

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 etc. 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

ACTS 4:32-35 *The whole group was united, heart and soul.*

1 JOHN 5:1-6 *Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.*

JOHN 20:19-31 *After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM-Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION-Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe.

Alleluia!

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

God of mercy, receive our prayer

Counting Roster -2023

- 7.4.24- Morris Team
- 14.4.24-Can someone fill in please
- 21.4.24-Hunt Team
- Altar Society- 2023
- 7.4.24- Farris Team
- 14.4.24-Mockett Team
- 21.4.24-Elliott Team

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.

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.WA new Parish Website- www.stpatssutherland.org.au

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

136 Flora Street, Sutherland NSW 2232 (PO Box 57 Sutherland 1499)
Ph. 9524 0590 www.stpatssutherland.org.au

Fr Dan McCaughan (Parish Priest): pp@stpatssutherland.org.au
Kaylene Baumanis (Parish Secretary): info@stpatssutherland.org.au

Ann Woodhouse (Faith Formation Co-Ordinator)- admin@stpatssutherland.org.au

St Patrick's Primary School Principal: Mrs Leonie Burfield: info@stpsutherland.catholic.edu.au



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.

Second Sunday of Easter - 7 April 2024.

A reflection on the relation between the Good Friday and Easter Sunday

I was graced to be able to attend World Youth Day last year on the group going through Israel. The trip was frantic, going from place to place, but one of the most anticipated stops for me was Christ's tomb towards the end. The day came, and I was devastated; I had woken up unwell. I ended up staying in my room while my group walked the real-life stations of the cross and visited the place where Christ conquered death and rose from the dead. Despite saying I was fine about it, I was bitter and annoyed; the timing of this cross was terrible. I wallow in my own misery for a few days, and I mostly recover, and the final day of our stay comes upon us. We got an announcement that we had an hour or two free time before we had to leave, and some of my fellow bus members came up to me and told me to come with them, that we would follow in the footsteps of Peter and John and run to the tomb. They had told me how amazing the stations and visit to the tomb were, even in the twenty seconds they were allowed to be in there due to the sheer number of people, and they didn't want me to miss out. I figured it would be far too busy to get in and come back in time, but I followed anyway.

We walk by most of the stations on the way, and they tell me of the aggression they encountered along the way by non-believers shouting at them and spitting, a small experience of what Christ endured at those very same places. We arrive, and we enter the absolutely massive church built around the tomb. We are drawn up these stairs by the sound of beautiful chanting. We came to the very spot of Calvary where a group of Orthodox was praying morning prayer, and they kindly invited us to join them. We sit and bask in the beautiful chanting and reverence of the place where our Lord died, and then remember that we don't have much time to get back, and we still need to see if we can get into the tomb. We hurried down and went around expecting a long line, but to our amazement, there was a break in the people, and it was immediately available. We pull aside a priest, and he welcomes us into the tomb. As I enter, expecting twenty seconds like everyone else got, he tells me I can have *two minutes*. I knelt at the holy place, contemplating how this had played out. I contemplated how getting sick, which I thought ruined my experience of the end of our pilgrimage, actually gave me a greater and more peaceful experience of this most holy place.

This is how God works; we think that everything needs to go well, that it needs to go precisely to plan for things to be good, but God's ways are not our ways, nor are his thoughts our thoughts. It is precisely through the cross that he works his greatest good, and this is no different in our lives. So, I invite you on this day to view your crosses in a different light and trust that, even if you can't see it now, something good is going to come from it because he has promised to work all things for good for those who love Him (Rom 8:28).


Reflection written by Julian Masiello



.....COMING SOON

DEFEND THE FAITH

IN DEFENSE OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH IN A RAPIDLY SECULAR SOCIETY AND THE THREAT OF RADICAL ISLAM.



CATHOLIC APOLOGIST

GUEST SPEAKER
DR ROBERT HADDAD

FRIDAY 10TH MAY 2024
WHERE: **HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH MENAI.**

TIME: 7PM

FOR ALL AGES
REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW.

COFFEE & TEA SET—15 APRIL 2024
PAINT N SIP— 10.30AM—numbers are needed \$50 per head.
BYO lunch— Please call Lyn 9521 6446 or 0406685140.

WRAP WITH LOVE— 2024-
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.

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.

'LUMEN GENTIUM (Light of the Nations) 3.4.24 Today we discussed the 4th and last report of our Parish Survey and some possible ways of furthering this parish synodal process (speaking, listening to each other and to the Holy Spirit). Secondly, we studied section 6.5 of 'The Light From the Southern Cross' and were impressed with the clear directions for a forward-looking Church: the principles of transparency, accountability, competency, justice, trust and inclusiveness. Wednesdays 9.45am at the presbytery. ALL WELCOME!

Help stop the 'equality' bill
NSW Parliament will soon be debating a bill tabled by Alex Greenwich MP. While marketed as an 'equality' bill, the bill will have disastrous impacts on vulnerable women and children, as well as for faith communities. Amongst the proposals are the liberalisation of prostitution and surrogacy laws, the ability for a person to self-identify their sex on official documents and the stripping away of religious protections in our laws. A parliamentary inquiry is currently underway, with the community invited to [fill out a short survey](#) to express their views. Please display and/or distribute this flyer in your parishes over the coming weeks and encourage parishioners to raise their voices against these proposed laws. The survey closes on 14 April 2024. More information on the church noticeboard.

Bible Study
After Easter we will resume our discussion on **1 Corinthians.**
Presbytery 6 PM Thursdays.
Bring your own Bible and join the discussion.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE SICK: Vince Maroney, Maria De Fatima Silva, Matilda Anggraini, Olivia Drivas, Maria Ferraiollo, Percie Anne Smith, Mila Laverick, Fr Greg Beath, Neville Evans, John Woodward, Patrick Lynch, Dale Butler, Stuart Gordon, 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, Bill Burke, John Bonadio, Marie Cameron, Carol Drew, Ron Strauss, Patti Gore. All the residents in Nagle Apartments. All the residents in Bupa. All residents in the Palms.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Judith Urquhart, Grant Rugless, Maria Richarda Ciptiati

ANNIVERSARY: Anis Menezes, Peter Rendell, Joseph Menezes

DECEASED MEMBERS & FRIENDS: Jan Wilkins, 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 Hoffmann, 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, Thelma Murray, Holy Souls in Purgatory