

### 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

#### ACTS 3:13-15. 17-19

*You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.*

#### 1 JOHN 2:1-5

*Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.*

#### LUKE 24:35-48

*It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM-

Lord, let your face shine us.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION-

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us, make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

### UNIVERSAL PRAYER-

Receive our prayers, Lord.

### Counting Roster -2021.

25/4-Townsend Team

2/5-Elliott Team

### Altar Society- 2021

25/4-Fsadni Team

2/5-McCauliffe 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



new Parish Website- [www.stpatsutherland.org.au](http://www.stpatsutherland.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 EASTER

Year B

25 APRIL, 2021

Jesus describes himself as the good shepherd who has boundless love for all who listen to his voice. Jesus wants to bring others into his fold, so that there will be only one flock and one shepherd. We will all know him as he knows the Father. By our witness and example of the love of Christ in our lives, others too may become part of his flock

### Background on the Gospel Reading

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In each of the three lectionary cycles, our Gospel is taken from the 10th chapter of the Gospel of John. In Cycle B, we hear the middle verses of this chapter. Unless we consider this chapter in the greater context of John's Gospel, we will miss the radical nature of the statement Jesus makes when he declares himself to be the Good Shepherd.

This chapter of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by the Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge by calling himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the leadership of the Pharisees and the other Jewish leaders. The Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angry that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus (see John 10:31,39). This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death.

In the portion of the chapter that we hear proclaimed today, Jesus describes his relationship with his followers as similar to the relationship between a good shepherd and his sheep. As a good shepherd will risk and lay down his life in order to protect his sheep, Jesus willingly sacrifices himself for the sake of his sheep. Jesus contrasts the actions of the good shepherd with the actions of the hired shepherd who abandons the sheep in the face of danger. In the verses following Jesus' teaching, we learn that the Pharisees and the other religious leaders understand that Jesus is referring to them when he describes the hired shepherds.

The concern of a good shepherd for his sheep is part of the shepherd's job. Jesus says, however, that the actions of the good shepherd are based upon the relationship that develops between the shepherd and the sheep. This is at the heart of the difference between the good shepherd and the hired shepherd. The good shepherd knows the sheep and therefore acts out of love. For the Good Shepherd, this is never simply part of a job; this love-in-action is integral to his identity.

As with so much of John's Gospel, one hears in this passage John's particular focus on Christology. As the sheep are known by the Good Shepherd, the Father knows Jesus and Jesus knows the Father. There is an essential unity between the Father and the Son. The freedom with which Jesus acts when he lays down his life is rooted in the unity that he shares with his Father.

In this context, Jesus also refers to others with whom he shares a relationship. By this reference, John probably understands the eventual inclusion of the Gentiles in the Christian community. Our modern ears hear this as a reference to Christian unity. The work of ecumenism is to restore unity among all Christians so that we form one flock under one shepherd, as God desires.

At the going down of the sun...



I crouched in a shallow trench on that hell of exposed beaches... steeply rising foothills bare of cover... a landscape pockmarked with war's inevitable litter... piles of stores... equipment... ammunition... and the weird contortions of death sculptured in Australian flesh... I saw the going down of the sun on that first ANZAC Day... the chaotic maelstrom of Australia's bleeding.

I fought in the frozen mud of the Somme... in a blazing destroyer exploding on the North Sea... I fought on the perimeter at Tobruk... crashed in the flaming wreckage of a fighter in New Guinea... lived with the damned in the place cursed with the name Changi.

I was your mate... the kid across the street... the med. student at graduation... the mechanic in the corner garage... the baker who brought you bread... the gardener who cut your lawn... the clerk who sent your phone bill.

I was an Army private... a Naval commander... an Air Force bombardier. no man knows me... no name marks my tomb, for I am every Australian serviceman... I am the Unknown Soldier.

I died for a cause I held just in the service of my land... that you and yours may say in freedom... I am proud to be an Australian.

### **FIRST RECONCILIATION 2021**

Eligibility Candidates must be baptised Catholic, be eight years of age or older (or usually Year 3+)  
Reconciliation is the next Sacrament following Baptism.

**Enrolments From 19April 2021–29April 2021** Enrolment forms will be available via your child or the parish office.

**Parent Reflection & Information Evening 5 May 2021 @ 6pm** in the Church. Compulsory Attendance.

**Commitment Sundays Attending 4 weekend Masses** is a compulsory component of each Sacrament. You can choose either the 5pm, 8am or 10am weekend Masses

#### **Preparation Programme Compulsory attendance**

Parent & child attendance at each of the three sessions Start 6pm conclude-7pm in the church

#### **Celebration of the Sacrament of First Reconciliation**

Tuesday 1st June 2021 (6.00pm )

Thursday 3rd June 2021 (6.00pm )

Any enquiries [admin@stpatssutherland.org.au](mailto:admin@stpatssutherland.org.au)  
ph:9521 2356

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School 2022 Enrolments are open. Enrolment packs are available from the school office Monday to Friday between 8.30am and 3.45pm. Enrolments close Friday, 30 April 2021.

If you have any queries please contact the school office on 9521 2163.

Celebrating 200 Years of Catholic Education – Faith in the Future

### **Coffee & Tea Set-3/5/21-Manly Skiff Club**

9.05am train from Sutherland. Ferry to Manly and walk to club. Marie Bartlett—0425380873  
Veronica Farris— 0409812475

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. Your continued support is appreciated and all monies raised goes to our Church Restoration Fund. Thank You

**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.

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

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE SICK:** Jill Moran, Graham Lamberti, Kevin Miller, Elizabeth Kinsella, Eileen Kenny, 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. All residents in Lark Ellen.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Cora Delostratoa, Colin Fraser, John Bridges, Noel Lane, Lily Schmitt

#### **ANNIVERSARY:**

**DECEASED MEMBERS & FRIENDS:** Panfilo Antonio Mangkikis, 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