

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

Isaiah 2:1-5—*The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.*

Romans 13:11-14—*The time has come, our salvation is near.*

Matthew 24:37-44—*Stay awake, you must be ready.*

Response to the psalm: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

Universal Prayer: Draw us to your light, O Christ.

Counting Roster –2022

27/11/22– Cowles Team
4/12/22–McCauliffe Team
11/12/22– Mockett Team

Altar Society– 2022

27/11/22–Fsadni Team
4/12/22–Morris Team
11/12/22– Elliott 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



W.W.W. new Parish Website— www.stpatsutherland.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



First Sunday of Advent Year A 27 November 2022

Isaiah invites us to climb the mountain of the Lord so that we may walk in the ways of peace and justice. This call to a change of life challenges us to let go of the things that hinder our response to God's love in our lives. Then we will be refreshed in spirit, and so be alert and ready to meet Christ when he comes, even unexpectedly.

Pablo Parajo - Seminarian

With every new seminarian I meet, I often wonder what the call was that led him to the seminary, so I will introduce my journey to you.

I have a memory of when I was around four years old. It was after Mass, someone asked me what I wanted to be when I grow up. At that moment, I said I wanted to become a priest. It might have been the only thing I had been thinking of at the time, but I have never forgotten that moment. I learnt about the faith and got more involved with the Church during my teenage years. The final year of High School was significant as I seriously considered studying theology as I saw my options for university. I had mixed thoughts about becoming a priest so soon in life so I had chosen to do a degree in Engineering. I finished the degree, worked for a few months in the Engineering field and then worked in the travel industry.

After a few years of working life, the desire for the priesthood had never left me, and I knew to act on the call. I attended retreats and talks regarding the discerning process. I was able to explore this desire in me, and I met others who were on a similar journey to my own. My discernment process had taken many years, as I believe God wanted me to go through a few hurdles, which further strengthened the call along the way. It was time to take a leap of faith, and I started my first year in the seminary in 2020. So far, it has been a journey of learning more about myself and, more importantly, more about God and how I grow in conforming to his ways. I started my first year in the seminary in 2020.

I'm finishing my third year in the seminary and I constantly remind myself that all my formation is not for seminary life but for parish life and I ask God that my time here at the Shire may bring forth a fruitful experience.



Glass Jar Stall

Happening this weekend!!! Jars are priced at \$5, \$8 and \$10. Cash only. All proceeds go towards the restoration fund.

40th Anniversary Celebrations

Thank you to all who offered to help. This weekend is your last chance to place your name on one of the sheets at the back of the church. Next weekend will be the last opportunity to make a monetary donation in our special bucket. We look forward to a memorable celebration and we continue to pray for our parish.

COFFEE AND TEA SET

Christmas Luncheon at Sharks Club, Kareela.
Monday December 5 at 12noon.
Contact Marie Bartlett 0425380873.

'Lumen Gentium Group, No. 7, about the Body of Christ, gave us inspiration on how we are a new creation and no one is left out. Jesus fills us with his gifts of love, truth and goodness. We thought about the importance of accompanying (for the long haul) those around us on the journey of life as all of us have to be 'broken' at some point as Jesus was so we can be healed interiorly. Jo reported that the message from a Plenary Council meeting for Sydney ambassadors last Saturday was for parishes TO BE MISSIONARY. Hence our discussion group!' Wednesdays, 9.45-10.45am at the presbytery. All welcome, Jo de Groot.

From the Catechists

We would like to thank the parish for the wonderful support we received during the past year through prayers and words of encouragement. 2022 was a great year after two years of disruptive teaching. We finish teaching this coming week with a combined Scripture lesson together with the other Christian denominations and we will be back at the schools in February 2023. We were successful in recruiting new volunteers however our neighbouring parishes are in need of more volunteers. You may be the right person to answer the call! We wish you a prayerful Advent and a blessed and merry Christmas



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.

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 17 6pm Thursday evening for an hour at the Presbytery

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." - Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP invites you to

CHRISTMAS at the Cathedral

PRESENTED BY **paynterdixon**

8-25 DECEMBER 2022

Festivities begin at 7pm with: Christmas market stalls, food, fun activities for the kids and live entertainment




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: Peter Eisenhuth, Teresa Paoletti,

ANNIVERSARY: Allen Cameron, Ancil Strubing, Peter Baumanis, Bishop Bill Wright,

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 Hoffman, 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