## 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

**Jeremiah 31:7-9—*I shall lead them back in mercy-both the blind and the lame.***

**Hebrews 5:1-6—*You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.***

**Mark 10:46-52—*Master, grant that I may see.***

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**–
The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.
**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION–**
Alleluia, alleluia. Our saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and bought us life through his Gospel. Alleluia !
**UNIVERSAL PRAYER-**
Compassionate healer increase our faith.

**Counting Roster -2021.**
**30/31 October**– Morris Team
**6/7 November**-Barclay Team
**13/14 November-**Hunt Team

**Altar Society- 2021**
**6/7 November–** McAuliffe 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.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.**

**Thirtieth**
**Sunday Year B**
**24 October 2021**

**Jesus is leaving Jericho. The blind beggar Bartimaeus feels his opportunity disappearing, and persists in shouting, imploring Jesus to have pity on him, even though the crowd tries to quieten him. At Jesus' word the crowd's behaviour changes from scolding to encouragement, from rejection to relationship. Jesus asks Bartimaeus 'What do you want me to do for you?' What do I want Jesus to do for me?**

## Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we continue to read from Mark's Gospel. In this Gospel, we find evidence of Jesu' fame in the sizable crowd that accompanies him as he journeys to Jerusalem. Jesus' reputation as a healer has preceded him. When the blind man, Bartimaeus, hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, he calls out to him, asking for his pity.

When Bartimaeus calls out to Jesus, the crowd around him tries to silence him. Yet Bartimaeus persists, calling out more loudly and with greater urgency. He will not be silenced or deterred from getting Jesus' attention. We notice how quickly the crowd's reaction changes when Jesus calls for Bartimaeus. Those who sought to quiet him now encourage him.

When Jesus restores Bartimaeus's sight, no elaborate action is required. (In other healing stories in Mark's Gospel, actions accompany Jesus' words). In this instance, Jesus simply says that Bartimaeus's faith has saved him. Throughout Mark's Gospel, the success of Jesus' healing power has often been correlated with the faith of the person requesting Jesus' help. For example, it is because of her faith that the woman with the hemorrhage is healed. When faith is absent, Jesus is unable to heal; we see this after his rejection in Nazareth.

Once his sight has been restored, Bartimaeus follows Jesus on his way to Jerusalem. In Mark's Gospel, Bartimaeus is the last disciple called by Jesus before he enters Jerusalem. Bartimaeus hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, but he calls out to Jesus using words of faith—"Son of David." Many in Jesus' time believed that the anticipated Jewish Messiah would be a descendent of King David. Bartimaeus's words prepare us for the final episodes of Mark's Gospel, which begin with Jesus' preparation for the Passover and his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. As Mark has shown us in our readings over the past few Sundays, however, Jesus will be the Messiah in a way that will be difficult for many to accept. Jesus will show himself to be the Messiah through his suffering and death.

NOVEMBER MASSES

November Mass envelopes can be collected from the table in the Church. They will available in the Church and can be placed into collection buckets.

**ALL SOULS DAY MASS**

Mass will be celebrated at 9am and 7pm on Tuesday 2nd November.

**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.
**Every Saturday 5pm and Sunday 9am.**

**Public Mass begins again from 9am this Tuesday October 26 at 9am.**

**Please note while we have exemption for checking vaccination status we still have to record every person in attendance both inside and out with QR code or manual sign in.**

With the current 4sq metre rule it allows us 150 parishioners inside the Church, social distancing is still required unless you are sitting with someone from the same household.
It will be first in best dressed basis there will be no booking system.

We also ask if you are not feeling well please continue to livestream.

Thanks for your co-operation.

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE SICK:** Graham Lamberti, Elizabeth Kinsella, Eileen Kenny, Ted Cramsie, Joanne Dideta, Eileen Talbot, Adam Henson, Wendy Fell, Kristy Bugeja, Elizabeth Pemberton, 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. All residents in the Palms.
**RECENTLY DECEASED: Cesar Canlas,** Lawrence Hensby
**ANNIVERSARY: Michael Rooney, Joe Gomes,** Benny Gomes, Domenic & Amelia Demarco and Fioravante Demarco.
**DECEASED MEMBERS & FRIENDS:** Bill Morris, Joan Quinn, Frank Townsend, David Hofffman, Menezes & Minshull Families, 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, 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