

Today's Readings

Acts 2:14. 22-33 *It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.*

1 Peter 1:17-21 *The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.*

Luke 24:13-35 *They recognised him at the breaking of the bread*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Lord, you will show us the path of life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us; make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

UNIVERSAL PRAYER – Saving God, give us wisdom.

There will be no Masses at this time due to Covid-19.

The church shall remain closed at this time.

We thank those who are in the Altar Society, counters, readers and acolytes for all your continued hard work.

We look forward to everyone returning soon.

HARD OF HEARING? Our Church has been equipped with a Powered Audio Induction Loop system for hearing aid wearers (T-Loop) - To obtain effective use of the loop sit in the main body of the church avoiding the very edge seats, turn hearing aid to T & adjust the volume to suit



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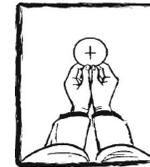
DUE TO COVID-19, NO GATHERINGS AT THIS TIME, PLEASE CHECKOUT WEBSITE FOR FURTHER DETAILS.



St Patrick's Parish acknowledges and honours the Gweagal People of the Dharawal Nation as the original custodians of this land



St Patrick's Sutherland is a Parish that strives to safeguard children at all times.



Third Sunday of Easter Year A Sunday 26 April 2020

Jesus joins two disciples as they walk away from Jerusalem in despair after his death. They share their hopes and longings with him, and Jesus patiently explains why events happened as they did. He breaks bread with them, and suddenly they recognise him. No longer hopeless, they rush back to rejoin the disciples, who by now are convinced that Jesus has risen. The joy of the resurrection is spreading!

As we enter the heart of the Easter season on this the third Sunday, the Church takes our contemplation back to Eucharist, which is our single greatest point of contact with Easter itself. In the first letter of St Peter, which is our second reading, the first Pope reminds the early Christians that they have been brought at a very high price, *'the precious blood of a lamb, without spot or stain, namely Christ.'* He tells the Christians they cannot go back and live the way they used to as that way only leads to death.

This new life, bought and paid for by Christ can actually only be lived in friendship with Christ. The Gospel passage from Luke is the beautiful story of the two disciples walking despondently towards the town of Emmaus after Jesus has been put to death. They have seen Our Lord die and have now been told by the women that Jesus has risen but they cannot bring themselves to believe it. In this place of doubt and desolation Christ meets them on the road without allowing himself to be recognised. He explains to them how Sacred Scripture points to him and as he walks with them, the disciples' hearts begin to burn and they press him to stay with them. Their eyes are only opened to who Jesus breaks the bread in front of them at dinner, and then Jesus vanishes from their sight.

The Eucharist is the meeting point par excellence between the soul and Christ. It is there above all other moments that he not only walks beside us but dwells within us. It is in those moments after receiving Holy Communion that we should try and "detain" Our Lord as the disciples did, to share with him the concerns we have on our journey and to let him reignite our flagging faith and weakening wills.

In this time of pandemic and lock downs, where it is not possible to receive Communion for an extended period, we must take advantage of the graces of a spiritual communion. By expressing to Our Lord the desire to receive him we already open our souls to Jesus's grace and help, even if we can't have him sacramentally present within us. We can tell Jesus of our desire to receive him in any words we want but a beautiful old example of a spiritual communion goes like this:

"I wish my Lord to receive you, with the purity, humility and devotion, with which your most holy mother received you and with the spirit and the fervour of the saints."

Keeping you all very much in mind.

Fr Dan McCaughan

Liturgy Live streaming

Mass
Saturday 5pm
Sunday 8am



Livestream can be accessed at bit.ly/saintpatslive or simply by searching Saint Pats Sutherland on YouTube. Become a subscriber to the parish channel to get updates of upcoming livestreams.

Pope Francis prayer to Our Lady, Health of the Sick, to implore her protection during the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

CHURCH GARDENS– if you have any spare time during the current COVID-19 situation and are well and eager to help. Contact Kevin Redman 0402856114 for more details.



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School 2021 Enrolments are open.

Enrolment packs are available from the school office Monday to Friday between 8.30am and 3.45pm. Enrolments close Friday, 8 May 2020.

If you have any queries please contact the school office on 9521 2163.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE SICK: Josh Denton, Elaine Kelly, Karl Paszkiewicz, Elizabeth Pemberton, Gwen Power, Arnanoud Lemerie, Solange La Douce Jean Fabien, Steve Smith, Lloyd Handley, Bruce Kent, Marie Owen, Bernard Cassidy, Anne Cassidy, Grace & Rafael Monserrat, Lena Mallet, Brendan Lynch, Martine Benoit, Norma Miller, Pat Bathurst, Lucy Gault, Ron Monro, Lorraine Davies, Robert Bishop, Bill Burke, Barry Bradburn, John Bonadio, Marie Cameron, Patricia Holbrook, Maria & Luigi Altavilla, Marlene Visage, Anne Cook, Valerie O'Brien, Leonie Coleman, Bill Nicholls, Maureen Fraser, Carol Drew, Bill Morris, Ron Strauss, Patti & Kevin Gore. All the residents in Nagle Apartments. All the residents in Bupa.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Pat Bathurst, Tony Krantzke, Sandra Lemke

ANNIVERSARY: Fr Laurie Cruikshank

DECEASED MEMBERS & FRIENDS: Camara & Gomes Families, Joan Quinn, Frank Townsend, David Hoffmann, Mona McGovern, Veri Laarakkers, Helen Warham, David Dee, Dorothy Lynch, Reg Benson, Gabrielle Scarra, Dec'd PBVM Sisters, Robertson Family, Claude Press, John Press, Peter Rendell, Barry Scott, Margaret Stokes, Paul Fraser, Karen Westnidge, McMullen & Brown Families, Philip Struthers, Jim Walsh, Shirley Dent, Thomas O'Brien, Menezes & Minshull Families, Tyran Sharman, Gregory & Eileen Dodd, Sr Mary Julian, Larkin Family, Mullins Family, Fr. L. Cruikshank, members of McNamara, Torrington, Preston, Dent, Barrett, Mahoney, Lollback, Mason & O'Leary families, Terry McNamara, Griggs, Nunan, Farrell families, Jack Ethers, Mrs Hills, Mr & Mrs English, Aunt Nora and Aunt Thelma, Irene Mason, Monica & John Robinson, Don Barrett. Miller family & friends, Holy Souls in Purgatory