

## 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 8:5-8**— they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

**1 PETER 3:15-18**— In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

**JOHN 14:15-21**— I shall ask the Father and he will give you another advocate.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM –

Let all earth cry out to God with joy.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION –

Alleluia, Alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

## UNIVERSAL PRAYER –

Bless us with your Spirit, O God.

## Counting Roster –2022

14.5.23– Hunt Team  
21.5.23– Cowles Team  
28.5.23– Barclay Team

## Altar Society– 2022

14.5.23– Mockett Team  
21.5.23– Elliot Team  
28.5.23– Fsadni 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



**www.stpatsutherland.org.au** new Parish Website



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.



Sixth Sunday of  
Easter Year A  
13 May, 2023

Jesus wants us to love him, because only then will we do what he asks of us. This is truly keeping his commandments. We will be given an Advocate, the Spirit of truth, who will guide us and be with us always. Love will be the motivating force which will keep us close to Jesus. We will also share this love with others, sometimes without even knowing it.

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In last Sunday's Gospel Jesus told us "there are many rooms in my Father's house." In this Sunday's Gospel acclamation we hear that God will come and make his home in the souls of all who love him. This intimate, domestic imagery tells us how close God wants to be to each of us.

We also make a significant contribution to the preparation of our "room" in Heaven by taking care of God's room on earth, which is our Soul. The life we live here and now is of paramount importance to the life we have after death. The more we have loved God and each other here, the greater our joy and love will be in heaven; or if you like, the better quality our "room" will be.

The teacher of love par excellence is Mary, our Mother. The greatest desire of all Mums is that their children be truly happy. The greatest happiness one can have is found in Heaven.

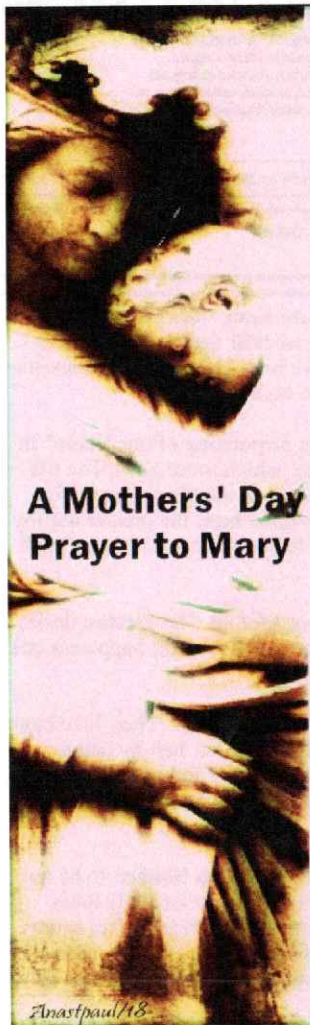
Mums have a unique role in showing us the way to heaven. Their love more than anything else tells us it is a good thing that we exist. Just by being Mum, their very being expresses to the child its dignity and worth. They are an incarnate "yes" to the child and its needs and God's most primordial way of saying, "I have made you for love."

It is not for nothing that God gives us a Mother, His own Mother, to be not simply the model, but the love that opens us to his love. Our Lady loves each and every one of us with more tenderness than the hearts of all Mums combined. She understands the challenges all Mums face and so on this Mother's Day we should entrust our own Mothers to her care and seek to draw closer to her ourselves.

Mary's ultimate desire is that each of us is united with her and her Son in heaven. A close relationship with Mary is the surest road to the heart of Jesus and the guarantee that our room in heaven will have the detail of our Mother's touch.

Happy Mother's Day!

Fr Dan McCaughan



**A Mothers' Day  
Prayer to Mary**

Mary, on this day  
when we honour all mothers,  
we turn to you.  
We thank the Lord,  
whom you serve,  
for the great gift of motherhood.  
Never has it been known  
that anyone who sought  
your intercession,  
was left unaided by grace.  
Dear Mother,  
thank you for your "Yes"  
to the invitation of the angel  
which brought heaven to earth  
and changed human history.  
You opened yourself to God's word  
and the Word was made flesh  
and dwelt among us.  
Dear mother,  
intercede for all of our mothers.  
Ask your Divine Son  
to give them the grace  
of surrendered love  
so that they can join with you  
in giving their own "Fiat."  
May they find daily strength  
to say "yes" to the call  
to the sacrificial love-  
the very heart,  
of the vocation of motherhood.  
May their love and witness,  
be a source of great inspiration  
for all of us called to follow your Son.  
God Bless Mothers on this Mothers day,  
Mother of the Word Incarnate,  
pray for us who have recourse to you.  
In the Name of the Father  
and the Son and the Holy Spirit.  
Amen

**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

**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

Final CWF Appeal for the financial year.

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

**Getting to know our Catechists**

My name is Ellen Biber and I have been a Kindergarten catechist for the last 15 years. I am privileged and very honoured to be able to teach these young Catholics lessons about their Creator - God. We start off by setting up our little Prayer Table, then we all close our eyes and hands, and pray together. These moments are so special to share! My kind pupils now know how and why we make the sign of the cross and that God made our world. I place great importance on teaching them to love God and His Mother Mary. Every lesson, I pray that my pupils leave class feeling happier and filled with God's graces. I am blessed to be able to enlighten the youngest school kids with our beautiful Catholic scripture.

**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 on No 42 inspired us to see that no matter which life-style we choose, grace always asks us to devote ourselves to others in loving service and according to St Paul not to let the things of the world have the first place 'for this world, as we see it, is passing away.' Choosing a life-style needs careful discernment according to our own deepest sentiments of soul. Wed. 9.45am at the presbytery. 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:** Betty Roach, Sophie Little-John, Laval Bosquet, Bridget Rodway, Irena Molinari

**ANNIVERSARY:** Felecisima & Edwin de Nava, David Hoffman, Edna & Regis Cabon, Vincente Pizarro

**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