

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 ect.

If you can spare 2 hours per fortnight or any time when we meet to assist in maintaining the church gardens this would make a difference to the appearance of the Church gardens & surrounds. As always, any assistance is appreciated. Please bring a water bottle & glove. All equipment supplied Pls contact Kevin Redman 0402856114 for more details

TODAYS READING

Exodus 17:3-7- Give us water to drink.

Romans 5:1-2. 5-8 -The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

John:5-42-The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON-My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM- If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION-Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GENERAL INTERCESSION RESPONSE-Christ, be merciful.

Counting Roster -2022

12.3.23-Barclay Team
19/3/23-Morris Team
26/3/23-Elliott Team

Altar Society- 2022

12/3/23-Mockett Team
19/3/23- Elliott Team
26/3/23-Fsdani 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



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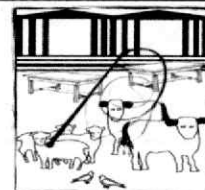
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St Patrick's Parish acknowledges and honours the Gweagal People of the Dharawal Nation as the original custodians of this land

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



Sunday 12 March,
2023
3rd Sunday in
Lent.
Year A

The Ten Commandments are a code of conduct for God's people. The aim of all the rules was to draw them to God in love. By turning the Temple into a marketplace, the people show disdain for God and his house. Jesus, in cleansing the temple, is jolting the people from their complacency and urging them, and us, to believe in him as the sanctuary of God

Background on the Gospel Reading

On this Sunday and the next two Sundays, we break from reading the Gospel of Matthew to read from John's Gospel. The Gospel of John is the only Gospel not assigned to a particular liturgical year. Instead, readings from John's Gospel are interspersed throughout our three-year liturgical cycle.

In today's Gospel, the dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria is among the most lengthy and most theological found in Scripture. The most startling aspect of the conversation is that it happens at all. Jesus, an observant Jew of that time, was expected to avoid conversation with women in public. The animosity between the Jews and the Samaritans should have prevented the conversation as well. The woman herself alludes to the break from tradition: "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Yet Jesus not only converses with the woman, he also asks to share her drinking vessel, an action that makes him unclean according to Jewish law.

The initial conversation between Jesus and the woman is better understood if we consider the importance of water, especially in the climate of Israel. At first, the woman understands Jesus' promise of "living water" in a literal sense: "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." With no running water, the daily trip to the well by the women of the community was of paramount importance. The women of the town would have traveled to the well in the early morning, but this woman came to the well at noon, the hottest time of the day. The timing of her visit is a clear sign that she is an outcast within the Samaritan community. We learn in her conversation with Jesus that she is an outcast because of her "many husbands."

Behind the conversation lies the animosity and rivalry between the Jews and the Samaritans. Samaritans shared Jewish ancestry, but Samaritans had intermarried with foreigners when they lived under the rule of the Assyrians. Samaritan religion included worship of Yahweh, but was also influenced by the worship of other gods. When the Jews refused Samaritan help in the building of the Temple at Jerusalem, the Samaritans eventually built a temple for themselves at Mt. Gerizim (the same mountain mentioned by the woman at the well). Like the Jews, the Samaritans believed that a Messiah would come.

CHANGE OF DRAW DATE-St Patrick's Day Monster Raffle
Tickets on sale after each Mass drawn on 18 March after 5pm Mass



3 x tickets \$5
Prizes include
Gourmet Hampers
Cash Prizes
Mike's Grill Vouchers
Homewares
Wine Selections
Framed Max Mannix Prints x 2
More prizes to come!



WRAP WITH LOVE- 2023- Change of date for April
The next meeting is 30 March 2023 as 6/4/23 is Holy Thursday

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.

Coffee & Tea Set-change of venue 20/3/23

Meet at 11.30am for Lunch at Como Hotel. Contact Leonie on 9521 6410.

Lumen Gentium (Light of the Nations),

Nos 26 and 27 gave us an inspirational overview of the role of the Bishops in the Church, the huge burden of responsibility; to care as shepherds for the flock 'by praying and labouring for the people, (and to) make out-pourings in many ways and in great abundance from the fullness of Christ's holiness.' There was rich discussion on the differences we had experienced in different dioceses on how the faith was lived out.

Wed. 9.45am, at the presbytery.

Text provided. All welcome!

PIETY STALL

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. Lovely gifts available.

Bible Study

The group decided to study St Luke's second work, The Acts of the Apostles. In it Luke explores *the spiritual energy inside the Christian community that motivates its expansion. (Jerusalem Bible).*

Please join us as we begin our new discussion: Thursday evenings 6 pm for an hour in the Presbytery.

St Patricks Primary- KINDERGARTEN 2024
Enrolments are open - please apply online by visiting our website www.stpsutherland.catholic.edu.au.



St Patrick's College, Sutherland Year 7, 2025

OPEN DAY Wednesday, 22 March 2023 4.00pm – 6.30pm. Guided tours, all welcome.

Enrolments are open - please visit spsutherland.syd.catholic.edu.au to submit an online application or request an Application for Enrolment form. Applications due 6 April, 2023.

'Synodality and the Plenary Council,

As ambassador for our parish I will be attending the Catholic Mission Conference from 3-5 May on the topics of Synodality and the Plenary Council with overseas and local presenters. It is still about listening to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit (in a world somewhat in chaos!?) I look forward to reporting to you all.

For more detail: <https://2023.mohmv.com.au/> Jo de Groot.'

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE SICK: Maria Dodd, Patrick Lynch, Dale Butler, Stuart Gordon, 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, Amanoud 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, 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: Francis Lynch, Maria Isabel Yanez Sepulveda, Irena Molinari

ANNIVERSARY: Mary Anne Talby, Anthony Esler, Margaret Jordan

DECEASED MEMBERS & FRIENDS: Margaret Donnelly, 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