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Fr Peter Tien
Parish Priest



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER —YEAR C

Parish Bulletin

Sunday 1 May 2022

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We are witnesses of these words, and so is the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

SECOND READING: Apocalypse 5:11-14

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, wealth, glory, and blessing.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ is risen; the Lord of all creation;

He has shown pity on all people.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 21:1-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Jesus said to his disciples: Come and eat.

And he took bread and gave it to them, alleluia.

Next week's readings: Fourth Sunday of Easter —Year C

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Apoc 7:9, 14-17; Jn 10:27-30

St Anthony's Church—Tahmoor

Saturday Vigil—5.00 pm

Sunday—8.30am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Tuesday - 5.00 pm -ADORATION

5.30 pm—Tahmoor

Sts Philip and James, apostles

Wednesday - 8.30 am—Tahmoor

Thursday - 8.30 am—Tahmoor

Friday— 8.30 am—Tahmoor

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 4.00 pm—4.30 pm

Adoration: Tuesday at 5.00 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday

9.00a.m. - 3.00p.m.

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REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we concentrate on the different ways that the witness of the community of faith manifests the Lord – the apostolic witness of leadership and service that is accomplished by the various ministries within the church. While today's gospel singles out Peter as a leader within the community, in no way does this mean that such providential care for the church is the sole responsibility of authorised leaders. Rather, it is the responsibility of all the baptised.

In their teaching and preaching, the apostles moved from one understanding of God's presence and activity in the midst of the people to another. This new understanding had the death and resurrection of Jesus at its core. The light of the resurrection illumined their former religious convictions and aspirations, and they were undeterred in their commitment to spread this good news, this new word, this transforming light.

A martyr is a witness, one who is so committed, that that person is willing to suffer any consequence, even death, in order to be faithful. The apostles rejoiced that they had been found worthy of ill-treatment for the sake of the name of Jesus. The Lamb who is exalted is the one who was slain, and Peter is told that, like his master, he will pay for his commitment with his life. Even the psalm alludes to the suffering that must be endured by those who have chosen to be faithful. This kind of steadfastness has always been a persuasive witness.

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

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

ANNIVERSARY:

RECENTLY DECEASED :

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

<u>READERS:</u>	<u>THIS WEEK</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK</u>
<u>VIGIL:</u>	KATRINA COLLIMORE	TRISH LINDNER
8.30AM:	JOHN MAHER	TERESA CICHOCKI
<u>CLEANERS:</u>	COLIN DUNN	HELEN WILLIS & JEAN LE ROUX
<u>FLOWERS:</u>	MURIELLE AZZI	MONIQUE SMITH VANESSA BOYD SUE SPITERI
<u>SACRISTY:</u>	GILLIAN DOBSON	MARY GILBERT

DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG MASS ONLINE For all of the online Mass options- please visit the DoW website <https://dow.sh/onlinemass>

THE ROSARY

- Wednesday 5.00 pm

You are invited to join in praying the Rosary in the park in Thirlmere, opposite the shops and beside the tennis courts. To pray for an end to pandemic and peace in the world.

THE JOURNEY, 1 May 2022 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast - On the Journey this week Fr John Paul Escarlan's Gospel reflection, Mother Hilda's response to the display of hate in the world, Sam Clear on Jesus asking Peter 3 times for his love, plus Trish McCarthy and Pete Gilmore. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au

MASS ON T.V.

All Masses in the area have resumed. If you are unwell, Sunday Mass can be watched on Channel 10 at 6am

FIRST FRIDAY LUNCH

Friday 6 May - in the Parish Centre at Midday.

Bring your own lunch and please come and enjoy the good company of your fellow parishioners

DO YOU ENJOY INTERESTING COMPANY?

Then this INVITATION is for you!!!

To be a part of St Anthony's Friendly Parish Working bee Saturday **14/05/2022**, 8am start Morning tea is provided, casual conversation included free.

The task is Parish property maintenance, possible activities may include weeding, painting, paving, smoke alarm checks, concreting, grass cutting, edge trimming and stick removal. Other tasks available if numbers permit.

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES/ENVELOPES

Please ensure that all boxes and envelopes for Project Compassion are returned as soon as possible, so the money can be forwarded quickly to Caritas.

2022 PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

The Parish Sacramental Program is starting soon. Details will be distributed through the schools and will be available in the racks in The Foyer outside the Church. Please keep an eye out for them. The program starts with Eucharist (First Holy Communion) and there will be Parent ONLY meetings at 1.00pm OR 7.00pm on Tuesday 10th May OR 7.00pm on Wednesday 11th May

BISHOP BRIAN'S FLOOD RELIEF APPEAL My prayers and thoughts are with you all as this "never ending rain" continues to cause so much damage and distress in our communities. In a heartfelt video message to his flock in early March, Greg Homeming OCD, Bishop of Lismore, said it had been "a very tragic few days". The video can be viewed on YouTube "BISHOP GREG HOMEMING - Lismore Floods 2022 Message to the People"

- To those who had "lost everything" in these floods, Bishop Greg said that everyone across the diocese was suffering with them. "This has all happened at a time when we were hoping that 2022 would be a year of hope, a good year," he said. As a diocese, I would like to provide practical support for the people of Lismore. I also want to provide pastoral and practical support for the people in our own diocese who have been and will continue to be im-

pacted by these floods. I invite you to join me in prayer for these people, and to donate to my Flood Relief Appeal <https://www.dow.org.au/giving/>, so that with your support, we can meet this goal. +BM

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS WALK FOR AUSTRALIA/WALK FOR LIFE

Friday 20 May 2022 We walk to raise PRAYERS for Australia for all life issues, the day before the Federal Election. You are warmly welcome to join us in our tenth year, praying along the Kiama Coastal Walk to Gerringong (13km). B.Y.O Lunch, snacks, water, and hat. Support vehicle provided all the way, shuttle cars return pilgrims to Kiama. BENEFITS: Mass. Prayer. Hymns. Exercise. Spectacular scenery. Joyful fellowship. Blessings in abundance. START: 9:30am Kiama Catholic Church (Holy Mass) FINISH: 3:30pm Gerringong Catholic Church (Benediction, confession also available). For information contact Sue Hill: 0435 336 195 or Gabriella De Battista, (02) 4261 2500

LIVE LOCAL MACARTHUR CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY WOLLONGONG (CYMW)

is back with LIVE Local in the Macarthur, running every Sunday night in the school term from 6:15pm–8:15pm, at St John the Evangelist Parish Campbelltown. This regional youth group is for all Parishes and is open to young people aged 13–17 who want to make new friends and grow in their faith. Come along for snacks, games, formation, prayer, and music. For more information, please contact our deanery youth group coordinator, Luke Vail at luke.vail@dow.org.au For more details on youth groups, visit <https://www.dow.org.au/cymw/>

“TOWARDS A BETTER KIND OF POLITICS”

Australian bishops issue election statement The Australian Catholic bishops have called for a shakeup that focuses the country’s politics on the common good of all, including—and especially—those who struggle to participate in the community. Although no one political party fully embodies Catholic social teaching, the bishops are offering an election statement to encourage Catholics and people of good will to reflect on the good they can do for their community by using their vote for the good of all. The statement advocates for vulnerable people in the community, including those in need of aged care, First Nations peoples, asylum-seekers and refugees. It calls for a government committed to the common good that will deliver a medium to long-term plan for eradicating poverty in Australia. The bishops also say people who have a religious faith should be protected from discrimination,

“including the ability to undertake activities and form religious bodies that can pursue their religious mission”. You can download the statement at: [dow.sh/ElectionStatement](https://www.dow.org.au/ElectionStatement)

MARY MACKILLOP AUSTRALIAN PILGRIMAGE

18/10–29/10/2022. Commencing in Melbourne journeying through Victoria & South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop’s life and ministry. For more information, itinerary and application form, please contact: 9012 4818 national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au

ePETITION TO ABOLISH THE DEATH BILL

Bishop Mascord urges you to take a stand to ABOLISH Alex Greenwich's Death Bill. It is imperative that all our supporters of life sign this ePetition— WITHOUT DELAY—encouraging others to do the same. To do so, please go to www.dow.org.au/abolishdeathbill/

LATEST COVID DIRECTIVES

From the Diocese 24/2/22

- *Social Distancing is no longer required.*
- *Checking in is no longer required.*
- *Masks are no longer mandatory*

- *If unable to attend Mass, it can be viewed on TV or online, or by other prayerful means.*
- *Please only attend Mass if you are well.*
- *Please leave the kneeler down when leaving Mass, to allow for easy cleaning.*
- *Collections are still not being taken up, please place offerings in the boxes mounted on the wall or giving can be done by direct debit, please contact the office for details.*
- *Holy water fonts still not being used.*
- *Please do not touch any statues or icons*
- *The sign of peace is still not by hand shaking*
- *Holy Communion will only be given into the hand*
- *Reconciliation is on Saturdays between 5pm – 5.30pm*
- *Baptisms by appointment only, either on Saturday or Sunday*
- *You are encouraged to have the COVID Vaccination and booster*



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