

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

Acts 2:42-47

The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.

1 Peter 1:3-9

He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.

John 20:19-31

After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM –

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION –

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but believe!

GENERAL INTERCESSION RESPONSE –

God of love, hear us.

Counting Roster –2022

16/4/23-Barclay Team

23/4/23-Morris Team

30/4/23– Can a team fill in please

Altar Society– 2022

16/4/23-Elliott Team

23/4/23-Fsadni Team

30/4/23-Gaynor 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



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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.



Second Sunday of Easter Year A 16 April, 2023.

On the evening of resurrection day the disciples re filled with fear, and Jesus himself comes to them and gives them his peace and joy. A week later Jesus comes again to convince Thomas that he has truly risen. The faith of Thomas resounds down the centuries and today we can be glad that Thomas took some convincing. Our hearts can echo his words : "My Lord and my God!"

Background on the Gospel Reading

The Gospels tell us that Jesus appeared to the disciples on several occasions after they discovered that his tomb was empty. Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. The bodily form was not one that the disciples recognized though. In John's Gospel, Mary of Magdala does not recognize that the figure standing before her is Jesus until he speaks to her. In Luke's Gospel the disciples who meet Jesus on the road to Emmaus do not recognize him until he breaks bread with them. The resurrected Jesus had a physical presence, but the disciples couldn't recognize Jesus unless he allowed them to. His resurrected body, nonetheless, showed the marks of his crucifixion.

From readings such as today's Gospel, we also see that in his resurrected body, Jesus seems to be free of physical constraints. He appears to the disciples despite the fact that the doors were locked.

Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. In doing so, Jesus commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." During the meeting, Jesus also shows the integral connection between forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The story of Thomas illustrates our Christian experience today: We are called to believe without seeing. In fact, all Christians after the first witnesses have been called to believe without seeing. Thomas's doubt is hardly surprising; the news of Jesus' appearance was incredible to the disciples who had seen him crucified and buried. Thomas's human nature compelled him to want hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death was indeed the same Jesus who had been crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to act on that desire. He is our witness that Jesus is really risen.

Getting to know our Catechists. I am Angela. 12 years ago during a novena prayer meeting while praying I was tapped on the shoulder & invited to become a Catechist to teach 5-6 year classes. In the beginning I thought with my human perspective of knowing Christ. Soon I realized, I was not enough. Can not be done alone. I need the divine intervention of Christ & the Holy Spirit. I want to be a disciple of Christ, introduce & help the Children to know about Christianity, what is, what it stands for. This helps the Children to know Jesus, his teaching & the meaning in our life. It helps them to see with the heart & eyes of Jesus, to hear, know, understand The power of the Holy Spirit. It also helps to feel the presence of the Holy Spirit with us, In us, to ask for support, help friendship. To understand, we are not alone. We have a place to go with Jesus, who is waiting for us always. I wish to plant the seeds in their hearts & mind. I wish to be not the distractive storms & rains but the soft beneficial rain that softens the ground for the sowing. Once the seeds are lovingly planted the Holy Spirit will continue the divine work. In Gods name. Angela Belfield

WRAP WITH LOVE- 2023-

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 St Vincent de Paul Society Sutherland Region is part of a project known as CRISP (Community Refugee Integration and Settlement Pilot). It is anticipated that a refugee family of five people will arrive on the 27th April 2023 and be supported by Vinnies for 12 months. It is necessary for accommodation to be provided for the family at the cost to Vinnies. Rent is guaranteed by Vinnies. Any assistance in sourcing a home to accommodate the family either furnished or unfurnished would be appreciated. Please contact Janice Stokes at email janice.stokes@vinnies.org.au"

COFFEE & TEA SET

17-4-23- Lunch Club on East-11.30am

For bookings contact Marie Bartlett 0425830873.

Bible Study

*My word be will not return to me unfulfilled,
it will accomplish my purpose. (Is 55:11)*

Come join us as we discuss **The Acts of the Apostles**,
currently Chapter 4

6 pm Thursday evening for an hour at the Presbytery.

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.

LUMEN GENTIUM (Light of the Nations) Discussion Nos 36, 37 & 38 helped us reflect on the laity's role 'to express their opinion on those things which concern the good of the Church.' The current world-wide synodal council started by Pope Francis is in obedience to this directive of the second Vatican Council. The Shepherds, our clergy, should encourage active engagement of the laity according to their abilities, accepting their advice. 'A great many wonderful things are to be hoped for from this familiar dialogue between the laity and their spiritual leaders.' St Chrysostom in the second century said, 'Christians must be to the world what the soul is to the body.'

FYI: EWTN 'The Journey Home'.

You Tube 'The Chosen'.

Wed. 9.45am at the presbytery.

All welcome. Text provided. Contact: Jo de Groot 0412 257 873.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE SICK: John Woodward, Patrick Lynch, Dale Butler, Grahame Barclay, Stuart Gordon, Catherine Bishop, Judith Fraser, Maria Kramer, Fr Lawrie Beath, Sue Cassidy, Clifford Atkinson, Linda Dalton, Thiago Mazza Almeida, 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, 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: Joan Bell, Dorothy Hughes, Bertie Maclou, John Reid, Maria Dodd,

ANNIVERSARY: John Bridges, Brendan Lynch, Colin Fraser, Gene Tolledo, Moises Borbe

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