### **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

### TODAYS READING

Malachi 3:19-20- The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12—Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

Luke 21:5-19—Your endurance will win you your life.

# Responsorial psalm:

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

# Gospel acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at. Alleluia!

# Universal Prayer-

Christ our justice, hear us.

Counting Roster –2022 13/11/22– Barclay Team 20/11/22–Hunt Team 27/11/22– Cowles Team Altar Society–2022 13/11/22– Mockett Team 20/11/22-Elliott Team 27/11/22-Fsadni Team HARD OF HEARING? Our Church has been equipped with a Powered Audio Induction Loop system for hearing obtain effective use of the loop sit in the main body of the church avoiding the very edge seats, turn hearing aid to

aid wearers (T-Loop) - To T & adjust the volume to

# Parish Website- www.stpatssutherland.org.au



# ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

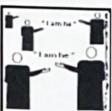


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St Patrick's Parish acknowledges and honours the Gweagal People of the Dharawal Nation as the original custodians of this land





Thirty-third Sunday Year C 13 November 2022

People have always looked for signs of the end of the world. Jesus tells us not to be deceived. Terrible things will continue to happen, but we live in God's world and he does not abandon us. The trials of life present us with opportunities to witness to God's faithfulness and healing love. Faithful endurance on our part will win us life with God forever.

### Dear Parishioners.

I will be on leave from Wednesday 16 November to Wednesday 23 November, if you wish anything to appear in the Bulletin for weekend 19/20 November you will need to forward it to me by Tuesday 15 November. Please only phone the office for emergencies during that time. Thanks Kaylene

### Background on the Gospel Reading

In the context of Luke, today's Gospel appears near the end of Jesus' teaching in Jerusalem, just prior to the events that will lead to his crucifixion. His warnings and predictions are ominous but can be read in many ways.

To those who first heard Luke's Gospel, those may have been words of encouragement. The destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem by the Romans was history (70 A.D.); Luke's Gospel, Catholic scholars propose, was written between 80 and 90 A.D. His audience was probably Gentile Christians. Luke here tries to interpret the fall of Jerusalem for them and to locate it in God's plans for humankind (salvation history). At the same time, Luke is suggesting to his audience that there will be a considerable elapse of time before Jesus' final coming. Luke's listeners have likely seen much upheaval and are anxious to know if these are the signs of Jesus' coming. Luke is urging greater patience.

In the second part of today's Gospel, Jesus warns that his followers will face persecution for their beliefs. Luke presents persecution as an opportunity for the followers of Jesus for "It will lead to your giving testimony" (Luke 21:13). In persecution God's wisdom and power will be shown in the example of followers of Jesus. Perseverance in the face of persecution will lead to their salvation.

Here Jesus is assuring his followers that God is present to all believers, even in times of trouble. Ultimately, Jesus will witness to this with his own death. As disciples of Jesus, we try to follow his example, trusting in God's mercy and protection, even when we are facing difficulties.

# 40th Anniversary Celebrations

It is very encouraging to find out that so many parishioners are keen to be part of the celebrations coming up on 11th December. The parish office has received several calls and we are delighted to hear that so many of you are offering to help. Kindly forward your interest via email because the parish office is unable to keep a record of what is discussed via the telephone.

As of this weekend, there are some sheets at the back of the church where you can place your name and contact details. Kindly tick the column you are best suited to help with.

We have also left a bucket in which you can leave your donation. This will help with expenses we encounter and with catering if needed.

Many thanks, Organising Committee

### Glass Jar Stall

The stall is back on! The cumquat tree was truly generous! There will be other preserved goods similar to last year's. The stall will be open after the weekend Masses of the last weekend in November: 26th-27th November. All sales will be done using cash. We have no eftpos facilities.

Looking forward to selling all the jars and raising funds for our church.

# Charitable Works Fund 2022 Pastoral Appeal

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal will run this weekend and we need your help. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. To find out more, phone 1800 753 959 or email cwf@sydneycatholic.org. Thank you.

'Dear Fellow-parishioners,

This week's meeting started with prayer based on Psalm 100, a lovely prayer of joyful praise reminding us of the Light (the Lumen Gentium we're studying) that comes through Christ. While we discussed difficulties in the Church we came up with very positive ideas, e.g. advertising in the Bulletin places we know of about retreats or teaching days. We also wanted to remind people of praying for our priests as their burden is heavy if they are on their own. One website to check out regularly: www.cath.news.com.au.

### WOMEN'S ADVENT RETREAT DAY GYMEA

Calling all women from the Shire. Mark your calendars!

A day of retreat, prayer, fellowship and encounter organised by the Catholic Women's League, held at St Catherine Laboure Church Gymea on

SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER, 10am to 4:30pm. The day includes Mass, the Rosary, talks from inspiring speakers on the topic 'The Feminine Genius and its relationship to the Spiritual Life' and ending with a special time of Eucharistic Adoration. We would love to welcome you there.

Morning tea and lunch is provided.

All this for a very low fee of \$10, payable on the day or by contacting the admin office at the email listed below.

Please email admin@stcaths.org.au with your details if you would like to join us.

### 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.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas cards now available \$10 per pack. Columban Calenders now available \$15 each.

Many thanks for your continued support.

### COFFEE AND TEA SET

21 November 2022 - Picnic at Burnum Burnum Park from 11.30am. Please bring your own lunch and chair. Veronica 9528 9163 or 0409 812 475

### Bible Study

The Word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.
Please come and join us in looking at the Gospel of
Luke; currently discussing Chapter 16
6pm Thursday evening for an hour at the Presbytery

## Catechist Update

CCD Annual Mass on Sunday 6th November at 230pm at St Mary's Cathedral.

Thank you, Bertha

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YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE SICK: Maria Kramer, Fr Lawrie Beath, Sue Cassidy, Clifford Atkinson, Linda Dalton, Thiago Mazza Almeida, Terry & Pam Neenan, 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: Teresa Paoletti,

ANNIVERSARY: Michael Biber, Peter Harris, Paul Fraser, Harry Fsadni

DECEASED MEMBERS & FRIENDS: For all we are remembering in our November Masses. Biber Family, Roger Minshull, Gwen Power, Molly McFarlane, Kevin Gore, 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, All 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