

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 9:26-31

He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.

1 JOHN 3:18-24

His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.

JOHN 15:1-8

All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM-

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION-

Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

UNIVERSAL PRAYER-

Gracious God, may we abide in love.

Counting Roster -2021.

2/5-Elliott Team

9/5-Cowles Team

16/5-Morris Team

Altar Society- 2021

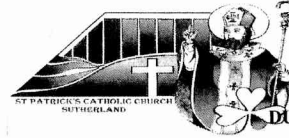
2/5-McCauliffe Team

9/5-

16/5-Elliott 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.stpatssutherland.org.au New Parish Website- www.stpatssutherland.org.au



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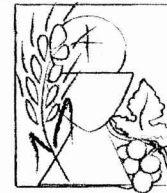
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DUE TO COVID-19, LIMITED NUMBERS PERMITTED, PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

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.



**Fifth Sunday of
Easter (Year B)
2 May 2021**

Today Jesus tells us that he is the true vine, and we are the branches.

There are times when we feel we are being pruned, and there are times when we recognise the growth and fruit.

As long as we remain part of the vine, we will grow more and more in God's love, bearing fruit that may draw others to become part of this vine.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is part of Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper. Recall that John tells the story of Jesus' Last Supper differently from the other Evangelists. In John's Gospel, the Last Supper begins with Jesus washing his disciples' feet. Jesus then provides them with a series of instructions. We call this section the Last Supper discourse or Jesus' farewell discourse. In these chapters of John's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples about the importance of following his example of love and service, about the gift they will receive when Jesus sends them the Holy Spirit, and about their relationship with Jesus and with the world. The Last Supper discourse concludes with Jesus' prayer for his disciples.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from middle of the Last Supper discourse. Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John's Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel.

In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began.

Jesus also teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name.

We observe many people who act in ways that show their commitment to serve their neighbour. Christians and non-Christians feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the homeless, and give alms to the poor. These actions become acts of Christian discipleship when they are motivated by our relationship with Jesus. Whatever the immediate results, Jesus promises us that these actions will bear fruit when we undertake them in his name.

CWF May Parish Appeal

The **Charitable Works Fund (CWF) May Appeal** is happening this weekend and we need your help. COVID-19 has taken an especial toll on the most vulnerable in Sydney – including those now facing homelessness, single mothers, those struggling with mental health, and our local Aboriginal communities.

Special envelopes are available at the parish. Alternatively, you can learn more and donate securely at www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf. **Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.**

Please note this is the last appeal for the financial year, all donations need to be in by 9 June 2021 to be receipted for the 2020/2021 financial year.

Social Justice Survey

The Justice and Peace Office is an agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney which promotes, justice, peace ecology and development according to the social teaching of the Catholic Church. To better undertake our work, which includes supporting parish social justice groups to engage in charitable and social justice works, we would like to find out what issues are of most concern to the people in our parishes. If you could take a few minutes to fill out the survey at this link, we would appreciate it:

<https://forms.gle/ButTM6mZIMmpTkCoD9>. If you have any questions please email jpointo@sydneycatholic.org

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
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

9.08am train from Sutherland.9.10 tran from Jannali. 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 1st Sunday of each month.

As the Sacrament of First Reconciliation is on the 1st and 3rd of June the Piety Stall will also be open on the 4 Commitment Sunday Masses – 9/5, 16/5,23/5 & 30/5.

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



*Join a church-cleaning team
and only spend two hours, once a
month, cleaning St Patrick's Church!
For more information please contact
Carol Dee (9521 1333) or
Parish Office (9521 2356)*

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: David Hoffman,

DECEASED MEMBERS & FRIENDS: Panfilo Antonio Mangkikis, Camara & Gomes Families, Joan Quinn, Frank Townsend, David Hoffffman, 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