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**Fr Peter Tien**  
Parish Priest



18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY —YEAR B

*Parish Bulletin*

Sunday 1 August 2021

## **SECOND READING:**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians (4:17, 20-24)

*Put on the new person that has been created in God's image.*

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

## **GOSPEL**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (6:24-35)

*Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.*

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,  
you are not looking for me  
because you have seen the signs  
but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat.  
Do not work for food that cannot last,  
but work for food that endures to eternal life,  
the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you,  
for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,  
it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven,  
it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven,  
the true bread;  
for the bread of God  
is that which comes down from heaven  
and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered:

'I am the bread of life.  
He who comes to me will never be hungry;  
he who believes in me will never thirst.'

## **WEEKEND MASS TIMES:**

### ***St Anthony's Church - Tahmoor***

Saturday Vigil - 5.00 pm  
Sunday - 7.30 am & 9.30 am

## **WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:**

Tuesday - 5.00 pm— NO ADORATION  
5.30 pm— NO MASS  
Wednesday - 8.30 am— NO MASS  
Thursday - 8.30 am— NO MASS  
Friday - 8.30 am— NO MASS

## **Reconciliation (Confession)**

Not currently available.

**Adoration:** Tuesday: Not this week

## **OFFICE HOURS**

### **Tuesday & Thursday**

9.00a.m. - 3.00p.m.

**Parish Phone** 4683 2230

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## **Responsorial Psalm**

(R.) The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

1. The things we have heard and understood,  
the things our fathers have told us,  
we will tell to the next generation:  
the glories of the Lord and his  
might. (R.)
2. He commanded the clouds above  
and opened the gates of heaven.  
He rained down manna for their food,  
and gave them bread from  
heaven. (R.)
3. Mere men ate the bread of angels.  
He sent them abundance of food.  
He brought them to his holy land,  
to the mountain which his right hand  
had won. (R.)



# YEAR of SAINT JOSEPH

*“Show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life”*

DECEMBER 8, 2020 - DECEMBER 8, 2021

## PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH (POPE FRANCIS)

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary! To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

## PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

*Lord grant them eternal peace & joy and to their families and friends strength and comfort*

## ANNIVERSARY:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Leone Kirton

PRAY FOR THE SICK John Bell, Marie Darlington, Christine Jupe, Graeme Menser, Ross Spirou, Lesley Thompson, Mauro Mariano, Melony Cox, Joanne McMahon, Daniel Clarke, Margaret Brown, Lesley Gardiner, James McNeil, Ian Macnamara, Stephanie Macnamara, Elizabeth Linsell

READERS: THIS WEEK

NEXT WEEK

VIGIL:

7.30AM:

9.30AM:

CLEANERS:

FLOWERS:

SACRISTY:

DIocese of Wollongong Mass Online For all of the online Mass options- please visit the DOW website <https://dow.sh/dailymass>

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES are now available for collection from the foyer of the church.

(When Masses resume)

If you are not already in planned giving and would like to contribute to support the parish, please contact the parish office.

Giving can be done via the envelope system or by direct debit or credit card.

GET CONNECTED with what is on around the Diocese Every week, there are many great opportunities to be part of special events, courses, free resources and to nurture and encourage you and your family in your faith. A simple way of staying informed and connected is to subscribe at <https://dow.sh/stayingconnected> to receive regular stay connected updates.

## NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

Sunday 1st August

Each and every one of us has been called by name through our baptism to follow Jesus and serve God and all people in our own unique way. For many that is marriage; for some priesthood and religious life; for some single life. Whether we are still discerning God's call or seeking to live out His call more faithfully in our lives, make sure this week is a time of deepening of our commitment to follow Jesus in every aspect of our lives. Please pray for those in formation for priesthood in our Diocese: James Arblaster, Sinh Le, Joseph Nguyen, Darren McDowell and Seth Harsh. If anyone would like help discerning God's call in their lives, please contact Fr Duane Fernandez, Vocations Director, at [vocations@dow.org.au](mailto:vocations@dow.org.au)

## 2020-21 SIGNIFICANT MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS

NEW DATE: Sunday 19 September 2021 – two Masses (12:30pm and 2:30pm) Due to covid restrictions, this event has been postponed from 8 August to Sunday 19 September 2021. If you would like an invitation to the Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord at St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow on Sunday, 19 September 2021, contact Helen Bennett at the Office of the Bishop at 4222 2403,

## NEXT WEEK READINGS:

**St Mary of the Cross—Year B**

1 Kg 17:8-16; Col 3:12-17; Mt 6:25-34

**I AM WITH YOU  
ALWAYS**

**WORLD DAY  
FOR  
GRANDPARENTS  
AND THE  
ELDERLY**

**#IAMWITHYOUALWAYS**



**PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR  
GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY**

I thank You, Lord,  
for the comfort of Your presence:  
even in times of loneliness,  
You are my hope and my confidence,  
You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth!

I thank You for having given me a family  
and for having blessed me with a long life.  
I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty,  
for the dreams that have already come true in my life  
and for those that are still ahead of me.  
I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness  
to which You call me.

Increase, O Lord, my faith,  
make me a channel of your peace,  
teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me,  
to never stop dreaming  
and to tell of your wonders to new generations.

Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church,  
that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the  
earth.

Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world,  
that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed,  
the poor consoled and wars ended.

Sustain me in weakness  
and help me to live life to the full  
in each moment that You give me,  
in the certainty that you are with me every day,  
even until the end of the age.  
Amen.

**REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**

*Who can satisfy human appetites?*

Some religions, and even strands of Catholicism, try to suppress appetites in order to achieve some 'out-of-this-world' liberation. But appetites are good things, telling us what we humans need as bodily, social, spiritual beings. They provide a reality check against our tendency to think that salvation is exclusively about the soul.

Our appetites for food and drink, for affection and companionship, for the truth about the Big Picture of our life journey, need to be satisfied or we disintegrate in various ways.

Our Lord Jesus Christ proclaims in today's Gospel that He is the total satisfaction of our deepest human appetites: 'I am the Bread from Heaven which gives life to the world.'

That 'Life' is nothing less than participation in Divine Life, existing in the Big Picture in the way God intended. That is the nourishment offered not to a particular tribe or ethnic group, but to the whole of humanity, indeed to the whole of creation.

We could take a moment to pray for faith to recognise that the bread brought up at the Offertory is truly transformed: no longer short term food like manna in the desert, but 'the Bread of Life', the Real Presence of the One who nourishes our humanity, indeed who gives Life *to the world*.

If you have planned giving envelope **No.68**, could you please contact the parish office or let Fr Peter know, thank you

**Diocese of Wollongong church buildings are NOT OPEN for private prayer  
Churches can be opened only for:  
Masses, Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms and Reconciliation**

**MASS ON T.V.**

As all Masses in the area have been cancelled due to the recent COVID restrictions—Mass can be watched every week on Sunday morning at 6.00 am on Channel 10

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