

### 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

### Today's Readings

**Acts 2:14. 36-41** *God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ*

**1 Peter 2:20-25** *You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.*

**John 10:1-10** *I am the gate of the sheep fold.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** –The Lord is my shepherd and there is nothing I shall want.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** – Alleluia, Alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

**GENERAL INTERCESSION RESPONSE** – Jesus, our way, guide us.

### Counting Roster –2022

30/4/23– Elliott Team

7/5/23– Elliott Team

14.5.23– Hunt Team

### Altar Society– 2022

30/4/23–Gaynor Team

7/5/23–Farris Team

14.5.23– Mockett 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.stpatssutherland.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.



### Fourth Sunday of Easter Year A 30 April, 2023

We are not sheep, but we can make a choice to follow Jesus and be part of his flock. Jesus promises us his life and love, to be shared with others. We are not asked to be mindless imitators of another person or to be swayed by specious arguments. Jesus is the gate through which we enter into the fullness of life he came to bring us.

### Background on the Gospel Reading

This fourth Sunday of the Easter season is sometimes called Good Shepherd Sunday because in each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In each cycle the reading is from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter sets the framework for Jesus' teaching about himself as the Good Shepherd.

Today's reading falls between the stories of Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus. Both of these stories were proclaimed in the Gospels found in this year's season of Lent. Following the controversy that ensued when Jesus healed the man born blind, Jesus directs his allegory about the sheep and the shepherd toward the Jewish religious leaders of his time, the Pharisees.

Throughout John's Gospel the Pharisees fail to accept Jesus' ministry and teaching. They show themselves to be "robbers and thieves" because they try to lead the sheep without entering through the gate, Jesus. Through these metaphors, Jesus is telling his listeners that those who follow him and his way will find abundant life. He identifies himself both as the shepherd and the gate. The shepherds who are faithful to him are the ones whom the sheep (Jesus' disciples) should follow.

The relationship between the sheep and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognize their shepherd and will not follow a stranger. At the end of the day, shepherds lead their sheep from pastures to a common gated area called a sheepfold. There, one shepherd protects all of the sheep until the next day when each shepherd returns to lead his own sheep to pasture. As shepherds move among the sheep, the sheep follow only their shepherd.

Today's Gospel also gives us the opportunity to reflect on Christian leadership. Jesus' words suggest to us that those who will lead the Christian community will be known by their faithfulness to Jesus. The leaders will recognize that Jesus is the gate for all of the sheep and that having a good relationship with Jesus is the primary characteristic of a Christian leader. Jesus' allegory also suggests that faithful Christian leadership requires a good relationship with the community: the shepherd knows his sheep, and they know him. Christian leaders follow the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by being faithful to him and by being a good shepherd.



Dear Parishioners,  
We are very pleased to announce this week a new member of our Parish Team has been appointed. Mrs Ann Woodhouse has joined us as Faith Formation Co-ordinator. Many of you will know Ann as a parishioner and also the Family & Faith Educator at St Patrick's Primary.  
Ann will be working Wednesdays & Thursdays and in the parish office. Ann can be contacted on 9521 2356 or via email [admin@stpatssutherland.org.au](mailto:admin@stpatssutherland.org.au)  
Welcome Ann from the St Patrick's Community.

**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

Final CWF Appeal for the financial year.

CWF Parish Appeal The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) May 2023 Appeal will be happening on 6 and 7 May and we need your help. Please keep alive the vital ministries of the Church in service to those who need it most.

### 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 7  
6 pm Thursday evening for an hour at the Presbytery.

### Catechists' Meeting

Term 2 meeting will be held on Thursday 4th May 2023 at 4pm at the Parish meeting room.

### 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 Section 41 showed us that everyone in the Church is called to holiness. No matter what our social status we can manifest God's love for the world by accepting all things with faith and humbly speaking out about possible improvements, e.g. setting up parish councils and diocesan councils, or having a diocesan visit to parishes to offer support.  
Wed. 9.45am at the presbytery. Next meeting: 10th May.  
All welcome. Text provided.

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE SICK:** 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:** Brian Meeve, Bridget Rodway, John Junior Giampaoli, Lorraine Jago

**ANNIVERSARY:** Mr & Mrs English

**DECEASED MEMBERS & FRIENDS:** Maria Dodd, 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