

CHURCH GARDENS

At present the gardens are growing faster than can be maintained. The gardening group is desperately seeking more people to assist.

If you can spare any time we would certainly appreciate the extra help.

Please bring a water bottle & gloves

All equipment supplied.

Contact Kevin Redman 0402856114 for more details

Today's Readings

DEUTERONOMY 18:15-20 I will put my words into the prophets mouth, and he will tell them all I command.

1 CORINTHIANS 7:32-35 The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.

MARK 1:21-28 This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM– If today you hear his voice harden not your heart.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION– Alleluia, alleluia! The people in darkness have seen a great light; a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. Alleluia!

UNIVERSAL PRAYER RESPONSE– Holy One of God, have mercy

Could all counting and cleaning teams please let me know by email if you are wishing to return for 2021.

info@stpatssutherland.org.au

Many thanks Kaylene

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.stpatssutherland.org.au



ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

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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.



**Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B
31 January 2021**

It is not with great drama that Jesus wants to impress the people, as happened on Mount Horeb in ancient times. It was when he was in the synagogue, preaching and talking about God that the people came to listen and accept his authority. The unclean spirit in the tormented man recognises who he is, but Jesus does not want it trumpeted. His words and deeds demonstrate his authority

From the Parish Priest Desk,

As I sit here at my desk on 28 January 2021, it is a very sad day. Today after 12 mostly happy years I conclude my ministry with you. As you may or may not be aware that the Archbishop has a 12 year policy for terms of Parish Priest. So I now go to St Andrew's, Malabar/ St Agnes Matraville/ Reconciliation Chapel, La Perouse as Parish Priest which officially begins 29 January 2021 and Fr Dan McCaughan begins as your new Parish Priest. All the Sunday Masses this weekend I will be celebrating as farewell Masses due to Covid-19 restrictions.

When Cardinal Pell asked me to be parish priest of St Patrick's, Sutherland I was delighted to accept his invitation and continue to be delighted as PP of St Patrick's, I had already been at Menai and Cronulla as assistant priest but PP at St Patrick's it was a parish with a beautiful Church built by so many of the parishioners. A wonderful community!

As PP I have had the privilege to walk with you all some more than others in your pilgrimage of life. Being there in times of need & difficult times, times of celebration and mourning. To preside at the Sacraments have been especially humbling in particularly the celebration of Mass as we as a parish gather together to be nourished by God's Word and the Sacrament of the Eucharist as our food for the journey and pilgrimage to God.

I want to thank all of you for allowing me to walk with you and grow together, you have invigorated and nourished me. Thank you for your prayers in particular in recent times they were much appreciated. Please continue to pray for me as I will continue to pray for you as we journey in life.

Let's not forget the four parish pilgrimages that we embarked on to many holy places overseas. I have not forgotten our Oberammergau Passion Play, Germany is on in 2022 which I will lead! God willing!

Thanks for the support of the Principals & Staff of St Patrick's School & College over the years. Thanks also to the parish volunteers, members of committees and most importantly the parish staff; Secretaries, Sacramental Coordinators. I am eternally grateful for the assistance of Kaylene Baumanis, our parish secretary who has held both the parish and me together, she gives so much to the parish and is also very professional, welcoming and talented with a joyful spirit. Thank you Kaylene I will miss you very much! Wishing Fr Dan McCaughan God's blessing as he commences as PP tomorrow for 6 years, wishing you grace and blessing under the patronage of St Patrick. God's blessing to you all and you are all very welcome at my new parish.

Father John M. Knight KCHS, Parish Priest, St Patrick's, Sutherland

Cleaning after Masses—to be able to keep our beautiful church functioning and compliant with the current health restrictions the Church needs to be cleaned after each Mass. We are asking some of our younger parishioners to help out it can be done quickly and efficiently. Our more mature parishioners are doing a fantastic job but they shouldn't be doing it all the time when we have so many young families attending Mass. So please if you can spare ten minutes after the Mass you attend and give them a hand. Thank you Fr John, Fr Dan and the parish team.

The Parish Piety Stall

Thanks to everyone for supporting the piety stall, We will be closed after the 10am Mass on Sunday 20 Dec and re-open in about 2 weeks. Wishing everyone a Happy and Holy Christmas.

Sylvia and Janice

Catechist update **Attention Catechists**

Our first meeting for 2021 will be held at the church on Thursday 4th February starting at 345pm and followed by the Safe-guard Refresher straight after. Please bring a mask with you.

Bertha

We are preparing for the next scholastic year and we're hoping to find more volunteers to teach scripture.

Woronora Pub Sch needs 2 volunteers on Wednesdays 1150-1220am
Loftus Pub Sch needs 4 volunteers on Wednesdays 1050-1120am
Sutherland Pub Sch need a 1 volunteer on Thursdays 145-220pm
That is a total of 7 new volunteers in total.

Kindly spread the word. Not all of us are called to do this ministry but you never know who may have thought about it but has never come forward to answer the call.

Please do call me if you need to know more

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

Masks are now mandatory for all attending Mass.

- 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, or sing the QR code.
- current spatial distancing directions (people are asked to keep least 1½m 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).

COVID-19 update

The NSW Government has announced a further easing of COVID-19 restrictions on churches, which are in place this weekend.

Places of worship will be allowed to have one person per four-square-metres with no maximum cap. **Churches that are greater than 400m² would be affected, eg a church that is 600m² would now be able to have 150 people (150 x 4m² = 600m²).**

Masks are still compulsory and NSW Health can impose a \$200 fine on each individual failing to abide by this rule.

Up to 300 people can attend funerals and weddings, providing a four square metre rule is observed.

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.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE SICK: Eileen Kenny, John Bridges, Ted Cramsie, Joanne Dideta, Eileen Talbot, Adam Henson, 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, 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 Soffy Serna, Jose Ramirez & Ana Ramirez

ANNIVERSARY: Humbert Grech, Margaret Hardy, Kevin Guthrie, Panfilo Antonio Mangkikis

DECEASED MEMBERS & FRIENDS: Camara & Gomes Families, Joan Quinn, Frank Townsend, David Hoffman, 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 Westridge, McMullen & Brown Families, Philip Struthers, Jim Walsh, Shirley Dent, Thomas O'Brien, Menezes & Minshull Families, Tyran Sharman, Gregory & Eileen Dodd, Sr Mary Julian, Larkein 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