

## 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

### Zechariah 9:9-10

*See how humbly your king comes to you.*

### Romans 8:9.11-13

*If by the spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.*

### Matthew 11:25-30

*I am gentle and humble of heart.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM –

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION –

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

**UNIVERSAL PRAYER** – Christ, in your mercy hear us.

## Counting Roster –2023

9.7.23-Morris Team  
16.7.23- Can any teams cover please  
23.7.23-Hunt Team

## Altar Society– 2023

9.7.23-Mockett Team  
16.7.23-Elliott Team  
23.7.23-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 CHURCH

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St Patrick's Parish acknowledges and honours the Gwengal 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.



## Fourteenth Sunday Year A

9 July 2023

**In trust and simplicity we hear the word of God. If we think we know it all, the word passes over us and we don't hear it. In the depths of our hearts, we are all equal. If we nestle in the heart of Jesus, we will come to know him and the Father too. Our souls will find refreshment and know the gentleness of the heart of God**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I have been in a particularly reflective mood this past week as I try to fathom the fact I have been a priest for ten years. I find that I oscillate between being amazed that it's already been ten years since my ordination to feeling amazed that it's only been ten years since ordination.

So much has happened and more importantly, there is so much to be grateful for. As I look back over the last decade what moves me the most is the sheer goodness of God. The priesthood has been an ever-deeper dive into the depths of God's love, understanding and care for humanity. This has firstly been through my experience of his mercy towards me. Our Lord is unrelentingly faithful and true even in the face of my own sins and failings. So many times I have wondered why he picked me when he could have gotten someone so much better.

Celebrating the Mass, Baptisms, Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick are a privilege beyond words. It is so hard to describe the joy I feel being able to be the vessel through which God gives himself to his beloved children. I also am constantly moved as I look at newly wed couples God has joined together through me. Then, in addition to the sacraments, there are the graces that come from school, nursing home, house and hospital visits, chats with people seeking counsel or a sounding board and random encounters with strangers on the street.

This leads me to you, God's people. Saint John Henry Newman once said that without the laity, priests would look very silly. I cannot thank God enough for the men, women and children I have met in the parishes and other apostolates I have been sent to. You have enriched and strengthened my faith. The welcome you have given me in your homes has grounded me and kept me real and most importantly, your prayers have helped me to persevere.

Finally, I want to thank God for sending me to St Patrick's, Sutherland. I have never felt so at home in a place. My time here has been an experience of learning what fatherhood in the priesthood is means. Like all dads, I am a work in progress and there is so much more to learn but I want to thank everyone from the parish staff through to the last parishioner for welcoming me and helping me to grow in this beautiful vocation. It is a privilege to be able to pray for you all at the altar and I treasure my time with you. May God bless you and keep you all safe in his peace. Please pray for me that I may grow in holiness and that I will be a much better priest.

With love and gratitude.

Fr Dan McCaughan



**WEEKDAY PROGRAM: Mon 9am-Communion Service**  
**Mass: Tues-Sat- 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.

17 July 2023 - Lunch at Penshurst RSL Club (Change of Venue). 11.19am train from Sutherland and 11.21am from Jannali.

Bookings essential by Friday 14 July. Please contact Pam 9545 3132 or 0410 213 836

### Bible Study Currently Chapter 14

*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.

### TEMPORARY PARISH OFFICE NUMBER

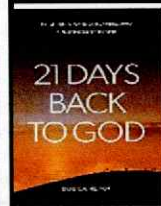
Please note due to upgrades to the Parish office phone system we have a temporary number for now.

9524 0590.

We will advise once we have our original number back.

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](mailto: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.

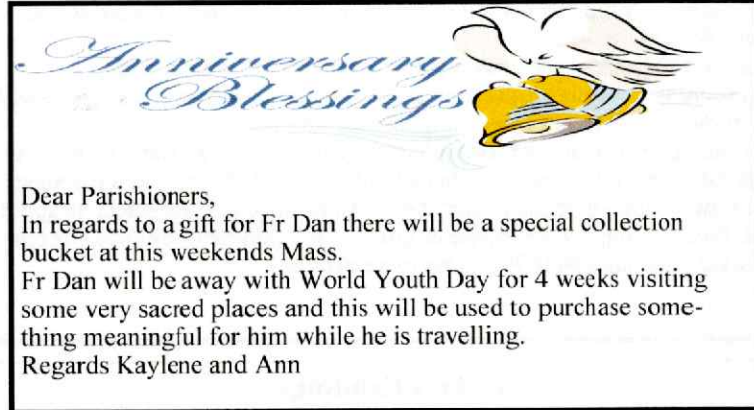
2022/2023 Tax receipts will be available from the same place from the 8/7/23.



Journalist Bob Cameron has written a deeply personal account of his return to the Church. Titled *21 Days Back to God – After 40 Years of Running Away*, his book is an inspiring step-by-step spiritual guide for others considering the pilgrimage of return. It is \$18.95 per copy at

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Dear Parishioners,

In regards to a gift for Fr Dan there will be a special collection bucket at this weekends Mass.

Fr Dan will be away with World Youth Day for 4 weeks visiting some very sacred places and this will be used to purchase something meaningful for him while he is travelling.

Regards Kaylene and Ann

### LUMEN GENTIUM (Light of the Nations)

The concluding Nos 66-69 had us share on the deeply held tenets of our catholic faith. Mary's role was indispensable as linking humanity with divinity but Jesus remains our sole Divine Saviour. Devotion to Mary is described as a cult that is totally positive: an enthusiastic following arising from the people of faith and supported by numerous heavenly appearances.

Wed. 9.45am at the presbytery.

ALL WELCOME to ongoing discussion.

**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:** Molito Tanael, Phia Daywon, Martin Murphy

**ANNIVERSARY: Brian Scrymgeour, Teresa & Luigi Paoletti, Vincenzo & Maria Ferravolo, Elio Filippetto**

**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 Westridge, 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