



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


**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A**
**27th November 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: 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

**Mass Times**

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:30pm  
**Sunday:** 9am  
**Tuesday- Friday:** 8am,

**Exposition & Benediction**

7:30 am - 8am, 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

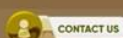
**Weddings** (by appointment)

**Parish Priest**

Fr Salas Muttathukattil MSFS

**Assistant Priest**

Fr Ravi Muvvala



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**St Christopher's Primary School**

02 9771-5492

**De La Salle College**

(02) 9773 7755

**Mount St Joseph College**

(02) 8724 6200


**Gospel Reflection**
**Wake up to the Poetry**

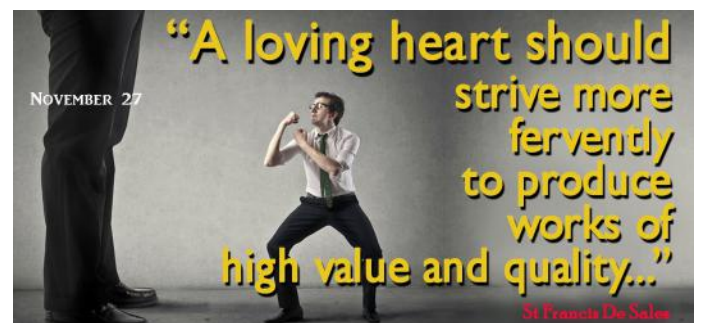
Our Lord loved to unfurl the scroll of the Prophet Isaiah in his local synagogue. The poetic image of swords being hammered into ploughshares reverberated into his renouncing violence against the Roman occupying army in his own time. When will this picture come true for all human beings for all time?

Only God knows! We don't know any more than we know when a burglar might target our home. But our ignorance of God's timetable is no excuse for being fatalistic and sleepy. We have our own span of life providing the timetable for our own contribution to the hammering of swords into ploughshares.

Recent Popes, especially St John Paul II, have taken up this theme for our times, teaching more restrictive criteria for using armed force, even dropping the term 'just war' to very small print in the Catechism.

We could pause for a moment to pray to be awake to our opportunities to shape society in the light of the vision of Isaiah and the practice of Jesus the Prince of Peace.

*Fr Michael Tate*

**Quote of  
the day**


## Entrance Antiphon

*Cf. Ps 24:1-3*

***To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.  
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.  
Nor let my enemies exult over me;  
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.***

## 1st Reading

*Is 2:1-5*

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills.

All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.’

He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles.

Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war.

O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

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

## Responsorial Psalm *Ps 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9. R. see v.1.*

***Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.***

## 2nd Reading

*Rom 13:11-14*

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

You know ‘the time’ has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do

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under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

## Gospel Acclamation

*Ps 84:8*

***Alleluia, alleluia!  
Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.  
Alleluia!***

## Gospel

*Mt 24:37-44*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘As it was in Noah’s day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

‘So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’

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



## Communion Antiphon

*Ps 84:13*

***The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth  
shall yield its increase.***



**Volunteers Christmas Party  
St Christopher's /St Patrick's**

All volunteers in the various parish ministries are invited to attend an end of year celebration Mass followed by a Celebration supper.

Date: Thursday 8th Dec 2022

Time: 6pm for Mass

Location: St Patrick's Church and after at 300 The River Road (Enter from the De La Salle Car Park on River Road)

Please use the sign on sheet in the foyer to confirm your attendance, or call parish office 9774 3662, email stcpanania@hotmail.com



**The Feast of the Immaculate Conception-Thu 8th Dec**

The hour of Grace will be held at St Christopher's church from noon till 1pm. All welcome!

**Update on Safeguarding:**

The Parish of St Christopher's and St Patrick's is currently being audited to ensure we meet all Safeguarding requirements of the Archdiocese.

Thank you to everyone who has met their obligations regarding WWCC and Safeguarding Training.

The Parish website [www.stchristopherpanania.org.au](http://www.stchristopherpanania.org.au) has also been updated to provide a Safeguarding link to materials for Volunteers, Parishioners and Children. On the Safeguarding Page there is a link to the Archdiocese Safeguarding site as well as an opportunity for families to have their say about how we can fulfil our Safeguarding requirements.

The Safeguarding Newsletter is also available on the Parish website under the Publications tab.



**Happy Birthday Fr Salas - 2nd December**

Wishing Fr. Salas a fabulous birthday. We wish him many blessings for a great year and we thank him for his ministry amongst our Parishes.

**Beloved Bishop says farewell to official Duty**

Bishop Terence Brady is full of gratitude for a "blessed" life as he steps down from his role as an active bishop of Sydney. Bishop Terry, as he is known, reached the canonical retirement age of 75 in April and Pope Francis recently accepted his letter of resignation.

We thank him for his many years of service in Sydney and beyond and keep him in our prayers.

His farewell Mass will be at St Mary's Cathedral on Friday 9th December at 7pm



**BAPTISM**

St Christopher's & St Patrick's Parishes welcome the family of those being baptised this weekend:  
Harper & Delilah Natoli



Let us keep the children and their family in our prayers

**Youth Committee**

We are looking for volunteers who would be interested in getting involved in youth ministry within the St. Patrick's and St. Christopher's Parish Communities. If you are interested in being part of our new Youth Committee which will centre around helping to organise youth events within the parish communities and eventually establishing a youth group, please contact Ben via [stcpanania@gmail.com](mailto:stcpanania@gmail.com) or Parish Office: 9774 3662

**Agape Youth**

We are excited to announce the launch of our new Youth Group, Agape Youth, coming to St. Patrick's and St. Christopher's in 2023. Agape Youth is a place for anyone in Years 5-7 to come together, feel loved, welcomed and part of a catholic community. Agape Youth will be filled with fun, games, prayer, art and craft whilst exploring our faith in a unique way. Registrations are now open!! To register, go to: <https://forms.gle/TQRkXKMn3qXHq1RX8> or scan the QR code using your phone. For more information, please feel free to contact Ben via the Parish Office



**CHRISTMAS MASSES 2022**

**ST. CHRISTOPHER'S PANANIA**

**Saturday 24th December**

Normal morning Mass & Benediction 9am  
(Reconciliation 9.30am—10am -5.15pm)

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

	<u>CAROL</u>	<u>MASS</u>
Children Vigil	5.00pm	5.30pm
Parish Vigil	7.00pm	7.30pm
Midnight Mass	11.30pm	12.00am

**Sunday 25th December - CHRISTMAS DAY**

Parish Masses: 8.00am & 9.30am

**NO 5pm Mass**

**Saturday 31st December**

Vigil Mass 5.30pm (Reconciliation 4.45pm -5.15pm)

**Sunday 1 JANUARY 2023 - NEW YEAR'S DAY**

Parish Masses: 8.00am & 9.30am

**NO 5pm Mass**

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**ST PATRICK'S REVESBY HEIGHTS**

**Saturday 24th December - CHRISTMAS EVE**

	<u>CAROL</u>	<u>MASS</u>
Vigil Mass	5.00pm	5.30pm

**Sunday 25th December - CHRISTMAS DAY**

Parish Mass 9.00am

**Saturday 31st December**

Vigil Mass 5.30pm (Reconciliation 4.45pm -5.15pm)

**Sunday 1 JANUARY 2023 - NEW YEAR'S DAY**

Normal Sunday Mass 9am

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**RECONCILIATION - 2nd Rite**

St Christopher's: Wednesday 21st December 7pm

**Christmas at the Cathedral: 8th—25th Dec**

Festivities begin each evening at 7pm with Christmas market stalls, food, fun activities for the kids and live entertainment.



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

**Parish Secretary:** Van Doan  
**Parish Manager:** John Tesoriero  
**Sac. Co-ordinator:** Anne Maree Morris  
**Pastoral Care:** Norma Coorey  
**Liturgy and Ministry Coordinator:** Benjamin Woolf

**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: Roza Bulic  
 Secretary: Pat Nolan

**Parish Finance Committee**

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

**COMING EVENTS**

- Thu 8th Dec :** 1. Volunteers Christmas gathering @ 6pm at St Patrick's Church  
 2. The Feast of the Immaculate Conception 1 hour Grace @12pm St Christopher's



*Mass Intentions*

Let Us Pray for our Parish Community

**Recently Deceased:**

Sitendra Singh, Jason Mar, Edna Dalton, Henry Petelo, Gloria Soster.

**Anniversaries:**

Manija Petrak Tony Khoury, Tom & Tamam Coorey, Nghi & Dung Hoang, Tinh Nguyen, Hikmat Shina, Sharon O'Shea, Nazira Tahan.

**General Intention:**

John Sullivan & Georgia Brown, Anthony Coorey, Therese Boukaram, Gena & Alan Bourke, Eddie & Boulos, Jose Quintal, Joakim Nguyen, Eddie, Bev, Abraham, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Dominic & Maria Doan, Paul & Tim Burke, Deceased members of the Legion of Mary.

**The Sick and Infirm:**

Jeff Giltinan, Mary Cosgrove, Oanh Bui, Margaret Azzi, Miriam Priou, Maria Koh, Marie Solway, Margaret Duffy, Giovanna Iacono, John Esther, Rosanne Sukkar, Bill & Dina Papadopoulos, Alana Boruta, McLoughlin & Gilfeathers families, Geordan Smith, Margaret O'Donnell, Kathleen Mulligan, Tom Bradley, Marie & Owen McLoughlin, Alma Tahan, Martin Hannagan, Sam Law, Therese Nasser, Denis Kovc, Jim O'Neill, Anne Coome, Sira Raveane, Bernadette Lawrance, Kerry & Russ, Stephen Sinclair, Vincent Doan, Mary Israel, Rudolf Rodriques, Suzanne Moig, Junior Zoran Stojanovski, Pat Tunncliff, Pat Tindall, Sick members of the Legion of Mary.



**ST CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKEND ROSTERS 2022**

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26th/27th Nov	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	
<i>Readers:</i>	Louise Harvey Mary Young	George Elias Ron Woods	Gabriela Bietresato Sam Coorey	Michelle Ryan Tanya Nguyen	<i>Communion to the Sick</i> Ellen Russell Norma Coorey Josephine Jones
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Frank O'Brien Renee Taylor	Ellen Russell Norma Coorey	Louise Anderson Stephanie Siasosi	Anne Maree Morris Volunteer	
<i>Acolytes/Servers</i>	John Tesoriero	Jon D'Astoli	Lisa Kerry	Cheryl Beaver	<i>Counters:</i> Philip Weeks John Tesoriero
3rd/4th Dec	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 5pm	Other Ministries
<i>Readers:</i>	Michael Mallia Chris Tran	Ron Woods Stephanie Siasosi	Sam Coorey Joe Nguyen	Julie Nugent Tanya Nguyen	<i>Communion to the Sick</i> Megan Perez Norma Coorey Margaret Yasbek
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Caroline Khouri Josephine Jones	Megan Perez	Jacqueline Bull Terese Jones	Gabi Bietresato Rebecca Lee	
<i>Acolytes/Servers</i>	John Tesoriero	Jon D'Astoli	Richard Hurst	Dennis Lister	<i>Counters:</i> John Tesoriero Brian Mack

**ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2022**

	26th/27th Nov		3rd/4th Dec	
	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am	Sat Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am
<i>Acolytes/Servers:</i>	Chris	Jason	Chris	Kevin
<i>Readers:</i>	Marie Carr Liam Carr	Pat Nolan Dawn Poole	Siobhan Van Den Nieuwenhuizen Wanieta Young	Lynda Cameron Mary Cameron
<i>Communion Ministers:</i>	Alison Simler Barbara Sherry	Madeleine Pizzuti Cathy Moussa	Sue Chant Elena Salgueira	May Coorey Joan Jones
<i>Counters:</i>		Marie & Phillip Carr		Maureen Sherry, 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.