thomas Mullane.

**Anniversaries:**

Dominic-Maria-Lawrence, Win Burns, Maria Catarina Nguyen, Hilda Khoury, Dominic & Maria Tran My, Vincent & Maria Pham Mao.

**General Intention:**

Hanna & Mansour families, Joseph, Veronica Ritchie & Alf Pandoleon, Ray Parry, Ron Roarty, Syd Israel, Guiseppe Tesoriero, Pat & June Flynn, Jose Quintal, Patricia Samuel, Gerald & Sybil Pereira, Roger Brown, Rob Ellery, Brown, Pereira, Arango & Rosario families, Paul Burke, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Deceased members of Legion of Mary.

**The Sick and Infirm:**

Alma Tahan, Martin Hannagan, Sam Law, Therese Nasser, Denis Kovc, John Esther, Eric Ellem, Alacoque Welsh, Jo Grosvenor, Dawn Poole, Jim O'Neill, 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 Tunnicliff, Pat Tindall, Val Edwards

**ST. CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKEND ROSTERS 2022**

1st/2nd Jan	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
<i>Readers:</i>	Volunteer Chris Tran	John Coates Stephanie Siasosi	Sam Coorey Anne Weeks	Julie Nugent Tanya Nguyen	<i>Communion to the Sick</i> NO Roster until Feb2022  <i>Counters:</i> Brian Mack, John Tesoriero
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Di Hennessy Josephine Jones	Megan Perez Norma Coorey	Jacqueline Bull Terese Jones	Volunteer Rebecca Lee	
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	John Tesoriero	Jon D'astoli	Richard Hurst	Denis Lister	
8th/9th Jan	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
<i>Readers:</i>	Ron Woods Sue Bracken	Steve Darcy Carolyn Ford	Mary Chan Pauline O'shea	Rebecca Lee Bridget Weeks	<i>Communion to the Sick</i> NO Roster until Feb2022  <i>Counters:</i> Stephanie Siasosi Kaye Suters
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Jeanette Carroll Carla Tesoriero	Ann-Maree Darcy Josephine Jones	Norma Verjoustinsky Bernadette Saleme	Volunteer Stephanie Siasosi	
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	Alan Freeman	John Coates	Tony O'Shea	Cheryl Beaver	

**ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2022**

	1st/2nd Jan		8th/9th Jan	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	Chris	Ray	Chris	Jason
<i>Readers:</i>	Yvonne Mills Garry Solway	Pat Nolan Dawn Poole	Marge Salone Barbara Sherry	Tess Hughes Madeleine Pizzuti
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Alison Simler Barbara Sherry	Madeleine Pizzuti Cathy Moussa	Sue Chant Elena Salgueira	May Coorey Joan Jones
<i>Counters:</i>		Elena Salgueira, Charlie Howard		Bill Woods, Brian Quinn



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 [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@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.