

Today's Readings

Acts 2:14. 36-41 *God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ*

1 Peter 2:20-25 *You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.*

John 10:1-10 *I am the gate of the sheep fold.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – The Lord is my shepherd and there is nothing I shall want.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – Alleluia, Alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

GENERAL INTERCESSION RESPONSE – Jesus, our way, guide us.

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.



Fourth Sunday of Easter Year A 3 May, 2020

We are not sheep, but we can make a choice to follow Jesus and be part of his flock. Jesus promises us his life and love, to be shared with others. We are not asked to be mindless imitators of another person or to be swayed by specious arguments. Jesus is the gate through which we enter into the fullness of life he came to bring us.

Our 4th Sunday of Easter this year coincides with the beginning of the month of May. This is a beautiful month for many reasons: in most parts of the world it is a month of gorgeous weather. For us as Catholics, the greatest beauty of May lies in the fact that it is the month dedicated to Our Lady.

Mother's Day is a day much treasured on the national calendar. But for us, we have "Mother's Month!" Such is the importance of Mary to the life of the Christian it is only fitting that there should be an entire month dedicated to her.

When I was a child, my parents taught me the 'Litany of Loreto.' This beautiful invocation of Mary under dozens of titles was a staple 'trimming on the Rosary' that we would pray every Saturday evening. Two of the titles in that Litany are very apposite for today; "*Mary, Health of the Sick*" and "*Mary, Comforter of the afflicted.*" It is the most natural instinct of all children to want their mother when they feel scared, threatened or sick. As our world continues to deal with the Coronavirus pandemic it should be our natural instinct as Christians to turn to our heavenly mother and ask for her comfort, care and protection.

There is a real difference to praying to Mary compared to Our Lord. We do not worship Mary for she is a humble creature like us and yet God listens to her first owing to the her extraordinary closeness to him. In Mary we see manifested the singular love that God has for the human race. In praying to Mary we simultaneously have one who has the ear of God most high and yet completely knows and empathises with us and loves us with a mother's heart.

During this month of May it would be of tremendous benefit for us to try and do something extra each day to honour Mary and ask for her help, especially in ending the pandemic. When we go on walks, we might pray a Rosary or at least a few hail Marys. A small pilgrimage to a Marian shrine (even if we can't go inside) would be a beautiful thing to do. Inviting others to pray with us during this period in beseeching our mother is also a superb way to honour "*the Queen of the May.*"

During this special month, I will be asking Our Lady's special care and protection on you all and praying that the day we can come back to Mass and the other sacraments as a whole people of God will come soon.

May God Bless you and may Our Lady keep her mantle of protection over you.

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, 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: Fr Pat McAuliffe, Fr Peter Morrissey, Robert Bishop, Pat Bathurst, Tony Krantzcke, Sandra Lemke

ANNIVERSARY: David Hoffmann, Mr & Mrs English, Marie, Lionel & Laurie Gray, 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