

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. Please contact Kevin Redman 0402856114 for more details

Today's Readings

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14—His raiment was as white as snow.

2 Peter 1:16-19— We heard this voice from out of heaven.

Matthew 17:1-9— His face was shining like the sun.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM—

The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION-

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him. Alleluia!

UNIVERSAL PRAYER-

Counting Roster –2023

6.8.23– Barclay Team

13.8.23–Morris Team

20.8.23– Can anyone fill in please

Altar Society– 2023

6.8.23–FarrisTeam

13.8.23– Mockett Team

20.8.23– Elliott 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



N.W.W. New Parish Website— www.stpatssutherland.org.au

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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.

Background on the Gospel Reading– 6 August 2023

Today's liturgy invites us to celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. This feast calls to our attention the importance of this event in Jesus' life, further affirmed by its report in each of the Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In Cycle A, the reading for this feast is taken from the Gospel of Matthew. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah and after Jesus predicts his Passion. In each of these Gospels, a discussion of the cost of discipleship precedes the Transfiguration.

In each Gospel, Jesus takes three of his disciples—Peter, James, and John—to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear and converse with Jesus. Elijah and Moses are both significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt and received from Yahweh the Ten Commandments. Moses represents the Law, which guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh, and some believed that Elijah's return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. The appearance of these two figures from Israel's history indicated Jesus' continuity with the Law and the prophets. They also reveal that Jesus is the fulfillment of all that was promised to the people of Israel. Upon witnessing Jesus' Transfiguration and seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses, an awestruck Peter offered to construct three tents for them when a voice from Heaven affirms that Jesus is "my beloved Son" and commands the disciples to listen to him.

In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructed the disciples to keep secret what they had seen until after "the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." Until they witnessed Jesus' Passion and Death, the disciples could not possibly understand what he meant by being "raised from the dead." We, however, have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of the Transfiguration Gospel, we see an anticipation of Jesus' Resurrection, a foreshadowing of Christ's glory in Heaven, and the promise of our own resurrection.

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.

COFFEE & TEA SET- 7 August

Lunch at Como Marina Café. Meet at 11.30am. Bookings essential by 4/8/23.
Marie Williams 9521 7406.

PARISH OFFICE NUMBER

Please note due to upgrades to the Parish office phone system we have a new number.

9524 0590.

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.

Getting to know our Catechists

Over the last few months, you would have come across some short testimonies made by some of our catechists, regarding their calling and mission within our Parish and our Church. A couple of our catechists will be moving on at the end of the year leaving a couple of vacancies. If you feel you could help in some way, please do send me a message or email me or the parish office. We can start the process to help you become a catechist for 2024! Thank you for your attention and keep us all in your prayers.
Bertha 0438 408 430 berthafsadni@gmail.com

Catechist update

Term 3 meeting is being held this coming Thursday 10th August 2023 at 4pm at the Parish Meeting room. Please send agenda items if needed.

'LUMEN GENTIUM (Light of the Nations) Discussion Group, 2.8.23 Our discussion was explosive as so many thoughts and experiences were shared, all of us deeply focused on the awareness of the 'treasure in the field' of our personal faith. Needs, dreams and insights were shared according to the gospel about truth and justice. We will put out a separate report for pick up at the back of the church.
Wed. 9.45am at the presbytery.
ALL WELCOME!'

Bible Study Currently Chapter 17

*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,

6 pm Thursday evening for an hour at the Presbytery.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE SICK: Glenn Horton, Mila Laverick, Lilly Dreghorn, Fr Greg Beath, Neville Evans, John Woodward, Patrick Lynch, Dale Butler, Stuart Gordon, Catherine Bishop, Judith Fraser, Maria Kramer, Sue Cassidy, Clifford Atkinson, Linda Dalton, Thiago Mazza Almeida, Graham Lamberti, Elizabeth Kinsella, Eileen Kenny, Ted Cramsie, Joanne Dideta, Steve Smith, Anne Cassidy, Norma Miller, Bill Burke, John Bonadio, Marie Cameron,, Maureen Fraser, Carol Drew, Ron Strauss, Patti Gore. All the residents in Nagle Apartments. All the residents in Bupa. All residents in the Palms.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Sr Pauline Saliba, Margaret Jones, Fr Laurie Beath, Joaquim Severino, Shirley Whitehall, Fred Hardy, Imelda Logue

ANNIVERSARY: Roger Minshull, Finn Crilly, Catherine Annie Sullivan, Vincent & Eileen Gilligan

DECEASED MEMBERS & FRIENDS: Julio Gomes & Family, Manuel Camara & Family, 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 & Colin 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