

**Today's Readings
Vigil., 7pm and Midnight**

ISAIAH 9:1-7— *A son is given to us.*

TITUS 2:11-14: —*God's grace has been revealed to all people.*

Mt 1:1-25— *A genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David.*

8am & 10am

ISAIAH— 52.7-10 —*All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of our God.*

HEBREWS 1:1-6 —*In our own time, God speaks to us through his Son.*

JOHN 1:1-18—*The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory.*

Vigil, 7pm and Midnight

RESPONSORIAL PSALM— *Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION— *Alleluia, alleluia! Good News and great joy to the world: today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord. Alleluia!*

UNIVERSAL PRAYER— *Fill us with peace, Saving God.*

8am & 10am

RESPONSORIAL PSALM—*All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION—*Alleluia, alleluia! A holy day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations adore the Lord. Today a great light has come upon the earth. Alleluia!*

UNIVERSAL PRAYER— *Fill us with peace, saving God.*

Counting Roster -2021.

26 Dec-Elliott Team

2/1/22-Barclay Team

9/1/22-Hunt Team

Altar Society- 2021

26 Dec- Fsadni Team

9/1/22- 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



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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.



Christmas Day 2021

A light has shone on us this day, the Lord is born for us! This day reveals the baby Jesus, born in a stable and greeted by humble shepherds. The wonder of it fills our hearts with joy as we try to comprehend that this child is Emmanuel, God with us. He makes himself small and weak so that we can reach out to him with love and tenderness.

Dear Parishioners,

Merry Christmas!!! After what has been an incredibly difficult year we come once again to celebrate the birth of our Saviour. The joy that is renewed in our hearts at this time of year is a reminder that there is a love that is greater than the challenges of COVID, wars, financial insecurity and natural disasters. Gazing on the Christ child in Bethlehem we see proof that God does not sit idly by while the world struggles but rather enters our life's journey offering the hope of eternal life and infinite love.

For me personally, in my first year as parish priest, God's love has been manifested to me most clearly in the generosity of you our dear St Pat's parishioners. As we managed live-streamed Masses, changing density limits and safety rules I would like to thank the Sacristans, live-stream technicians, musicians and singers, acolytes, readers, church cleaners, counters and covid marshals all of whom ensured our parish community stayed connected and safe during this year. A special thanks needs to go to all our catechists in our state schools, who with very limited opportunity made sure that Christ still reached our students outside of the Catholic school system. I would also like to thank the staff at both the college and primary school who have been so accommodating during the changing circumstances. Lastly I need to thank Kaylene, our parish secretary, who has been such a rock for the parish and incredible support to myself.

Finally, it's with great joy that we welcome Deacon Adrian to our parish. In three short weeks he has made such an impression. He has been an enormous help and support already and will be even more so in the new year.

Wishing you a Holy, Blessed, joyful and safe Christmas and a very happy New Year.

God Bless,

Fr Dan McCaughan

Thanks to Everyone for supporting your Parish Piety Stall during 2021.
We will reopen before and after the 5pm Holy Mass on Saturday 29th January 2022.
Wishing Everyone a very Holy Christmas and Happy New Year.

From Janice and Sylvia

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CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES—2021

Mass Times

Friday 24 December:

Carols from 4.30pm for

Vigil Mass 5pm

Vigil Mass 7pm

Carols from 11.30pm for

Midnight Mass - at 12.00am (Solemn Mass)

Saturday - Christmas Day 25 December:

Morning Masses Only

8.00am & 10.00am

Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday 26 December 8am & 10am

Solemnity of Mary The Mother of God

Saturday 1 January 2021 - 9am

All Welcome!

St Patrick's Catechists

We have now come to the end of another scholastic year albeit reduced to approximately half to what it should have been. We thank God for the opportunity to teach Catholic children in state schools and ask for His blessings over the schools, the students and their families. I would like to thank all the catechists who have been ever so patient with all the changing regulations necessary to teach in the schools and all the parishioners who supported us through prayers. Anyone interested in teaching scripture, you can contact Bertha on 0438 408 430 or berthaf-sadni@gmail.com

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

Wishing all the parishioners and their families a very Happy Christmas and a wonderful 2022.

Please note 2022 counting and cleaning rosters are available from the Sacristy.

I wish to personally thank our many volunteers here at St Patricks who make my job so much easier.

Kaylene

From the Deacon

I have now spent a little time serving at St Patricks and have enjoyed every interaction. For the first week I was bouncing out of bed to get into the day and meet more people. As the weeks have passed my increasing joy at the family atmosphere of the community has struck me constantly.

For the welcome I received, I would like to say thank you, I have felt very welcomed here and everyone has helped me adjust to the parish. I have enjoyed getting to know you and learn how I can best assist you in your faith journey.

I must say a special thank you to the acolytes that have allowed me to make mistakes and slowly learn the customs of St Patricks and particularities of the liturgical space.

Additionally, I could not have wished for a better Parish Priest to learn from than Father Dan, and his ability to put me at ease has helped me develop confidence in my new ministry. I am happy to report that he has shared the T.V. remote and the fridge space; however, we both like to watch sport and action movies, so it has not been much of a fight.

Lastly, I would like to thank the volunteers that have helped me understand the important ministries of St Patricks – from the cleaners to the nursing home ministries. I seek to learn as much as I can and so am happy to be involved in all activities.

The time of Christmas is universally recognised as a time to be with family. This time challenges us to remember the important people in our lives and the significance of our relationship with them. It also calls out to broken relationships to be mended or at least for misunderstandings to be 'put aside for the moment' so that the goodness of family and friendship might be enjoyed.

I hope you and your family have a blessed Christmas, with the peace and joy of Christ radiating in your heart and home.

With Brotherly Blessings
Dcn Adrian



YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE SICK: Margaret McKenzie, Mary Tuite, Gloria Klein, 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 Gore. All the residents in Nagle Apartments. All the residents in Bupa. All residents in Lark Ellen. All residents in the Palms.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr Jim Esler SM, Colleen Davenport, Gregory Fogarty, Janet Rout, Patricia Ringler

ANNIVERSARY: Raymond Lovat, Sophy Serna, Jose Ramirez, Leonardo Ramirez, Madge Warham, Kathleen Barclay, Fioravante & Teresa Demarco, Amelia, Domenico & Fioravante Jnr Demarco

DECEASED MEMBERS & FRIENDS: Bill Morris, Joan Quinn, Frank Townsend, David Hoffman, 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