

**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**

**Sirach 27:30-28:7**

*Forgive your neighbours faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.*

**Romans 14:7-9**

*Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.*

**Matthew 18:21-35**

*I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM-**

The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION-I**

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

**UNIVERSAL PRAYER-** Christ, may we be merciful.

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.



**24th Sunday  
 Ordinary Time  
 13 September, 2020**

The Cross is indeed a sign of contradiction. It is a sign of great suffering and death, and also of resurrection. Jesus became one of us and did not exploit his status as Son of God. He humbly endured self-emptying and derision, and did not retaliate; all this to save us. When we share the cross with Jesus we too shall be raised up and live with him. forever.

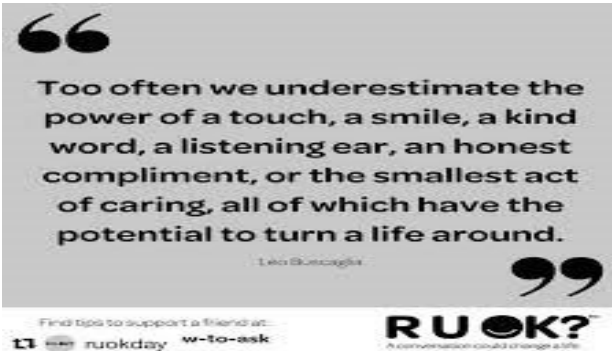
**Background on the Gospel Reading**

Today's Gospel reading directly follows last week's Gospel in which Jesus taught the disciples how to handle disputes and conflict within the Christian community. In today's reading Peter asks Jesus how many times one ought to extend forgiveness to another. Peter proposes a reasonable number of times, perhaps seven. Jesus replies by extending Peter's proposal by an enormous amount; not just seven times should one forgive, but 77 times. The parable of the unforgiving servant is Jesus' elaboration of his initial reply to Peter. Through the parable we come to understand the depths of God's mercy toward us and the results of our acceptance of God's forgiveness.

The king in the parable decides to settle accounts with his servants. We are told that one servant in particular owes the king an enormous sum of money. Despite the promise of the servant, it is unlikely that he would ever be able to repay the debt that he owes. The king is moved by the humility of the pleading servant and mercifully forgives the debt. Rather than displaying gratitude for this forgiveness, the servant confronts a fellow servant who owes him a small debt—a pittance when compared with the amount that was owed to the king. The unmerciful servant refuses the pleas of his fellow servant and sends the servant to prison.

A few other servants tell the merciful king about the actions of the unforgiving servant. The king punishes the servant because he refused to show the kind of mercy he had himself received from the king. Jesus concludes by indicating that this is how it will be with God and those who refuse to forgive one another.

There is a temptation to quantify forgiveness as Peter tried to do, but Jesus' point is that forgiveness is not about quantity—the number of times we extend forgiveness to another. In the parable the king's forgiveness is like God's forgiveness, and it transforms us, helping us to be as forgiving as God. The lesson is clear: If we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our lives.



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](http://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 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, Wendy Fell, Bernard Cassidy, Kristy Bugeja, Elaine Kelly, Elizabeth Pemberton, Gwen Power, Arnanoud Lemerie, Solange La Douce Jean Fabien, Steve Smith, Lloyd Handley, Bruce Kent, Anne Cassidy, Grace & Rafael Monserrat, Lena Mallet, Brendan Lynch, Martine Benoit, Norma Miller, Lucy Gault, Ron Monro, Lorraine Davies, Bill Burke, 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:** Jean Boxswell, Jack Danzey, Jill Anne Blythe,

**ANNIVERSARY:** Laura San Pedro, Simon Coutinho, Patrick Dsouza, Panfilo Mangkikis, Solidaridad de Nava, Yvonne Ott

**DECEASED MEMBERS & FRIENDS:** Ryan Gilbert, 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, Lar-kin 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