

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 6:1-7 - They elected seven men filled with the spirit and wisdom

1 Peter 2:4-9 - You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

John 14:1-12 I am the way, the truth and the life

RESPONSORIAL PSALM –Lord let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

UNIVERSAL PRAYER –
Christ, our life, hear us

Counting Roster –2022

7/5/23– Elliott Team
14.5.23– Hunt Team

Altar Society– 2022

7/5/23–Farris Team
14.5.23– Mockett Team
21.5.23–

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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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.



Fifth Sunday of Easter
Year A,
7 May, 2023.

Jesus tells his disciples not to be afraid, to trust in him, to believe in him. Our lives can be so scattered that we forget these consoling words he spoke for us. Jesus is our Way, our Truth and our Life. He will prepare a place for us so that we will be with him for ever. May we be ready to meet him when the time comes.

Our 5th Sunday of Easter this year coincides with the beginning of the month of May. This is a beautiful month for many reasons: in most parts of the world it is a month of gorgeous weather. For us as Catholics, the greatest beauty of May lies in the fact that it is the month dedicated to Our Lady.

Mother's Day is a day much treasured on the national calendar. But for us, we have "Mother's Month!" Such is the importance of Mary to the life of the Christian it is only fitting that there should be an entire month dedicated to her.

When I was a child, my parents taught me the 'Litany of Loreto.' This beautiful invocation of Mary under dozens of titles was a staple 'trimming on the Rosary' that we would pray every Saturday evening. Two of the titles in that Litany are very apposite for today; "*Mary, Health of the Sick*" and "*Mary, Comforter of the afflicted.*" It is the most natural instinct of all children to want their mother when they feel scared, threatened or sick. As our world continues to deal with conflict and war and concerns about our health remain paramount it should be our natural instinct as Christians to turn to our heavenly mother and ask for her comfort, care and protection.

There is a real difference between praying to Mary compared to Our Lord. We do not worship Mary for she is a humble creature like us and yet God listens to her first owing to her extraordinary closeness to him. In Mary we see manifested the singular love that God has for the human race. In praying to Mary we simultaneously have the attention of one who has the ear of God most high and yet completely knows and empathises with us and loves us with a mother's heart.

During this month of May it would be of tremendous benefit for us to try and do something extra each day to honour Mary and ask for her help, especially in asking for peace in the world. When we go on walks, we might pray a Rosary or at least a few hail Marys. A small pilgrimage to a Marian shrine would be a beautiful thing to do. Inviting others to pray with us during this period in beseeching our mother is also a superb way to honour "*the Queen of the May.*"

During this special month, I will be asking Our Lady's special care and protection on you all. May God Bless you and may Our Lady keep her mantle of protection over you.

Fr Dan McCaughan

As we approach Mother's Day, we feel that it is important to take a moment to recognise that this can be a difficult time for those who have lost a mother or mother figure. If you are one of those people, we would like to invite you to a special prayer service in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St Patrick's church.

Our prayer service will take place on Friday 12 May at 2pm. During our time together, we will remember and honour the women who have shaped our lives and influenced us in countless ways. We will offer prayers for those who are grieving and seek comfort and hope in this challenging time.

Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers, and we are here to support you in any way we can. If you have any questions or concerns about the service or other ways we can support you, please do not hesitate to reach out.

I look forward to joining together in prayer as we honour the mothers and mother figures who have touched our lives.

God Bless,

Ann Woodhouse,
Family Formation Coordinator

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.

COFFEE & TEA SET-Change of venue

15.5.23- Lunch at Jade Teahouse, Camelia Gardens, Caringbah. Meet at 11.30am.

Venue changed as Danny's permanently closed.

Call Pam 0410 213 836

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.

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.

'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: Laval Bosquet, Brian Meeve, Bridget Rodway, John Junior Giampaoli

ANNIVERSARY: David Hoffman, Edna & Regis Cabon, Vincente Pizarro, 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