

### 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

**Genesis 9:8-15**—*I will recall the covenant between myself and you... the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.*

**1 Peter 3:18-22**—*The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now*

**Mark 1:12-15**—*He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**— Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth, to those who keep your covenant.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**—Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**UNIVERSAL PRAYER RESPONSE**— Renew us in your love.

### Counting Roster -2021.

21/2/2— Hunt Team

28/2/21— Barclay Team

Altar Society- 2021

21/2/21-Elliott Team

28/2/21-Fsadni Team

**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



**WWW** 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.



### **First Sunday Lent Year B 21 February, 2021**

To begin this season of Lent, we are given a hopeful sign, a rainbow that lifts our spirits. This is not a season of doom and gloom, but an opportunity to renew our relationship with God.

To 'repent and believe the Good News' will free us from our anxieties, and help turn our minds and hearts towards God with faith and trust.

### **Background on the Gospel Reading**

On the first Sunday of Lent, the Gospel reading in each Lectionary cycle is about Jesus' temptation in the desert. This event in the life of Jesus is reported in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke—but it is not found in John's Gospel. This year we read Mark's account of this event.

Compared to the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, the details throughout Mark's narrative are sparse. This is evident in Mark's account of Jesus' temptation in the desert. Mark tells us only that Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and that for 40 days he was tempted by Satan. The Gospels of Matthew and Luke explain that Jesus fasted while in the desert, that Satan presented him with three temptations, and that Jesus refused each one, quoting Scripture. Only the Gospels of Matthew and Mark report that angels ministered to Jesus at the end of his time in the desert.

In each of the Synoptic Gospels, the temptation of Jesus follows his baptism by John the Baptist. In Mark's Gospel, we are told that Jesus went into the desert immediately after his baptism, led by the Spirit. Jesus' public ministry in Galilee begins after his temptation in the desert. Mark's Gospel makes a connection between the arrest of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Jesus' preaching about the Kingdom of God is in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist, but it is also something new. As Jesus announces it, the Kingdom of God is beginning; the time of the fulfillment of God's promises is here.

The fact that Jesus spent 40 days in the desert is significant. This recalls the 40 years that the Israelites wandered in the desert after being led from slavery in Egypt. The prophet Elijah also journeyed in the desert for 40 days and nights, making his way to Horeb, the mountain of God, where he was also attended to by an angel of the Lord. Remembering the significance of these events, we also set aside 40 days for the season of Lent.

In Mark's Gospel, the desert marks beginning of Jesus' battle with Satan; the ultimate test will be in Jesus' final hours on the cross. In a similar way, our Lenten observances are only a beginning, a preparation for and a reinforcement of our ongoing struggle to resist the temptations we face in our lives. During Lent, we are led by the Holy Spirit to remember the vows of Baptism in which we promised to reject sin and to follow Jesus. Just as Jesus was ministered to by the angels, God also supports us in our struggle against sin and temptation. We succeed because Jesus conquered sin once and for all in his saving death on the cross.

**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 Dan and the parish team.

#### **The Parish Piety Stall**

The Piety Stall is open every Saturday before and after the 5pm Mass and on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month after the 8am Mass and before and after the 10am Mass.

We will also open for the First Holy Communion Preparation Sessions on 24<sup>th</sup> February, 3<sup>rd</sup> March and 10<sup>th</sup> March.

Please we ask for your continued support.

Thank You.

#### **Coffee & Tea Set**

1/3/21– Lunch at Como Hotel– Meet at hotel at 12pm. Leonie 95216410

Due to the easing of restrictions counting and cleaning rosters are now available in the Sacristy.

## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS At St Patrick's every Friday at 7pm**

### **What is the significances of the 40 weekdays before Easter?**

The 40 days of Lent, which precedes Easter is based on two Biblical accounts: the 40 years of wilderness wandering by the Israelites and our Lord's 40 days in the wilderness at which point He was tempted by Satan.

Each year the Church observes Lent where we, like Israel and our Lord, are tested. We participate in abstinence, times of fasting, confession and acts of mercy to strengthen our faith and devotional disciplines. The goal of every Christian is to leave Lent a stronger and more vital person of faith than when we entered.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "The seasons and days of penance in the course of the liturgical year (Lent, and each Friday in memory of the death of the Lord) are intense moments of the Church's penitential practice. These times are particularly appropriate for spiritual exercises, penitential liturgies and pilgrimages as signs of penance, voluntary self-denial such as fasting and almsgiving, and fraternal sharing (charitable and missionary works)." (CCC 1438)

## **COVID-19 update**

Places of worship are now allowed to have one person per two-square-metres with no maximum cap from this Friday 12 February. Which means our capacity is 310 per Mass. Masks are no longer compulsory.

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

The COVID Safe Plan for Places of Worship strongly encourages electronic collection of worshippers' names and contact details.

### **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.

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE SICK:** Elizabeth Kinsella, Eileen Kenny, John Bridges, Ted Cramsie, Joanne Dideta, Eileen Talbot, Adam Henson, Wendy Fell, 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:** Mary Philomena Flaherty, Warren Jeckeln

**ANNIVERSARY:** Sinead Bleeker, Kathleen Hayes

**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 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