

CHURCH GARDENS

The gardening group meets on the second & fourth Fridays of each month between 8am & 10.30am
 At present the gardens are growing faster than can be maintained.
 The gardening group is desperately seeking more people who can assist with either mowing , watering , sweeping or weeding for any amount of time when we meet, If you can spare any time to assist in maintaining the church gardens we would certainly appreciate the extra help.
 Please bring a water bottle & gloves
 All equipment supplied
 Pls contact Kevin Redman 0402856114 for more details

Today's Readings

GENESIS 18:20-32— *Lord, do not be angry if I speak.*

COLOSSIANS 2:12-14— *He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.*

LUKE 11:1-13— *Ask, and it will be given to you.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM-

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION-

Alleluia, alleluia. You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

UNIVERSAL PRAYER-

God, may your grace abound in us.

Counting Roster –2022

- 31/7– Barclay Team
- 7/8-Hunt Team
- Altar Society– 2022
- 24/7– Fsadni Team
- 31/7-Gaynor Team
- 7/8– 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



www.stpatsutherland.org.au new Parish Website-

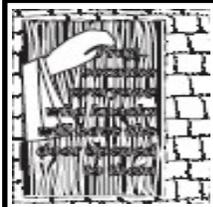
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St Patrick's Parish acknowledges and honours the Gweagal People of the Dharawal Nation as the original custodians of this land

St Patrick's Sutherland is a Parish that strives to safeguard children at all times.



Seventeenth Sunday Year C
24 July 2022

Abraham bargains with God in prayer, and God listens. After seeing Jesus at prayer, one of his disciples asks him to teach them to pray, and he gives them the 'our Father'. He tells them to persist in prayer, as Abraham did. If we ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit, our prayer will always be granted, for this is the gift of God's life within us.

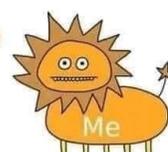
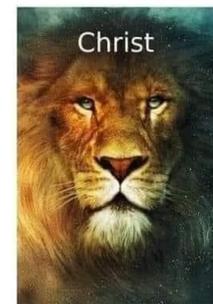
Last Saturday I returned from a week on retreat. I did this retreat at the Jamberoo Abbey, and it was aimed at a spiritual preparation for my ordination to the Priesthood. I am blessed to be able to take this time, to consider what God is asking of me and consider how the last 8 years have contributed to preparing me for priestly ministry. It was also a time to reflect on how the Lord has directed my growth and in doing so where God might be continuing to call me to growth and transformation. This growth has for me always been founded on prayer and so spending time away from the distractions of life and work - giving time and space for prayer - was important.

During my prayer, the question faced by the Plenary Council was ever-present: What is God asking of the Australian Church at this time? This question is a continual question for the Church as the Church is always placed at a time and in a space (geographical, cultural, social, etc. area). It is also an important question for every Christian to confront as we can often be preoccupied with our own desires for success and agendas. Which obscures the important goals God has for everyone in their own life. We must ask among the activities of life – the highs and lows, the sinful and the virtuous – what is God doing in my life and what does this mean for my relationship with God and others.

In the retreat, I concluded that I am supposed to be a Spiritual Father, and so serve the church in a relationship marked by protection, teaching, and mercy. Also, I am called to be a spouse of the Church and therefore enter a bond/covenant with the Church that must be complete and will require my whole life. And for this calling, I am exceedingly happy.

Paul: "Imitate me, as I imitate Christ."

God bless
Dcn Adrian



WRAP WITH LOVE– 2022

We meet at the Presbytery on the first Thursday of the month from 11.30am to 1.30pm. Please join us for knitting squares. Bring a sandwich for lunch. All welcome.

The Parish Piety Stall is open every Saturday at the 5.00 pm Mass and on Sundays for both the 8.00am and 10.00 am Masses. Many thanks for your continued support.

CHURCH CLEANING

As parishioners we are very lucky at St Patrick's to be able to come to church each week and celebrate together in a clean church.

Who cleans the Church you ask?

For over 35 years small teams of men and women parishioners have kept St Patrick's clean and tidy each week.

The majority of these parishioners are in their mid to late 70's and due to illness the number has greatly reduced and an injection of new volunteers is urgently needed.

There are currently 4 teams. The teams meet on a mutually agreed day for about 1 hour a month. The tasks are vacuuming, sweeping, dusting the seats and cleaning the Sacristy. Men and women are welcome and parents with pre-schoolers are welcome to bring them along. Please seriously consider yourself or you may have a group of friends that would like to clean together. The commitment is not much but the benefits are huge. Please contact Kaylene in the parish office if you can help on 9521 2356.

**Deacon Adrian Will be Ordained on 6th August at 10:30 Transfiguration of Our Lord)
At St Mary's Cathedral
ALL WELCOME**

**Thanks giving Mass Sunday 7th August at 10am, here at St Patrick's followed by a celebration in the Parish Hall.
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Dear Parishioners, I have had several people ask what would Deacon Adrian like as a gift from the Parish for his Ordination. After considering all the things a newly ordained priest requires and who gives what to the priest, Fr Dan has decided the best option for the parish is to take up a special collection for Deacon Adrian after Masses this weekend and next. This will enable Deacon Adrian to purchase the necessary items needed for his vocation. There will also be a card to sign your name at the entrance to the Church over the next 2 weekends.

Any further information email Kaylene
info@stpatssutherland.org.au

COFFEE & TEA SET-

Monday 1 August 2022 Lunch Paddington RSL.
Train from Sutherland then bus to Paddington.
Short walking tour and then lunch.

More details to come
Marie Bartlett 0425 380 873

All are welcome in the Catholic Church

Attending a Catholic School can cause a non-Catholic student to consider the faith. Learning about the faith could cause a non-Catholic student to want to receive the sacraments.

If you and/or your child(ren) are considering baptism, please contact St Patrick's Catholic Church via email on info@stpatssutherland.org.au

Eucharist Adoration

Held in the Chapel from 8am on Tuesday to Saturday

"As a man must be born before he can begin to lead his physical life, so he must be born to lead a Divine Life. That birth occurs in the Sacrament of Baptism. To survive, he must be nourished by Divine Life; that is done in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist."



St Vincent de Paul Society NSW celebrates 100 years of its members working in the Sutherland Shire. We would love you to join us, to celebrate the Centenary as well as raise funds for those in need in the Sutherland Shire. See flyers at the back of church for more information.

Bible Study

"Men do not reject the Bible because it contradicts itself, but because it contradicts them." St Oscar Romero
exploration of St Luke's Gospel
Starts a 6pm Thursdays at the Presbytery

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE SICK: Linda Dalton, Thiago Mazza Almeida, Terry & Pam Neenan, John & Margaret McKenzie, 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, Lena Mallet, Martine Benoit, Norma Miller, Ron Monro, Lorraine Davies, Bill Burke, John Bonadio, Marie Cameron, Patricia Holbrook, Maria & Luigi Altavilla, Maureen Fraser, Carol Drew, 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: Nicholas Pugh, Guiseppe Demarco, Greg Swords

ANNIVERSARY: John Byrne, Barbra McSweeney, Patrick Gleeson, Brendan Biber, Felecisma & Andres de Nava, David Dee, Vincenzo & Maria Ferraiuolois,

DECEASED MEMBERS & FRIENDS: Gwen Power, Molly McFarlane, Kevin Gore, Bill Morris, Joan Quinn, Frank Townsend, David Hoffmann, 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