

### 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 61:1-2. 10-11** *I exult for joy in the Lord.*

**THESSALONIANS 5:16-24** *May you all be kept blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**JOHN 1:6-8.19-28** *There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**—My soul rejoices in my God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**—Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

**UNIVERSAL PRAYER RESPONSE**— God of peace uphold, your servants.

### Counting Roster –2023

17.12.23–Cowles Team

24.12.23–Barclay Team

### Altar Society– 2023

17.12.23–Elliott Team

24.12.23–Fsdani Team

2024 ROSTERS WILL BE AVAILBLE NEXT WEEKEND IN SACRISTY

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.

3rd Sunday of Advent 17 December 2023

### ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH SUTHERLAND

136 Flora Street, Sutherland

(Cnr Belmont & Flora Sts)

(Church located behind red brick residence)

Phone – 95240590

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### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES—2023

Sunday 24 December: 8am & 10am Sunday Mass

Carols from 4.30pm for

Vigil Mass 5pm

Vigil Mass 7pm

Carols from 11.30pm for

Midnight Mass - at 12.00am (Solemn Mass)

Monday - Christmas Day 25 December:

8.00am & 10.00am

Feast of the Holy Family

Tuesday 26 December 9am

Solemnity of Mary The Mother of God

Monday 1 January 2024 - 9am

*All Welcome!*



**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.**

**LUMEN GENTIUM (Light of the Nations)**  
Discussion, 13.12.23 A lively discussion was held on suggestions mentioned in section 2.7 of Light From the Southern Cross for building us up as Church: e.g. explanation of how to grow transparency in the process of choosing bishops, what skills they bring including countering sexual abuse and a support body for their whole term.  
FYI, check the website of Sandhurst Parish.

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 safeguarding-enquiries@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.

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE SICK:** Matilda Anggraini, Barry Dalton, Olivia Davis, Maria Ferraiollo, 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—** Dorota Swiderski, Jung Ae Kim, Jan Wilkins, Bernie Hollamby

**ANNIVERSARY:** Damiao Gomes, Johana S. Jahja, Camara Family, Gomes Family, Leonardo Ramirez, Brian Neave, Sr Vianney Hatton, Raymond Lovat, Tony D'Souza, Danny & Stephen Townsend

**DECEASED MEMBERS & FRIENDS:** Agustina Wisnu, 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

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Coffee & Tea Set— 5 February**  
**Will be held in Marlene's home-12 Araluen Street**  
**Sutherland at 9.30am.**  
**Marie Bartlett 0425 380 873**


**Bible Study**  
We are joining the  
Advent group "Listen to the Word"  
Thursdays 6 - 7 pm at the back of the church.  
Due to Reconciliation in the Church next week the  
Advent group will be held in the presbytery.

**LISTEN TO THE WORD**  
*Prepare for His Birth*

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO JOIN OUR ADVENT GROUP AS WE JOURNEY TOGETHER THROUGH THIS HOLY SEASON IN ANTICIPATION OF CHRISTMAS.

THURSDAY 30 NOVEMBER  
THURSDAY 07 DECEMBER  
THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER  
THURSDAY 21 DECEMBER

@ 6.00pm - 7.00pm



THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
CHAPEL, ST PATRICK'S PARISH  
CHURCH, SUTHERLAND

### St Patrick's Parish Survey

For a **PAPER** copy of the Survey go to:  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IRiSFROBNdXJmeeQKN-t2IMhjFMP7Atn/view?usp=sharing>  
This is a PDF which you can print at home, fill in, and hand in at church. Please feel free to add extra pages. You can remain anonymous or provide your preferred contact details.



To do the Survey **ONLINE** from the Parish website or go to:  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScDTY2RFKOCWzxcVGbqKhttoG\\_8Dgz0X2a3DBbkOr7JCKsVw/viewform?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScDTY2RFKOCWzxcVGbqKhttoG_8Dgz0X2a3DBbkOr7JCKsVw/viewform?usp=sharing)  
Your email is required for the online version. This also allows you to edit your answers and see a summary of the online responses. You can also scan the QR code on your smart phone or computer.

### 14-25 December—St Marys Cathedral

We invite the community of Sydney to come together at St Mary's Cathedral during Advent to prepare for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Festivities begin at 5.30pm with: Christmas market stalls, food, fun activities for the kids and live entertainment.

