

## 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

### Wisdom 6:12-16

*Wisdom is found by those who look for it.*

### 1 Thessalonians 4:3-18

*Those who dies as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.*

### Matthew 25:1.13

*Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM—

My soul is thirsting for you. O lord my God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION—

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

## UNIVERSAL PRAYER—

Lord, send us your Spirit.

### Counting Roster –2023

12.11.23–Cowles Team

19.11.23– Barclay Team

26.11.23– Morris Team

### Altar Society– 2023

12.11.23–Mockett Team

19.11.23–Elliott Team

26.11.23– Fsdani 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](http://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.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. 12 November 2023.

This weekend is our second of the financial year of the Charitable Works Fund Appeal. There are many agencies that benefit from your generous giving. Any giving over \$2.00 is tax deductible.

## Background on the Gospel Reading

In this week's Gospel, Jesus talks about what it means to be prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. This week's reading follows a series of warnings and predictions by Jesus about the coming of the Son of Man. Jesus wants his disciples to understand that the exact day and time cannot be predicted. He teaches the disciples that they must remain vigilant so that they will not be caught unprepared.

When thinking about the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, it is important to consider the first-century wedding traditions of Palestine. Scholars tell us that it was the custom of the day for young maidens—friends and family members of the bride—to meet the bridegroom when he came to bring his bride to her new home.

As with many of Jesus' parables, several levels of interpretation are possible. In [last week's Gospel](#), we heard Jesus warn against following the example of the Pharisees and scribes. If read in the context of early Christianity's struggle to define itself against Pharisaic Judaism, this parable is a continuing critique of Judaism. It suggests that the Jewish leaders were like the foolish virgins, unprepared to meet Jesus, the bridegroom of Israel.

In the chapter preceding this parable, however, Jesus warns about the destruction of Jerusalem, the tribulation of the end times, and the coming of the Son of Man. When read in this context, today's parable is a warning to the Christian community to remain vigilant and prepared to receive Jesus, the Son of Man who will return at the end of time. This interpretation is supported by the reference to the delay of the bridegroom. The Christian community for whom Matthew wrote this Gospel was coming to terms with the realization that the promise of Jesus' return would not be fulfilled within their lifetimes. The question remains for us to ask ourselves, Are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive him?

**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



The St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal will be held on this weekend of 11th and 12th of November. Members will be on hand at all masses to provide receipts if required. Envelopes for donations will be placed on the pews. An EFTPOS terminal will also be available outside the church. Thank you St Pats.

#### ***Glass Jar Stall***

The Glass Jar Stall is coming up on the weekend 25th-26th November.

In the absence of cumquats, the stall will have jams, preserves, chutneys and pickles using a variety of fruit and vegetables.

Prices are fixed at \$5, \$8, and \$10 depending on the size of the jar.

Please bring the right change because we are a CASH ONLY stand.

We will only be selling over the advertised weekend after every Mass celebration.

The money goes towards the needs of our parish and we thank you in advance for your support.

***PS Thank you Sutherland Best Fresh for the continuous support.***

**LUMEN GENTIUM (Light of the Nations) Discussion 25.10.23** Today we learned from our continued reading of the report 'The Light From the Southern Cross' that our Australian Bishops have worked wonderfully towards real co-operation with the laity for the growth of the faith and the care of our people. Eleven instances are mentioned of such progress, two examples being the implementation of safeguarding practices and policies in parishes and the incorporation of Catholic Education across NSW and enhanced co-operation amongst the bishops in this ministry.

Join us in support of prayer for the ongoing Synod in Rome.

Wednesdays 9.45am. Text provided. ALL WELCOME!

#### **Bible Study**

We begin a new subject for discussion

The Epistles of Paul to be studied in chronological order. Currently **1 Thessalonians**. Please join us, bring your own Bible 6 pm Thursday in the Presbytery.

#### **COFFEE AND TEA SET-**

20 November 2023 - Lunch at Watsons Bay. Train 10.04 from Sutherland (10.06 from Jannali) to Circular Quay.

Ferry 11.15 to Watsons Bay.

Contact Veronica 9528 9163 or 0409 812 475.

## Parish Survey

**In St. Patrick's Parish, hearts entwined,  
A survey seeks thoughts of every kind.  
Dear Parishioners, your voices we seek,  
To strengthen and revitalize, the future to peek.**



**Pope Francis guides with Synod's grace,  
A journey together in this sacred space.  
Surveying insights, your wisdom we yearn,  
In the Sutherland community, let the fires burn.**

#### **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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:marsdenclan@optusnet.com.au)

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.

#### **'Evening for Young Adults - 21st of November**

The parish of St John Bosco in Engadine invites all young adults in the area to "All About Love", a collaboration with Sydney Catholic Youth for young people to get to know one another and to engage in their faith together. The evening will include a talk and discussion groups, as well as music and prayer with dinner provided.

For more information and to register: [youthmatters.org.au](http://youthmatters.org.au)

**RECENTLY DECEASED**—Grace Griffiths, Agustina Wisnu, Michael Kendall, Robyn O'Neill, James McAuliffe

**ANNIVERSARY:** Henry Fsdani, Paul Fraser, Savino Scivetti, Cec Ashburn

**FOR THOSE WE ARE REMEMBERING IN NOVEMBER MASSES**

**Please note that only Anniversaries that fall in November and those who are recently deceased in November are named in the Bulletin during November.**