

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 2:14. 36-41 *God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ*

1 Peter 2:20-25 *You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.*

John 10:1-10 *I am the gate of the sheep fold.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM –The Lord is my shepherd and there is nothing I shall want.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – Alleluia, Alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

GENERAL INTERCESSION RESPONSE – Jesus, our way, guide us.

Counting Roster –2023

21.4.24-Elliott Team

28.4.24-Elliott Team

5.5.24-Barclay Team

Altar Society– 2023

21.4.24-Elliott Team

28.4.24-Fsadni Team

5.5.24-Farris 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



M.W.M. 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.

Fourth Sunday of Easter - 21 April 2024.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Fourth Sunday of Easter, is also known as Good Shepherd Sunday because it is the week in which Jesus' description of Himself as the "Good Shepherd" is proclaimed in the Gospel. Our Lord says he is the one who, "lays down his life for his sheep." He is not a hired man who flees at the first sight of danger. He goes further to say that "no one takes (my life) from me; I lay it down of my own free will." In using this image of Himself as Shepherd, Jesus seeks to bring out the personal nature of his love and care for us, who he knows "by name." Good Shepherd Sunday is traditionally the day the church prays for more priestly vocations; men who will love and lay down their lives for Christ's flock.

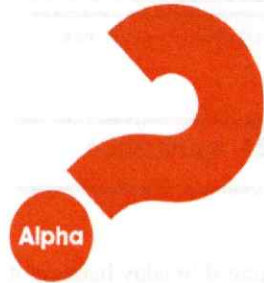
In my life as a priest I have come to appreciate the reality that everything and everyone belongs to Christ. The priestly vocation is really about "getting out of the way" so that Jesus may be seen to be the one who is acting. This is no easy task, yet time and again Jesus has been a Good Shepherd to me by showing me how he can draw good even out of my failings or the worst parts of my character. The flock is Christ's and caring for it is a daunting responsibility however it also comes with the promise of all the graces necessary to fulfill the task.

To any man thinking about the priesthood, I can say this, be prepared for hard work of the most fulfilling kind. If the priesthood is your vocation, then there is nothing that will make you happier. Christ has chosen you out of love for both you and His people. If you respond out of love then you will see clearly how "Good" the Good Shepherd is. He won't abandon you, just as he won't abandon his flock.

To all of the beautiful flock of Christ at St Patrick's, please pray hard for me as I pray for you. I won't be much good without those prayers! Please pray for more priests with the heart of the Good Shepherd for our Archdiocese and the Church as a whole. If any men reading this is thinking about the priesthood... ..come and see me!

God bless,
Fr Dan McCaughan

IS THERE MORE TO LIFE
THAN THIS?



.....COMING SOON

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.

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima



Date: Saturday 11 May 2024

Time: 6:00 p.m. Vigil Mass followed by a candle-lit Procession around the Cathedral Forecourt.

Location: St Mary's Cathedral, St Marys Rd, Sydney NSW 2000

Arrival: Attendees are recommended to arrive by 5:30 p.m. and be seated by 5:45 p.m. As this is an Archdiocesan Mass seats will fill up quickly.

Bible Study

After Easter we will resume our discussion on **1 Corinthians**.
Presbytery 6 PM Thursdays.

Bring your own Bible and join the discussion.



This Thursday we celebrate Anzac Day with Mass at 9am. All are invited to attend this Mass to honour those who gave so supremely with their lives so we can live in the freedom that we have. We are also remembering those in our Armed

Forces who keep the peace today especially those on deployment throughout the world.

Camino of St Joseph 2024 - Overnight Pilgrimage for Men 18+

An overnight pilgrimage for men (18+ event) in honour of our Spiritual Father for the Feast of St Joseph the Worker. The Camino begins with 8.00pm Mass celebrated by Bishop Richard Umbers on Friday April 26 at St Anthony of Padua, Austral and confession available from 7.00pm. The Camino will conclude with 6.00am Mass at St Joseph's, Moorebank on Saturday April 27 followed by a celebration in fellowship with hot breakfast and drinks.

The entire walk from start to finish will include 7 churches. Each stop will feature a reflection on St Joseph and a short time in Adoration for spiritual nourishment and an opportunity for a quick bathroom break.

DATE: Friday, 26 April 2024 7:30 PM - Saturday 27 April 2024 7:30 AM

COST: \$20 per adult / Bus Ticket: \$12 one-way 7 pm sharp on 26/04 from Moorebank

For more information and to register, visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1197441>

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE SICK: Vince Maroney, Maria De Fatima Silva, Matilda Angraini, Olivia Drivas, Maria Ferraiollo, Percie Anne Smith, Mila Laverick, Fr Greg Beath, Neville Evans, John Woodward, Dale Butler, Stuart Gordon, Judith Fraser, Maria Kramer, Clifford Atkinson, Linda Dalton, Thiago Mazza Almeida, Graham Lambert, 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: Elaine Cordina, Anthony Thomas, Peter Atkinson, Grant Rugless

ANNIVERSARY: Palepina Alofi, Bree Rodway, Donna Owens, John Bridges, Edna Cabon

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