

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

In the last week, our young children from St Patrick's who prepared for the Sacrament of Reconciliation completed their program and received the Sacrament. There were two very prayerful ceremonies and we congratulate each of the children.

This week our children from other schools in the parish will complete their program and receive the Sacrament the following week.

Please keep all these children and families in your prayers.
Thank you.

Today's Readings

1 Kings 19:9. 11-13 *Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.*

Romans 9:1-5 *I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.*

Matthew 14:22-33 *Command me to come to you over the water*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM -

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION –

Alleluia, alleluia! I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word, Alleluia!

UNIVERSAL PRAYER-

Uphold us in your love, O God.

ACOLYTE AND READER ROSTERS ARE NOW
AVAILABLE IN THE SACRISTY.

COUNTING AND CLEANING IS STILL ON HOLD.

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



new Parish Website- www.stpatsutherland.org.au



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DUE TO COVID-19, LIMITED NUMBERS PERMITTED, PLEASE CHECK OUR 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.



19th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A 9 August 2020

Jesus sends everyone away, and spends time with his Father in prayer. When he re-joins the disciples by walking on the water, they are afraid. Peter wishes to go to him, yet his faith is shaken by the strong winds. In response to Peter's cry for help, Jesus takes hold of him and all becomes calm. Once again, their faith is strengthened and they acknowledge Jesus as Son of God.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel directly follows last week's account of Jesus feeding a crowd of more than 5,000 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. For the sake of the crowds, Jesus had postponed his time of solitude. Now, at last, Jesus finds some time for quiet and prayer. He sends his disciples ahead of him by boat, dismisses the crowds, and then withdraws to the mountain to pray.

The disciples do not fare well. They struggle to weather the wind and waves, making little progress in their journey. We are reminded of a previous story in Chapter 8 of Matthew's Gospel, when Jesus calms the seas. This time, however, Jesus does not calm the seas, and the disciples do not express fear until they see Jesus walking toward them on the water. In this story it is not the storm that is feared but the sight of Jesus before them, whom they mistake for a ghost.

Clues like these suggest that this story is about the disciples' growing understanding of the identity of Jesus. In continuity with last week's Gospel about the feeding of the multitude, today's Gospel is also about what the disciples' faith in Jesus will enable them to do. In last week's Gospel, when the disciples see the crowds, they ask Jesus to send the crowds away. Jesus turns the situation around, telling the disciples to feed the crowd with the provisions that they have. Both of these Gospels tell us much about ministry.

Jesus calls to the disciples and calms their fears. He is not a ghost. The impulsive Peter seeks proof that the person is indeed Jesus. He asks Jesus to call him out onto the water, and Jesus grants this request. Peter's fear and doubt overtake him, however, once he is walking on the water. Jesus reaches out to Peter and saves him. When Jesus and Peter enter the boat, Matthew reports that the wind ceases, and the disciples confess that Jesus is the Son of God.

Faith in Jesus will enable the disciples to do the work that Jesus has done. Peter walks on water. The five loaves and two fish feed a multitude of people. The disciples can and will participate in the work of the kingdom of heaven. When Peter fears and doubts the person of Jesus, however, he falters. Peter's example teaches us that true Christian ministry emerges from the faith that Jesus is the Messiah, God's only Son.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday August 15- Masses will 9am and 12 noon.

The Parish Piety Stall

Due to the current Covid-19 issues, the Piety Stall will not be open until further notice. If you wish to purchase please call 9521 4562

Thank you Sylvia

JOHN FRANKLIN CHRISTMAS LUNCH

John Franklin Christmas Lunch are currently looking for new committee members, if you are interested please call Elizabeth Stevens on 9521 5706 or 0414227554 for more information.

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.

Catechist News

Dear parishioners, the catechists have been invited back into the state schools to teach SRE (Special Religious Education). As of last week, all four mainstream schools commenced classes. Kindly keep the catechists in your prayers so we deliver the Good News to all the children attending school and to stay safe while volunteering. If you feel you would like to join our group, please do contact me and we can discuss the possibilities of starting later this year or next year. CCD provide training and ongoing support.

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A note from the parish office

As the current Covid conditions require you need to book in for Mass, if you are intending to come to the same time Mass each week, we can now take a permanent booking.

We are getting a number of parishioners that haven't booked which creates gathering and waiting around the sign in table so we ask once again that you book in via phone or email.

Could we also ask that you book in by Thursday of each week as the lists need to be completed by 12noon each Friday.

Also under the current government health advice it is recommended that all parishioners wear a mask during Mass. It is not compulsory but advisable.

Thank you for understanding.

Directives for Churches and Liturgies for the Archdiocese of Sydney under current COVIDSafe restrictions

from 1 July 2020

From Wednesday 1 July 2020:

churches in the Archdiocese of Sydney shall be reopened and Sunday Masses will be resumed
 the maximum number of people allowed in the church shall be determined by 'the four square metre rule'; the maximum number allowed in is 100

contact details of all those entering the church (name and phone number or email address of one adult in each family) must be recorded by marking your name on the register at the door.

current spatial distancing directions (people are asked to keep least 1 1/2m from each other) and hygiene directions (including hand sanitizing and regularly disinfecting the church) must be observed; attendees are to sit only in marked places, to queue at a distance from others, and to take care when coughing or sneezing

congregational singing is still suspended
 those who are unwell or at high risk must not attend (they might ask that Holy Communion be brought to them at home).

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE SICK: Josh Denton, Bernard Cassidy, Kristy Bugeja, Arnold Lemerie, Elaine Kelly, Karl Paszkiewicz, Elizabeth Pember-ton, Gwen Power, Amanoud 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, 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: Victor Garland

ANNIVERSARY: Marie O'Donnell, Jack & Mary Rowley, Neil Gray, Diana, Michael & Winifred Snowden, Ian Rodgers, Barbara McSweeney, Eileen Gilligan and Vincent Gilligan, Jack Christie

DECEASED MEMBERS & FRIENDS: Camara & Gomes Families, Joan Quinn, Frank Townsend, David Hoffman, 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