

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

Genesis 11:1-9: *It was named Babel because there the Lord confused the language of the whole earth.*

Romans 8:22-27: *The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.*

John 7:37-39: *From his breast shall flow fountains of living waters.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM –

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION –

Alleluia, Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

UNIVERSAL PRAYER–

Come, sanctifying Spirit

Counting Roster –2022

28.5.23– Barclay Team
4.6.23–Morris Team
11.6.23–Elliott Team

Altar Society– 2022

28.5.23– Fsadni Team
4.6.23– Farris Team
11.6.23–Hunt 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



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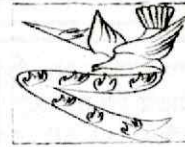
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St Patrick's Parish acknowledges and honours the Gweagal People of the Dharawal Nation as the original custodians of this land



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



**PENTECOST
SUNDAY
Year A
28 MAY 2023**

A mighty wind proclaims the coming of the Holy Spirit on the apostles. The Spirit fires them up with great enthusiasm as they tell all the people in Jerusalem of the wonderful things Jesus has done. The spirit can also renew our own lives if we are open to receive his gifts, and then this fire will spread to all whom we meet.

Background on the Gospel Reading

The Season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the Feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Yet the event in John's Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is enough that we know that after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

We already heard today's Gospel proclaimed on the [Second Sunday of Easter](#) this year (Lectionary Cycle A). That Gospel passage, however, also included the description of Jesus' appearance to Thomas. In that context, we were led to reflect on belief and unbelief.

In the context of the Feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam at the time of Creation. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for "spirit" can also be translated as "breath."

This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiving of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

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

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.

COFFEE & TEA SET-Change of venue

5.6.23- Union Place, Jannali Hotel- 11.30am

There is a \$10 holding charge fee for each booking so I need to know numbers. Mavis Moffatt-9521 2797
Or 0418408942.

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.

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

Congratulations Peter and Sylvia Quinell on receiving their Dempsey Medals last Sunday at St Mary's Cathedral. Well deserved for their many years of dedication to St Patrick's Church.

Nominate your Parish Hero!

For the past 100 years, our parishes have been the cornerstones of local Australian communities. It's those special people that help make our nation thrive. As we move into the 21st century, who are the people in your parish that stand out and make our community what it is today? Tell us their story and why they deserve to be recognized as a Parish Hero. Email: parishhero@catholicweekly.com.au

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 10
6 pm Thursday evening for an hour at the Presbytery.

LUMEN GENTIUM (Light of the Nations) Discussion

Nos 45 to 47 informed us that the great variety of religious institutes based on perceived needs by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit is strongly supported by the hierarchy. The vows require sacrifice but also lead to personal spiritual freedom and growth in faith, love and service (holiness). The Holy Spirit's leading on the faith journey is a significant 'Light to the Nations', to neighbours, family, friends and country.

FYI: On You Tube, 'The Chosen', the best life of Christ yet; also any Lives of the Saints.

Wed. 9.45am at the presbytery.

On the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, we invite all Catholics to unite and honour the real presence by attending the Walk With Christ Eucharistic Procession through the Sydney CBD. This joyful public proclamation seeks to manifest the spiritual joy at the presence of the Saviour in the Eucharist (and His role as benevolent spiritual ruler). Like, for instance, the crowds who welcomed Christ into Jerusalem singing "Hosanna to the Son of David" and the wise virgins who accompanied the bridegroom at his arrival to the feast, so does the faithful of Sydney in their devotion accompany the Eucharistic Lord through its streets.

When: June 11 with a festival beginning at 1:00pm in Martin Place.

The procession begins at 2:30pm sharp from the corner of Martin Place and Pitt Street

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, Edna Cabon, Ginette & Edith Bosquet

ANNIVERSARY: Michael Cassidy, Antonio Demarco, Giuseppe & Rosa Ferraiuolo

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