



St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes


THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C
20th March 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

 7:30 am - 8am, 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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St Christopher's Primary School

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Gospel Reflection

Politics, Economics, and the Gardener

There was a terrible disaster when a building fell down killing eighteen people. Some said, 'Oh, those killed must have been sinners, they or their parents.' Jesus repudiates that notion: 'No, it wasn't for anything they did.' It was clear to Jesus that they were the victims of poor construction and conditions at Siloam. Look at the builder.

Responsibility needs to be brought home to those who would otherwise hide behind a religious ideology, or the sheer self-interest of evading blame for a situation.

To identify those really responsible may well require major changes to the way society is organised.

Does it all seem too difficult? Jesus helps us with a metaphor:

You are like a fig tree which may not be bearing much fruit just now, but, I am a terrific gardener:

I will water you, dig around you, make sure you are well nourished so that you will bear the fruits I desire.

Our Lord does that by:

watering us with the waters of baptism;

pruning us, especially during Lent;

nourishing us with the bread of life in Holy Communion.

We might pause at various times during Lent to allow Our Lord to garden us so that he may create a heavenly botanical garden, a new Eden, of the whole of humanity.

Fr Michael Tate



Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 24:15-16

***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.***

1st Reading

Ex 3:1-8. 13-15

A reading from the book of Exodus

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.' Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

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



Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4. 6-8. 11. R. v.8

The Lord is kind and merciful.

2nd Reading

1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

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

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the

sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 4:17

***Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Repent, says the Lord;
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!***

Gospel

Lk 13:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."'

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.***



Happy feast day to St Patrick's parishioners

*"May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
the rains fall sort upon your fields,
and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand."*



HOLY WEEK ROSTER (EASTER) —HELP NEEDED!

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S & ST. PATRICK'S

Please sign your name to assist at our Easter masses during Holy Week. See the Roster in the foyer (even if you are already rostered on). We need acolytes, readers, eucharistic ministers, altar servers, welcomers and wardens. This roster need to be finalised by Palm Sunday.

Position Vacant – Ministry/Liturgy Coordinator- St Christopher's Panania & St Patrick's Revesby Heights.

The parish Ministry/ Liturgy Coordinator supports Fr Salas, the parish priest, in meeting the pastoral care needs of the parish. If you are a people person and enjoy networking and meeting new people and would like to be involved in the pastoral life of the parish then please contact the parish office for a copy of the position description.

This position is part time for 12 hours per week and the salary is negotiable. This position will involve working on weekends.

Email: stcpanania@hotmail.com

Phone: 9774 3662

Applications close Tuesday, May 10th 2022.

Request from Our Mother Mary



It is most urgent for us to pray the Rosary for our world, especially for the world peace. In all of our Lady's Apparitions she has pleaded with us to pray the Holy Rosary. Please consider taking the statue of our Lady home a week or two to pray with her for your family's intentions and for world peace. The Statue of Mary is available in the Parish Foyer to take home. Please fill in the sheet near Statue. Delivery of the statue can be arranged if needed. Contact Josephine 0418 405 402

St Christopher's & St Patrick's Parish Lenten Retreat Day

DATE: Saturday 2nd April 2022

TIME: Start 8.45am, Mass: 9am, Finish: 3pm

LOCATION: St Christopher's Church,
233 Tower St, Panania

All are welcome!

Please note: for catering purposes, when register please indicate whether you will be attending Session 1 or Session 2 or the whole day.

For more information please contact parish office on 9774 3662 or email stcpanania@hotmail.com

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES 2022

Parent Preparation Evening: at St Christopher's church

Reconciliation: Wednesday 11th May at 7.00pm

Holy Communion: Wednesday 3rd August at 7.00pm

Confirmation: Wednesday 12th October at 7.00pm

Celebration of the Sacrament: to be celebrated at St. Christopher's Church.

Reconciliation: Tuesday 21st June - 5.00pm

Wednesday 22nd June - 6.30pm

Holy Communion: Saturday 10th Sept - 5.30pm

Sunday 11th Sept - 9.30am &

11.30am

(St Patrick's - Sunday 11th Sept - 9.00am

Subject to enrolments)

Confirmation: Sunday 13th November at 11.30am & 2.00pm



Project Compassion

You can help people like Janice to keep traditional culture alive by making a donation through Project Compassion boxes and envelopes, visiting lent.Caritas.org.au or phoning 1800024413.

Support Caritas Ukraine Appeal

As millions of people are likely to be displaced due to Russia's invasion, your support is more important than ever for the people of Ukraine.

Donate generously to the Caritas Ukraine Appeal:

<https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/ukraine-appeal/>

Or call 1800024413 toll free.

Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

St Vincent de Paul Society NSW - Flood Appeal

Vinnies has launched an appeal to assist flood victims in northern NSW. Due to restricted access to the affected areas Vinnies is unable to take in-kind relief (food, clothing, etc) yet. Persons wishing to help can do so most effectively by donating to the flood relief fund at: [St Vincent de Paul Society NSW - Flood Appeal \(vinnies.org.au\)](http://St Vincent de Paul Society NSW - Flood Appeal (vinnies.org.au))

St Christopher's

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday during Lent at **7pm**

St Patrick's

Lenten Program : Each Wednesday during Lent at

9am in the church meeting room

7.30pm at the Sherry residence (Barbara 9773 6263)

Stations of the Cross : Every Friday during Lent **after**

8am Mass.



Funeral at St Christopher's Church

For the Late Mrs Moya Berkley (Campbell)

11am on Thursday 24th March 2022

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

Parish Finance Committee

Chairperson: John Tesoriero
 Secretary: Pat Nolan
 Parish Safeguarding Officer: Siobhan Van Den Nieuwenhuizen

Saint of the day

23rd Mar St Turibius of Mogrovejo
 24th Mar St Oscar Romero
 25th Mar The Annunciation of the Lord



Mass Intentions

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

Recently Deceased:

Emanuel Dimech, Jennifer Quinn, Moya Berkley (Campbell), Vera Winter, Ray Reynolds, Shirley Burns, Emily Nader, Silvano Stocco, Teresinha Gnomes da Silva, Marie Moylan & Mick Le Breton, Barbara Keep, Carol Ellison, James Innis.

Anniversaries:

Frank Sherry, Bruce Bradley, Colin Mills, Richard Gonsalves, Kathleen & Colin Cross, Dominick & Thelma McDermott, Eric Moon, Yolanda Woods & Anne Sutton, Margaret McLeish, John Moro.

General Intention:

Dominico, Phero & Phaolo, Jose Quintal, Maria Stevens, Louis & Elizabeth, Martin Hannegan, Mary Grech, Mickalina Azzopardi, Paul Burke, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Deceased members of Legion of Mary.

The Sick and Infirm:

Pat Thomas, Deebe Assad, Tom Bradley, Jane Zammit, Luke Brady, Owen McLoughlin, Tim Burke, Alma Tahan, Martin Hannagan, Sam Law, Therese Nasser, Denis Kovc, John Esther, 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 Tunncliff, Pat Tindall, Val Edwards

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKEND ROSTERS 2022

19th/20th Mar	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
<i>Readers:</i>	Gabrielle Innes Louise Anderson	Maureen Singleton Volunteer	Lea De Angelis Andrew Mills	Anita & Josie Hanna	<i>Communion to the Sick</i> Terese Jones Josephine Jones Norma Coorey
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Barbara Tesoriero David Raish	Terese Jones Josephine Jones	Magdalene Vetter Margaret Yasbek	Volunteer Nazira Hanna	
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	Volunteer	Andrew Mills	Ruben Nool	Ryan Romero	
					<i>Counters:</i> Philip Weeks George Elias
26th/27th Mar	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
<i>Readers:</i>	Louise Harvey Mary Young	Volunteer Natalie Salameh	Gabriela Bietresato Natalie Salameh	Michelle Ryan Volunteer	<i>Communion to the Sick</i> Magdalene Vetter Anne Maree Darcy Gabi Bietresato
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Frank O'Brien Renee Taylor	Magdalene Vetter Anne Maree Darcy	Louise Anderson Stephanie Siaoisi	Volunteer Anne Maree Morris	
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	Volunteer	Geoff Giltinan	Lisa Kerry	Cheryl Beaver	
					<i>Counters:</i> George Elias Brian Mack

ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2022

	19th/20th Mar		26th/27th Mar	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	Chris	Kevin	Chris	Ray
<i>Readers:</i>	S V Nieuwenhuizen Wanieta Young	Lynda Cameron Mary Cameron	Sean McKenna Garry Solway	Cathy Moussa Roza Bulic
<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.