

## 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

**Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23**— *What do people gain by all their work.*  
**Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11**— *Seek the things that are above where Christ is.*  
**Luke 12:13-21**— *To whom will all the wealth of yours go*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM-

In every age you have been our refuge.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION-

Alleluia, alleluia. Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs. Alleluia!

## UNIVERSAL PRAYER-

Giver of gifts, hear our prayer

## Counting Roster –2022

31/7– Barclay Team  
7/8–Hunt Team  
Altar Society– 2022  
31/7–Gaynor Team  
7/8– McCauliffe Team

## 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.

**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



## ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

136 Flora Street, Sutherland NSW 2232 (PO Box 57 Sutherland 1499)  
Ph. 9521 2356 Fax 9521 7252 www.stpatsutherland.org.au  
Fr Dan McCaughan (Parish Priest): pp@stpatsutherland.org.au  
Deacon-Adrian Simmons: admin@stpatsutherland.org.au  
Kaylene Baumanis (Parish Secretary): info@stpatsutherland.org.au  
St Patrick's Primary School Principal: Mrs Leonie Burfield: info@stpsutherland.catholic.edu.au

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.



**Eighteenth Sunday Year C**  
31 July 2022  
**The freedom of the children of God is shown particularly in the way we use money and possessions. We need to be thrifty, but we must remember that our earthly goods do not go with us when we die. We will be judged on how we loved God, and how we loved and cared for others. Love enables us to grow gradually into the image of our creator.**

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

**Thanksgiving Mass : Sunday 7th August at 10am, at St Patrick's, Sutherland followed by a celebration in the Parish Hall.**  
**ALL WELCOME**  
**For Deacons celebration in the Parish Hall you are welcome to bring a plate and any celebratory beverages you might like.**  
**Please note you can drop them into the Hall before the 10am Mass.**

## Novena for Ordination

**DAY 1, 29th | Response to God's Call**  
Let us pray: Open Deacon Adrian's heart to embrace the crucified and risen Lord as the response to his search for love, personal meaning, and happiness. Enlighten his mind to understand that the Lord is the beginning and end of every personal story, the focal point and the centre of life, the joy of every human heart, and the answer to all questions and yearnings. Help Deacon Adrian to see that when God calls, he gives everything and takes nothing away – nothing that makes life complete, beautiful, and great. May the voice of Christ echo in the silence of his heart. May the gaze of Christ reach the depths of his very being to discover that his calling in life is only found in the Eucharistic Lord. Don't let fear prevail over him. Dispel from his heart all discouragements and doubts. We ask this through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of Christ the high

Priest and the Mother of all priests and seminarians. Amen.  
**DAY 2, 30 | The Priest, A Son of Mary**  
Let us pray: Mary, we entrust Deacon Adrian to you in a special way as he approaches his priestly ordination, in which he will become one with Christ, your Son. Take him under your mantle; adopt him as your son as you did St. John at the foot of the Cross. Guide and encourage him in his priestly ministry; fill him with confidence in God; teach him to love Jesus as you do. Mother, be Deacon Adrian's model of surrender, trust, and love. You said yes to the will of God, embracing his plan without knowing where he would lead you. It was a yes that you renewed each day, in every trial, joy, and sorrow. May Deacon Adrian learn to seek your companionship and entrust to you his hopes and worries. You, who were the first disciple of Christ, help him to proclaim, bear witness, and give Christ to the world. Mary, Mother of Priests, pray for us! Amen.

**DAY 3, 31st | The Need For the Priesthood**

Let us pray: Lord, your death granted us forgiveness for our sins, and your resurrection opened the gates of Heaven to us. We thank you for this most undeserved gift. May Christ's Paschal Mystery always be at the centre of Deacon Adrian's mind, heart, and soul; inspiring every aspect of his ministry. Instill within him, a heart of gratitude for the great gift to which he has been called. Help him to always reflect upon the pearl of great price that is the priesthood, which is more precious than any worldly temptation. Keep him faithful to those promises that his has made, and give him the grace to grow in love and understanding of those promises throughout his life. May Deacon Adrian follow the example of the many faithful priests who have gone before him and spend himself entirely for the salvation of souls. Throughout his lifetime he will welcome souls to the Church through Baptism, reconcile them with you in the sacrament of Confession, confirm them in their faith, unite them in the sacrament of Matrimony, and prepare them for their final encounter with you in death. May he always consider himself to be a bridge between God and man, a sign of the Father's unconditional love that goes in search of the lost sheep. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the High Priest whose priesthood they share. Amen.

**DAY 4, 1st | For a Zealous Missionary Heart**

Let us pray: Holy Spirit, fill the heart of Deacon Adrian with a love for Christ that drives him to proclaim the message of salvation in all that he does. May his ministry reveal your presence in the world. Put your word on his lips and your love in his heart, to bring good news to the poor and healing to the brokenhearted. When he preaches, give him the courage to proclaim the truth of the Gospel, even if it is demanding. Keep strong in him the desire to be a shepherd with the "smell of the sheep", a shepherd who dwells among his flock, who makes himself a servant who washes the feet of his beloved friends, willing to lay down his very life for them. As the apostles went to the ends of the earth to proclaim the message of salvation, give him the same burning zeal that all would come to know you. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**DAY 5, 2nd | The Eucharist, Source and Summit of the Priest's Life**

Let us pray: Grant we pray that Deacon Adrian be granted, an increased love for the Holy Eucharist, the "source and summit" of God's covenant of love. May this great miracle, made present by the hands of your holy priests upon the altar, fill his heart with the earnest and unending

desire to continue to lay down his own life for the service of your Holy Church. Increase his faith, Lord. Pour upon him your infinite grace, so that from consecration to adoration, he may never grow weary of serving you. May he always be rooted in an unwavering and indispensable love for the Eucharist, a love that compels him to bring this Sacrament to all God's people, so that all may experience the Risen Christ and know his unending love and mercy. We ask this through Mary our blessed Mother, all your holy saints and angels, and through your Son, Christ our Lord. Amen.

**DAY 6, 3rd | The Sacrament of Reconciliation, An Encounter with Christ's Merciful Heart**

Let us pray: Lord, you have called Deacon Adrian to be your minister of mercy through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. May he himself constantly discover your forgiveness through his own confession, and turn to share that forgiveness with every person that he encounters within this Sacrament. May he always see himself as a bridge between God and man, as an open door for anyone who seeks reconciliation with you. Give him the gift of counsel and discernment, to find the right words of comfort and guidance for all who seek light in the confessional. May he reflect your mercy and help to bring many souls back to you, who live and reign forever and ever. Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us! Amen.

**DAY 7, 4th | The Priest as a Spiritual Father**

Let us pray: Father in Heaven, in calling Deacon Adrian to the priesthood, you have given him the gift of being a spiritual father to the many people that he will meet throughout his life. Help him to live out his calling with love and generosity: giving example of a virtuous life, guiding and correcting his spiritual sons and daughters in a firm but gentle way, and providing for their spiritual needs with untiring generosity. We thank You for choosing Deacon Adrian from among us, so that he may understand us as we understand him, suffer with us and rejoice with us, worry with us and trust with us, accompanying us in the joys and sorrows of this life. Allow both Deacon Adrian and the people he serves to mutually benefit from this unique relationship and grow ever closer to the most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Help him to mend the brokenhearted with fatherly love and tender compassion. May his life be a constant reminder that we are made to rest with you for all eternity in our heavenly homeland. Amen.

**DAY 8, 5th | For Strength in the Struggles**

Let us pray: Lord, we entrust our Deacon Adrian to you as he prepares to commit himself to follow you closely throughout the rest of his life. You have chosen him, a weak and sinful man, to be your priest. Help him to remember that without you, he cannot do anything. May he encounter you each day in prayer, seeking your grace and strength as he faces the challenges of daily life. In his loneliness, comfort him; in his frustrations, help him to purify his love for you. Show him that he is needed by the Church and by souls in the work of redemption. May Deacon Adrian find encouragement in his community life, meaning in his apostolate, and consolation in intimacy with you. We ask you to please bless all priests, especially those who are suffering or struggling. May their suffering be a path to a deeper relationship with Christ. May Deacon Adrian learn to place all his struggles before you, trusting in the powerful intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the angels and saints, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**DAY 9, 6th- Ordination Day | For the Souls they will Help with the Sacraments**

Let us pray: Lord, you have called Deacon Adrian to become a channel of grace, an instrument of your love, for many souls. We, your faithful people, thank you for Deacon Adrian who is to become a priest for the Church, especially for the Sacraments that he will celebrate. May he baptize many people, bringing them into the life of the Trinity and the joy of belonging to the Church. In the confessions he hears, may he look upon the repentant sinner with the compassionate and merciful eyes of a loving father. In the Masses he celebrates, he will stand in the place of Christ and provide spiritual food and nourishment for those in attendance. May those he confirms in the Faith put on the armor of Christ and persevere as counter-cultural witnesses of the joy of Christian living. As he witnesses the budding love of a couple who unite themselves in Holy Matrimony, may his own witness of his love for his Spouse the Church provide an enduring example of covenantal relationship. When he anoints the sick and ministers to the dying, he will fortify them in his weakness and prepare them for the journey ahead. As he accompanies souls in their walk with you, may he discover more and more the great love that you have for him. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE SICK:** Clifford Atkinson, 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:** Roger Minshull, Patricia Manners, Nicholas Pugh

**ANNIVERSARY:** Ian Rodgers, Frank & Jadwiga Wegrzyn, Krystina & Tadeusz Maciejewski, Eileen & Vincent Gilligan, Catalina Mitchell, Melecio de Nava, Emil & Sandra Savides, John Byrne, Barbra McSweeney, Patrick Gleeson, Brendan Biber

**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