

**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.



### Today's Readings

**Jeremiah 20:7-9**–*The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.*

**Romans 12:1-2**– *May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.*

**Matthew 16:21-27**– *Whoever wishes to come after me, must deny himself.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM -

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** – Alleluia, alleluia

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia.

**UNIVERSAL PRAYER** –

God of our journey be with us.

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](http://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.



**22nd Sunday  
SUNDAY A  
30 August 2020**

When Peter tries to deter Jesus from the path leading to his suffering and death, he is rebuked severely. To follow Jesus is to experience the cross, but also resurrection. We can support each other on this journey through life by sharing deep values of the heart, and helping those in need. Our meeting with Jesus at the end of time is certain, and he will reward us.

### Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel continues the story that began in last week's Gospel. Simon Peter was called the "rock" upon which Jesus would build his Church, and yet Peter continues to show the limitations of his understanding of Jesus' identity. Now that the disciples have acknowledged that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he must suffer and die in Jerusalem to be raised on the third day. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely, calling him "Satan." In opposing this aspect of Jesus' mission, Peter shows that he is no longer speaking based on the revelation from God but as a human being. Jesus then teaches all of the disciples about the difficult path of discipleship: to be Christ's disciple is to follow in his way of the cross.

Peter could not yet understand what it meant to call Jesus the Messiah. It is unlikely that the other disciples understood any better. Messianic expectations were a common aspect of first-century Judaism. Under Roman occupation, many in Israel hoped and prayed that God would send a Messiah to free the Jews from Roman oppression. The common view was that the Messiah would be a political figure, a king that would free Israel from Roman rule. This is perhaps what Peter envisioned when he was led to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. In this passage, however, Jesus is beginning to teach his disciples that he would be the Messiah in a different way.

Jesus would be more like the suffering servant described by the prophet Isaiah than the political liberator. Those who would be Jesus' disciples would be called to a similar life of service. Perhaps this is what Peter feared most in Jesus' prediction of his Passion. He whom Jesus had called "rock" would also be called upon to offer himself in sacrifice and service to others. Christian leaders today are still called to sacrifice and serve others as Jesus did.

**Remember our Retired Priest's this Father's Day**

The **Priests' Retirement Foundation** Father's Day Appeal will be held on **5 and 6 September 2020** Your donation will help care for our sick and retired priests, so please consider a gift towards this appeal. Thank you.

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](https://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.

A very special thank you to Angela and her wonderful team at **Bobb & Co** for the exceptional work in giving our beautiful church a deep clean last weekend.

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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 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, 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:** Jill Anne Blythe,

**ANNIVERSARY:** Madeleine Grazer-Herminjard, Vince & Adelina D'Alessio

**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