

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

Isaiah 55:6-9

God's ways are far beyond the ways of human beings

Philippians 1:20-24.27

Paul tells the Philippians to live for Christ

Matthew 20:1-16

In the parable of the workers in the vineyard, Jesus teaches about God's generous mercy.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM-

The Lord is near to all who call him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION-

Alleluia, alleluia! Open your hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

UNIVERSAL PRAYER-

Lord hear us, Lord hear our prayer.

Counting Roster -2023

24.9.23-Elliott Team

1.10.23-Hunt Team

8.10.23-Cowles Team

Altar Society- 2023

24.9.23-Fsdani Team

1.10.23- Farris Team

8.10.23-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



New Parish Website- www.stpatssutherland.org.au

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

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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.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time. 24 September 2023.



Are you seeking a deeper connection with your Catholic faith?

Do you know of someone who is interested in exploring and joining the Catholic Church? We are excited to invite you and your loved ones to participate in our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) course!

WHAT IS RCIA, YOU MAY ASK?

It is a transformative journey designed to introduce and guide individuals who desire to become Catholic or want to learn more about the Catholic faith. RCIA provides a warm and welcoming environment where participants can engage in conversations, learn about Catholic beliefs, traditions, and scripture teachings.

FRIENDSHIP & GUIDANCE

Throughout the course, participants will be guided by knowledgeable catechists, Fr Dan and fellow parishioners who are passionate about sharing their faith and supporting others on this profound spiritual journey. The RCIA program incorporates prayer, study, reflection, and formation in a respectful and nurturing community. Whether you are new to Catholicism, seeking to complete the Sacraments of Initiation, or simply curious about the Catholic faith, RCIA offers an opportunity to deepen your relationship with God and grow in faith.

PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING OUR RCIA COURSE....

Or inviting friends, family, or colleagues who may have expressed an interest in becoming Catholic. Together, let us explore the richness of our faith and embrace the joy of living as members of the Catholic Church.

To register or to learn more about the RCIA program, please contact the parish office. We look forward to walking alongside you on this exciting journey of faith!

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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

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.

50 YEARS

All invited to celebrate Monsignor Brian Rayner's 50 years of priesthood. Mass will be followed by morning tea in the courtyard.
St Patrick's Sutherland on Saturday 21 October at 11am.

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.

The Sydney Vocations Centre is holding organising a **Silent Retreat for Men from 20-22 October 2023 at St Mary's Towers, Douglas Park**. The retreat will allow participants to come away and grow in love for our Lord and kindle their desire to give Him glory by their way of living. For more information and to register, please visit <https://vocationcentre.org.au/events/mens-silent-retreat-2023/>. Download the [flyer](#) and [bulletin tile](#) to promote the retreat in your parish.

Shire Catenians

The Shire Catenians are part of International Catholic Men's Group, which promotes friendship & general conversation amongst its members

We meet at Club Central Menai in the Arthur Alison Room on the 4th Wednesday of each month

The meetings commence at 7pm for dinner followed by a casual meeting & possibly a guest speaker

Various activities including coffee catchups, lunches, golf & trips to places of specific interest which are ongoing.

We would always welcome any enquiries.

If you interested or requiring more information please contact Paul Marsden (M) 0417248463 (E) marsdenclan@optusnet.com.au

More Information can also be found at www.thecatenians.org.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,

6 pm Thursday evening for an hour at the Presbytery.

LUMEN GENTIUM (Light of the Nations) Discussion Chapter 4 of Vatican II document Dei Verbum (God's Word) told us that the steadfast hope in God's saving power as declared in the Old Testament is fully manifested in the New Testament. With Fr Dan present we discussed exciting new ways ahead for our parish, especially with the upcoming RCIA and Alpha courses which are open to us all. A good experience of synodality. We ended with a prayer of thanks.

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.

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YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE SICK: Jane Williams, Erlindo Mina, Percie Anne Smith, Mila Laverick, Lilly Dreghorn, Fr Greg Beath, Neville Evans, John Woodward, Patrick Lynch, Dale Butler, Stuart Gordon, Catherine Bishop, Judith Fraser, Maria Kramer, 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: Brian Ffrost, Robyn Wilson, Kay Ranieri, Laval & Ginette Bosquet, E & R. Cabon, Edith Bosquet

ANNIVERSARY: Margaret Stokes, Luis Nunes de Almeida, Maria Maringola N.Almeida, Frank Townsend, Stefania Baracz, Simon Coutinho, Patrick D'Souza

DECEASED MEMBERS & FRIENDS: Julio Gomes & Family, Elvira Pombo, 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