

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 58:7-10—Your light will shine like the dawn

1 Corinthians 2:1-5— I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.

Matthew 5:3-16— You are the light of the world.

Responsorial psalm:

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Universal Prayer:

Lord hear our prayer.

Counting Roster –2022

5/2/23– Barclay Team

12/2/23-Elliott Team

19/2/23– Morris Team

Altar Society– 2022

5/2/23-McAuliffe Team

12/2/23-Mockett Team

19/2/23-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



www.stpatsutherland.org.au new Parish Website



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

Kaylene Baumanis (Parish Secretary): info@stpatsutherland.org.au

St Patrick's Primary School Principal: Mrs Leonie Burfield: info@stpatsutherland.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.

Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time Year A

5 February, 2023

The people of Israel often described the Law of God as 'salt' because it gave zest and flavour to life and it preserved them as the people of God. Similarly, the Law was often compared to a light which showed them the path to God. Your word is a *light to my feet and a lamp to my path* (Ps 119:105). Jerusalem, the city on the hill, was a focal point and reminder of God's presence. Jesus gives us new focus to all images when he applies them to those who hear his word and put it into practice. All Christians are called to be 'salt' and 'light', 'a city on the hill' giving witness to God's presence.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Following upon the teaching of the [Beatitudes](#), Jesus uses the now familiar metaphors of salt and light to describe the life of discipleship. We take salt and light for granted in our society, but these commodities were more precious in ancient cultures. Just as now, salt was used in Jesus' time for flavoring, as a preservative, and as a healing agent. Similarly, the widespread use of electricity in the modern world makes us less aware of the value and importance of light in our lives.

Still, our familiarity with this passage from Matthew's Gospel speaks well to the abiding power of the imagery that Jesus presented. Jesus' call to be salt for the earth and light for the world powerfully states our mission as Church and as Christians. Our commitment to social justice flows from the exhortation that Jesus gives us in today's Gospel. Some of the activities that this commitment leads us to are given more concrete expression as the Corporal and Spiritual [Works of Mercy](#). When we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, console those who mourn, and so on, we show ourselves to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. When we do these things with the community of faith, the Church, we are indeed acting as "a city set on a mountain" that cannot be hidden!

Dear Parishioners, the building project for the Church roof is starting this Monday and will continue for 3-4 months. Several work trucks will need access all weekdays from 6am until 6pm, so there can be no parking in the church driveway at anytime. The Church driveway cannot be used by parents for drop off or pick up at anytime. The only exception is for parishioners attending Mass to drop off elderly or disabled passengers. Thank you.

FIRST RECONCILIATION ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN

If your child is in Year 3 or above and baptised Catholic they are eligible to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please note we can only accept children from St Patrick's Primary, Sutherland Public, Sutherland North, Woronora and Loftus, as we are limited in capacity out of area is not possible. If your child has not received an enrolment form please email the parish office at admin@stpatssutherland.org.au
Enrolments close on 21/2/2023.

Catechist Sunday

This weekend we ask you to pray for the catechists as we venture back into the public schools to deliver the message of God's love and the teachings of the Bible to the students. Please keep us in your prayers especially on Wednesdays and Thursdays which are the two days we the classes are on.

If you would like to know more about being a catechist or a classroom helper, contact me on 0438408430 or bertha.fsadni@gmail.com
Thank you, Bertha, Catechist coordinator

Post 40th Anniversary party

Kindly pick the remaining plates from the parish office. There are some serving plates still waiting to be picked up.

The Parish Piety Stall will be temporarily closed for 3 weeks from Saturday, 4 February to Sunday 19 February 2023. In place there will be a fund raising stall to acquire a new monstrance (to replace the broken one). Thank you for your generosity! The Piety Stall will reopen from Saturday, 25 February 2023

*The Parish Piety Stall will be closed on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th of February and on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th February and Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th February.
The Stall will reopen on Saturday and Sunday 25th and 26th February.*

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE SICK: Catherine Bishop, Judith Fraser, 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, Armanoud 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: Ashley Boorman, Maria Konig, Gwen Kendall, Joshua Nascimben
ANNIVERSARY: Carmel Natoli, George Dresher, Ana Maria Ramirez, Margaret Lawlor, Clare Tibbles

DECEASED MEMBERS & FRIENDS: 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

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 23
6pm Thursday evening for an hour at the Presbytery.

COFFEE and TEA MEETING 13/2/2022

Monday, 13th February, 9.30 am. At Marlene Rodger's house, 12 Araluen Pl, Sutherland. To organise Calendar for 2023. Lots of ideas wanted Light morning tea provided
Numbers needed please by 6 Feb
Contact Marie Bartlett 0425380873
Lois Smithers 0452357922

'Lumen Gentium Discussion Group,
Wednesdays, 9.45am, Presbytery.
Nos 20 & 21 on the hierarchical structure of our Church brought up many personal memories of change. In this document different, and even opposing, views of bishops were brought into unity. Emeritus Pope Benedict XIV's (RIP) important role as Cardinal Ratzinger was acknowledged. A few possibilities for improvements were suggested, one being the famous line of Pope Francis "to take on the smell of the sheep". The bishops are doing that, and listening to us through the Plenary Council for a synodal Church for communion, participation and mission.'
All welcome to have your say!
Jo de Groot