

## 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 2:14. 22-33** *It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.*

**I Peter 1:17-21** *The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.*

**Luke 24:13-35** *They recognised him at the breaking of the bread*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** – Lord, you will show us the path of life.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** – Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us; make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

**UNIVERSAL PRAYER** – Saving God, give us wisdom.

### Counting Roster –2022

23/4/23-Morris Team  
30/4/23- Can a team fill in please  
7/5/23- Elliott Team

### Altar Society- 2022

23/4/23-Fsadni Team  
30/4/23-Gaynor Team  
7/5/23-Farris 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

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



### Third Sunday of Easter Year A Sunday 23 April 2023

Jesus joins two disciples as they walk away from Jerusalem in despair after his death. They share their hopes and longings with him, and Jesus patiently explains why events happened as they did. He breaks bread with them, and suddenly they recognise him. No longer hopeless, they rush back to re-join the disciples, who by now are convinced that Jesus has risen. The joy of the resurrection is spreading!

### Background on the Gospel Reading

On most Sundays during the Easter season in Cycle A, our Gospel is taken from the Gospel of John. This week's Gospel, however, is taken from the Gospel of Luke. As in last week's Gospel, today's Gospel shows us how the first community of disciples came to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. In these stories we gain insight into how the community of the Church came to be formed.

When we read today's Gospel, we may be surprised to learn that these friends of Jesus could walk and converse with him at some length yet not recognize him. Again we discover that the risen Jesus is not always easily recognized. Cleopas and the other disciple walk with a person whom they believe to be a stranger; only later do they discover that the stranger is Jesus. We learn that the first community met and recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread, just as we meet Jesus in the Eucharist.

We can imagine the feelings of the two disciples in today's reading. They are leaving their community in Jerusalem. Their friend Jesus has been crucified. Their hope is gone. They are trying to make sense of what has occurred, so that they can put the experience behind them.

Jesus himself approaches the two men, but they take him for a stranger. Jesus asks them what they are discussing. He invites them to share their experience and interpretation of the events surrounding his crucifixion and death. When the two disciples have done so, Jesus offers his own interpretation of his crucifixion and resurrection, citing Jewish Scripture. In that encounter we find the model for our Liturgy of the Word—what we do each time we gather as a community for the Eucharist. We reflect upon our life experiences and interpret them in light of Scripture. We gather together to break open the Word of God.

In the next part of the story, we find a model for our Liturgy of the Eucharist. The disciples invite the stranger (Jesus) to stay with them. During the meal in which they share in the breaking of the bread, the disciples' eyes are opened; they recognize the stranger as Jesus. In the Eucharist too we share in the breaking of the bread and discover Jesus in our midst. Just as the disciples returned to Jerusalem to recount their experience to the other disciples, we too are sent from our Eucharistic gathering. Our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist compels us to share the story with others.



**WEEKDAY PROGRAM: Mon 9am-Communion Service**

**Mass: Tues-Fri - 9.00am**

**SUNDAY MASS TIMES: Sat Vigil 5pm Sun 8am & 10am**

**CONFESSIONS: Saturdays 4pm - 4.45pm or by appointment**

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Mon Closed.**

**Tues-Friday 9.00am - 3.00pm**

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

This week one of our wonderful parishioners Mel Hay will celebrate her 80th Birthday.

Wishing you every blessing from Fr Dan and all of your friends here at St Patrick's.

### 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.

### 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.

### COFFEE & TEA SET

**May 1- Club Central Menai**

Meet at 11.30am. Contact Lorraine 0434 670 458

### Bible Study

*My word 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 5.

6 pm Thursday evening for an hour at the Presbytery.

### THE SECRET OF MARY

*How Mary helps us be victorious in this life and the next*

After 8 painful years in a wheelchair, Juliana Elarde experienced a healing, while visiting Lourdes, through an encounter with Our Lady.

A series of talks presented by Juliana and Paul Elarde. Tuesday May 2 at 7pm.

Our Lady of Fatima Caringbah

Call Mary Anne at the office on 9524 7283

LUMEN GENTIUM (Light of the Nations) Discussion Nos 39 & 40 spoke to us strongly about how everyone is called to be holy. The virtues of mercy, kindness, humility, meekness and patience as well as working for social justice were seen to be touchstones of holiness.

We encourage you to read the following: [https://](https://www.catholicreligious.org.au/light-from-the-southern-cross)

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Wed. 9.45am at the presbytery.

All welcome. Text provided.

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE SICK:** Bridget Rodway, John Woodward, Patrick Lynch, Dale Butler, 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, Solange La Douce Jean Fabien, Steve Smith, Lloyd Handley, Bruce Kent, Anne Cassidy, Lena Mallet, Martine Benoit, Norma Miller, 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:** Lorraine Jago, Joan Bell, Dorothy Hughes, Bertie Maclou, John Reid, Maria Dodd,

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

**DECEASED MEMBERS & FRIENDS:** Panfilo Mangkikis, 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