



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD YEAR C

9th January 2022

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



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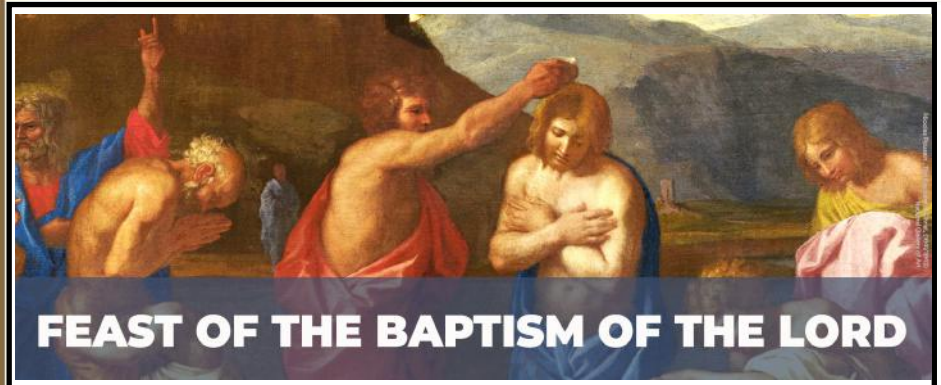
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St Christopher's Primary School

☎ 02 9771-5492

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☎ 02 9773-7196



FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Gospel Reflection

Jesus' Baptism is Ours

What did it mean for Jesus to come up out of the waters of the Jordan to experience the special presence of the Holy Spirit as though it were a dove, gently hovering over him? As a Jew, he would have been reminded both of the Divine Wind hovering over the void-become-creation, and of the dove bearing an olive twig as God restored humanity's life on earth after the Flood. The Holy Spirit was empowering Him for a re-creative role on behalf of humanity.

His second experience was to sense God's delight and joy sounding, reverberating through every fibre of his body, every reach of his soul: 'You are my beloved Son, my favour rests on you.'

Any baby, any adolescent, any adult who is baptised shares in these wonderful experiences. The dynamic power of the Holy Spirit hovers over the person as a gentle presence, preparing the one baptised for a mission on behalf of humanity. And every baptised person senses, below the range of hearing, the echo of the same marvellous words: "You are my beloved son or daughter, my favour rests on you."

Is it any wonder that Our Lord adopted this water rite to incorporate his followers into such wonderful experiences as a power-full impetus to fulfil their mission to cooperate in God's saving plan for humanity? We could take a moment to pray in gratitude for the parent/s or other person/s who brought us into this tradition stretching over almost two millennia. May they be filled with all that flows from their being beloved sons and daughters of God.

Fr Michael Tate

Entrance Antiphon

**After the Lord was baptized,
the heavens were opened,
and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove,
and the voice of the Father thundered:
This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased.**

1st Reading

Is 40:1-5. 9-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

‘Console my people, console them’ says your God.
‘Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that
her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for,
that she has received from the hand of the Lord double
punishment for all her crimes.’

A voice cries, ‘Prepare in the wilderness a way for the
Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the
desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and
hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the
ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be
revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of
the Lord has spoken.’

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion.
Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem.
Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, ‘Here is
your God.’

Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing
all things to him.

The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go
before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,
gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his
breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1-2. 3-4. 24-25. 27-30. R. v.1

Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

2nd Reading

Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus

God’s grace has been revealed, and it has made
salvation possible for the whole human race and taught
us that what we have to do is to give up everything
that does not lead to God, and all our worldly
ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good

and religious lives here in this present world, while we
are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come
with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and
saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in
order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a
people so that it could be his very own and would
have no ambition except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for
mankind were revealed, it was not because he was
concerned with any righteous actions we might have
done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own
compassion that he saved us, by means of the
cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the
Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us
through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we
should be justified by his grace, to become heirs
looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Lk 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

**John said: He who is to come is mightier than I;
he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit
and with fire.**

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 3:15-16. 21-22

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people,
who were beginning to think that John might be the
Christ, so John declared before them all, ‘I baptise you
with water, but someone is coming, someone who is
more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the
strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy
Spirit and fire.’

Now when all the people had been baptised and while
Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven
opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily
shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven,
‘You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 1:32,34

**Behold the One of whom John said:
I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.**



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

Summer Nights, Youth Retreat, 12-15 January 2022

Summer Nights is a four day non-live in retreat experience Chr at the Mt Carmel Retreat Centre at Varroville. In the picturesque grounds enjoy an outdoor event including friends, fellowship, prayer & worship, excellent speakers, Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation, music & dramas, powerful encounters with God. Run by the Disciples of Jesus Community. From 12 – 15 January 2022. Ages 16-35.

www.summerschool.org.au/summernights

✠ RIP Rev Michael Butler ✠

It is with sadness that I advise of the death of Fr Michael Butler, whose health had been in decline for some time. Fr Michael passed away on Christmas Eve. He was 91 years of age. You will remember him from his time here with us at St Christopher's & St Patrick's, sharing Mass with us on various occasions before moving away with Fr. Maurice when he left.

Fr Michael was born in Randwick, on 19th March 1930. He was a seminarian at St Paul's Kensington and with the Little Brothers of Jesus in Europe, being ordained to the priesthood on 7th September 1974 at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney by Cardinal Freeman He was appointed Assistant Priest at the Parishes of Annandale (1974), Concord (1978), Gosford (1980), Liverpool (1982), and Enfield (1985). He was then made Liaison Chaplain to the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Movement in 1988 and appointed Parish Priest of North Leichhardt in January of 1989. He was finally appointed Parish Priest of Lewisham in 1995, where he served until his retirement to lesser duties in 2012. He also assisted at the parishes of St Patrick's Revesby Heights and St Christopher's Panania up until a few years ago.

The funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11am on Wednesday 12th January at Immaculate Heart of . Mary Parish Sefton. For those who are unable to attend, the Mass will be live-streamed:

<http://www.facebook.com/immaculateheartofmaryparishsefton/>

Please join me in praying for the repose of the soul of Fr Michael, and for all the faithful departed.

Fr Salas Muttathukattil MSFS.PP



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St. Christopher's Church

Parish Pastoral Council

Chairperson: Anne Weeks
 Secretary: Dymrna 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

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 Secretary: Pat Nolan
 Parish Safeguarding Officer: Siobhan Van Den Nieuwenhuizen

Saint of the day

10th Jan Monday of the first week in Ordinary Time
 11th Jan Tuesday of the first week in Ordinary Time
 12th Jan St Aelred
 13th Jan St Hilary
 14th Jan Friday of the first week in Ordinary Time



Mass Intentions

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

Recently Deceased:

Pat Mitchell, Frances Cahoon, Robert John O'Keeffe, Fr Michael Butler, Patricia Bailey.

Anniversaries:

Mary Hagerty, Dominic, Maria & Lawrence, Win Burns, Maria Catarina Nguyen, Hilda Khoury

General Intention:

Rosaria & Giuseppe Lopez, Antonio & Grazia Mesiti, Arturo & Giuseppina Alibrandi, Anton Covic, Bill Hanley, Hanna & Mansour families, Joseph, Veronica Ritchie & Alf Pandoleon, Ray Parry, Ron Roarty, Syd srael, Guiseppe Tesoriero, Pat & June Flynn, Paul Burke, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Deceased members of Legion of Mary.

The Sick and Infirm:

Tim Burke, 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 Rodriques, Suzanne Moig, Junior Zoran Stojanovski, Pat Tunnicliff, Pat Tindall, Val Edwards

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKEND ROSTERS 2022

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>Communion Ministers:</i>	Jeanette Carroll Carla Tesoriero	Ann-Maree Darcy Josephine Jones	Norma Verjoustinsky Bernadette Saleme	Volunteer Stephanie Siaoisi	<i>Counters:</i> Stephanie Siaoisi Kaye Suters
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	Volunteer	John Coates	Tony O'Shea	Cheryl Beaver	Other Ministries
15th/16th Jan	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
<i>Readers:</i>	Gabrielle Innes Louise Anderson	Maureen Singleton Natalie Salameh	Lea De Angelis Andre Mills	Anita & Josie Hanna	<i>Communion to the Sick</i> NO Roster until Feb2022
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	David Raish Barbara Tesoriero	Terese Jones Norma Coorey	Margaret Yasbek Magdalene Vetter e	Gabi Bietresato Nazira Hanna	<i>Counters:</i> Jeanette Carroll Maureen Singleton
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	John Tesoriero	Andrew Mills	Ruben Nool	Ryan Romero	

ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2022

	8th/9th Jan		15th/16th Jan	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	Chris	Jason	Chris	Kevin
<i>Readers:</i>	Marge Salone Barbara Sherry	Tess Hughes Madeleine Pizzuti	Pat Nolan Dawn Poole	Siobhan Nieuwenhuizen Wanicta Young
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Sue Chant Elena Salgueira	May Coorey Joan Jones	Alison Simler Barbara Sherry	Madeleine Pizzuti Cathy Moussa
<i>Counters:</i>		Bill Woods, Brian Quinn		Maree Carr, Phillip Carr



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. 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.