

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 PIs contact Kevin Redman 0402856114 for more details

Today's Readings

Jeremiah 20:10-13— *He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.*

Romans : 5:12-15— *God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.*

Matthew 10:26-33— *Do not fear those who can kill the body.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Lord, in your great love, answer me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – Alleluia, Alleluia! The Spirit of truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses. Alleluia!

UNIVERSAL PRAYER– Saving God, hear our prayer.

Counting Roster –2023

25.6.23– Barclay Team
2.7.23-Barclay Team
9.7.23-Morris Team

Altar Society– 2023

25.6.23– Fsadni Team
2.7.23-Farris Team
9.7.23-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



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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.



Year A
25 June 2023

If we follow Jesus by loving him and those around us, we will not be afraid even when things are not going well. Jesus assures us that every hair on our head has been counted, so of course he will not let us down. When the going seems tough in our everyday lives. We will find peace & strength when we turn to Jesus & remember "do not be afraid"

Background on the Gospel Reading

We read today's Gospel in the context of last week's Gospel in which Jesus sent the twelve disciples to proclaim the kingdom of heaven. In between last week's reading and today's reading, Jesus has predicted that the disciples will face difficulties in their mission. Many people will not receive them well, even within the land of Israel. Even family members will turn away from the disciples because of the disciples' commitment to Jesus and the kingdom. Today's Gospel offers the disciples consolation against this difficult truth.

This section of Matthew's Gospel should be read in the context of Matthew's intended audience, a Jewish-Christian community. The Gospel alludes to the dangers and persecutions that this community has most likely already faced and will continue to face. To reassure this community, Matthew recalls for them the encouraging words of Jesus that we read today.

In this Gospel passage, Jesus might be understood as putting suffering in perspective. The disciples of Jesus are called upon to keep their focus on God. Those who can harm the body do not have ultimate power; God does. Still persecution and suffering can not be avoided or prevented. But Jesus reassures his disciples that God knows and cares about what happens to his children.

We might not face the same type of persecution, but we do experience difficulties as we endeavor to live a Christian life. Sometimes we let the opinions of others prevent us from doing what we know to be right. We need the reminder that what God thinks about us is more important. We are reassured by the promise that God cares for us and protects us.

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PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2023/24

Planned giving envelopes are now available from the back of the Church next weekend. If you are no longer requiring envelopes please email the parish office info@stpatsutherland.org.au

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

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.

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.

3 July 2023 - Lunch at Lidcombe Catholic Club. Meet at Sutherland Station, Stand A at 10am. M92 bus departs at 10.18am to Lidcombe Station. Please contact Marie B 0425 380 873 or Veronica 9528 9163 or 0409 812 475

Getting to know our Catechists

My name is Julie Fallon and I have been involved as a Catechist helper for approximately six years. I have had some nice friends involved for many years, however it wasn't until Yvonne asked me to assist her that I felt the PUSH I needed. I love Wednesdays at Loftus Primary School; that special 30 minutes with the children. The class mix is interesting and I feel the pupils' enthusiasm. They're like sponges soaking the Good News of our beloved Lord. This involvement has also rekindled openness to my faith. After each class, I have a spring in my step and look forward to the next week. Thank you for the PUSH!

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE SICK: Imelda Logue, Mila Laverick, Neville Evans, 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: Joao Pombo, Ray Pollock, John Fsadni

ANNIVERSARY: Julio Gomes & Family, Elvira Pombo, Manuel Fernandes Camara, Maria Rosa Jardim, Peter & Colin Cardwell, Margaret Warham

DECEASED MEMBERS & FRIENDS: Maria Dodd, Biber Family, Roger Minshull, Gwen Power, Molly McFarlane, Kevin Gore, Bill Morris, Joan Quinn, Frank Townsend, David Hoffmann, 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, Tyrann 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

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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.

2023/2024 Planned Giving envelopes are ready and located at the back of the Church, please look for your name.

2022/2024- Tax receipts will be available from the same place from the 8/7/23.



Sunday 9 July 2023 Fr Dan will celebrate 10 years of Ordination to the Priesthood. After the 10am Mass all are invited to the Parish Hall to join Fr Dan for light refreshments and to show our appreciation to Fr Dan. Please bring along a plate to share.

LUMEN GENTIUM (Light of the Nations)

No's 52-56 introduced us to Our Lady's crucial role in the redemption of the World.

No's 57-59 gave us insight on how Mary's obedience to God's invitation showed her love, a mother's love for Jesus, a daughter's love to the Father, and a spousal love to the Holy Spirit. Many references to early Church Fathers and Saints were used by the writers of this document showing their great love for this message to the world.

WED. 9.45am at the presbytery.
All welcome. Text provided.

Bible Study Currently Chapter 13

*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 12

6 pm Thursday evening for an hour at the Presbytery.