

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

ISAIAH 5:1-7 *The vineyard of the Lord god of hosts is the House of Israel*

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-9 *Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.*

MATTHEW 21:33-43 *He leased his vineyard to other farmers.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM—

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION—

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

UNIVERSAL PRAYER—

God in your mercy hear 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



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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.



**27th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A
4 October 2020**

The prophets of the Old Testament were sent to prepare the people for the coming of Christ. When Jesus came, he was not accepted by the rulers and elders, but many of the people did believe in him. The Kingdom of God has been given to us too. We must nurture our faith so that it will grow and produce abundant fruit for the people of our time.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel follows directly after last Sunday's Gospel in which Jesus was questioned by Jewish religious leaders about the source of his teaching authority. After refusing to answer their questions, Jesus tells the parable of the two sons and then criticizes the priests and elders for their lack of belief in John the Baptist.

In today's Gospel, Jesus once again speaks to the priests and elders with a parable. In this parable, the landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that the tenants owe to him. Several times the servants are sent to collect payment, and each time they are beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard if the landowner dies without an heir, plot together and kill the landowner's son.

After telling the parable, Jesus questions the chief priests and elders about what the landowner will do to the wicked tenants. They all agree that the landowner will kill the wicked tenants and give the land to new tenants who will pay the rent.

In telling the parable, Jesus is clearly drawing upon Isaiah 5:1-7, which is today's first reading and one that the priests and elders would have known well. Jesus doesn't, therefore, have to explain the symbolism of the parable; the Pharisees would have understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the landowner represented God, the servants represented the prophets, and the bad tenants represented the religious leaders. Yet Jesus nonetheless explains the meaning of the parable for his audience: the Kingdom of God will be taken from the unbelieving and given to the faithful. The chief priests and elders have condemned themselves with their answer to Jesus' question.

Today's Gospel has a parallel in Mark 12:1-12. There are some notable differences, however. In Matthew's version, the religious leaders condemn themselves; in Mark's Gospel, Jesus answers his own question. Matthew names the religious leaders as Pharisees and chief priests. Clearly this Gospel shows the tension that was mounting between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders who thought that his message was dangerous. Matthew's Gospel was written about 70 years after Jesus' death and reflects the conflicts and tensions found in the Christian community for whom Matthew was writing. Many biblical scholars believe that the tension between Matthew's community and their Jewish neighbors can also be heard in today's reading.

This Gospel reminds us of the importance of listening to God's word. God speaks to us in many ways—through Scripture, through our Church tradition, in our Church's teaching, and through modern-day prophets. Are we attentive and receptive to God's word to us through these messengers?

“The St Vincent de Paul Society is advocating together with others for more social housing. On 17 November the NSW Government will deliver the State Budget. With more than 100,000 people waiting for social housing and many more families struggling to make ends meet, the Society, together with others is hoping to have the matter addressed. **There is a petition at the back of the church** . The Society hopes to have this tabled in NSW Parliament before the Budget. We need 10,000 signatures for this to happen. and already have more than 7,000. Thank you”

New Parish Mass Booking System

We are still getting a number of parishioners that have not booked which creates gathering and waiting around the sign in table so we ask once again that you book in via phone or email by Wednesday of each week. This is only necessary if your name does not appear on the new lists that have been created and will be used from this weekend. It will now be a first in basis as once we reach 100 we will not be able to go over. The list has been created from our current data base and booking sheets so please only call the office or email if your name is not there.

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. Fr Dan, Kaylene and Jennie

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

Liturgy Live streaming

Mass
Saturday 5pm
Sunday 8am

St Patrick's Catechists.

We have managed to teach scripture in our public schools whilst maintaining our social distancing and being well looked after by the schools' staff and students.

We are missing a few volunteers and we are hoping someone within our parish would be able to join our team as a scripture teacher for 2021. CCD offer the necessary training and ongoing support. We need to get organised for next year so we can get back to the kids who are yearning to hear and know of God's love.

Please do call me if you think you may be interested and wish to know more before making the commitment. Thank you, Bertha 0438408430 berthafadsni@gmail.com

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS:

We are happy to announce that the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held at our parish in November/December 2020.

The 2020 Enrolment period for children within our parish has now finished. A reminder to those who have enrolled that the Parent Information Night will be Wednesday 14 October at 6pm. Only 1 adult is to attend due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions with the number of people permitted in the church, we are not able to accept enrolments from families outside of our parish boundary as we are limited to the number of ceremonies we can have.

Any enquiries please email the Sacramental Co-ordinator on admin@stpatssutherland.org.au

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.

HOLY FATHER'S APPEAL 2020

Our Parish will hold the Holy Father's Appeal next weekend for which we ask for your support. Through your gift you can help Pope Francis bring hope, opportunity and the spirit of Jesus Christ to our less fortunate brothers and sisters around the world. Thank you

Directives for Churches and Liturgies for the Archdiocese of Sydney under current COVID Safe 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, 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: Grace Monserrat, Jose Tollo

ANNIVERSARY: Bruno Kowalczyk, Bernie Richardson, Reg Benson, Alice & Vincent Dorahy, Molly Quinnell, Margaret Gothard, Katherine Thornton, Kathleen Gould, Rosario Rodrigues

DECEASED MEMBERS & FRIENDS: Camara & Gomes Families, Joan Quinn, Frank Townsend, David Hoffmann, Mona McGovern, Veri Laarakkers, Helen Warham, David Dee, Dorothy Lynch, Reg Benson, Pat Bathurst, 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