



St Anthony's Parish Picton

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Fr Peter Tien
Parish Priest



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME —YEAR A

Parish Bulletin

Sunday 2 August 2020

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Hasten and eat

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The hand of the Lord feeds us, he answers all our needs..

SECOND READING: Romans 8:35, 37-39

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

They all ate and were satisfied.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

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 Adoration

5.30 pm - Tahmoor

St John Vianney, priest

Wednesday - 8.30 am—Tahmoor

Thursday - 8.30 am—Tahmoor

The Transfiguration of the Lord

Friday - 8.30 am—Tahmoor

Reconciliation (Confession)

By appointment only

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday

9.00a.m. - 3.00p.m.

Parish Phone 4683 2230

Email: picton@dow.org.au

Website:

www.stanthonypicton.org.au

Scriptural Context

Food for all

This miraculous feeding is the first of two such accounts in the gospel of Matthew. (It also appears twice in Mark and once in both Luke and John.) In this account, there are twelve baskets of leftovers. These baskets represent the twelve tribes of Israel. It is a metaphor for Jesus as the one who provides nourishment and satisfaction for the entire Jewish population. The imagery in the second story (Mt 15:32-39) emphasises that Jesus also feeds and satisfies the gentile people. Between them, the two accounts present Jesus as the one who provides spiritual food for all.

NEXT WEEK: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
1 Kg 19:9, 11-13; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

DIRECT DEPOSITS: - can you please ensure that you use your name of Planned Giving envelope number as a reference, so monies given can be recorded against your name.
Some have COVID19 as a reference, which does not allow proper recording of monies given.

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

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Kristinu Borg

PRAY FOR THE SICK Christine Jupe, Janelle Clifton, Peter Wood, Graeme Menser, Ross Spirou, Lesley Thompson, Mauro Mariano, Mary McMahon, John Debono, Melony Cox, Joanne McMahon, Daniel Clarke, Margaret Brown, Lesley Gardiner, James McNeil, Ian Macnamara, Stephanie Macnamara, Jim Matthews, Elizabeth Linsell

READERS: **THIS WEEK**

Vigil: Sandra Ryan
7.30am: John Maher
9.30am: Olga Upton

NEXT WEEK

Trish Lindner
John Butler
Jeff Brown

CLEANERS: Joanne McElgunn
June Paget
Frank Grima

Helen Willis &
Jean Le Roux

SACRISTY: Mary Gilbert

Gillian Dobson

SPECIAL MINISTERS will not be rostered on during the pandemic

ACOLYTES are most welcome to serve on the altar

FEAST DAY MASS OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP – 8 AUGUST 2020

On the feast day of St Mary MacKillop (8 August) the Diocese of Wollongong, in collaboration with the Diocesan Catholic Women's League, usually celebrates Mass at one of the churches where Mary MacKillop visited during her lifetime. Due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and the restrictions and limitations arising from that, this year we will be filming a special Liturgy of the Word for the feast day. You are invited to view the liturgy on the diocesan YouTube channel <http://dow.sh/YouTube> or website www.dow.org.au on Saturday, 8 August 2020.

FEAST OF MARY MACKILLOP: Mass in the Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel will be livestreamed at 10am, August 8th followed by a time of prayer at the tomb. The details will be posted on the website: marymackillopplace@mmp.org.au

Prayer Reflections suitable for prayer at home will also be posted on the website for three days August 6th, 7th and 8th.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

You are invited to attend Mass for the feast of the Assumption.

Date: Friday 14 August

Time: 7.00 pm (Vigil)

Place: St Anthony's Tahmoor

Please register with the parish office, by phone (4683 2230) or email (picton@dow.org.au) before Friday 14 August



PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES are now available for collection from the back of the church. If you would like to join the planned giving with envelopes, please leave your name with the parish office.

They can also be collected on a Tuesday or Thursday, please call into the parish office, between 9am—3.00pm

YOUTH MINISTRY ONLINE Catholic Youth Ministry Wollongong has launched LIVE - Check it out at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qdC-Q7_-OVY This is a great way for young people to build not only your faith but to build lasting friendships. To get in touch with the NET team and be part of this, simply follow the "CYMW" Facebook page or by Instagram at "wollongongnetteam"

There is a link on the front page of the parish website that goes to Diocese of Wollongong showing what Masses are on live.
www.stanthonypicton.org.au

AUGUST 15 VIRTUAL NATIONAL CATHOLIC MEN'S GATHERING : This free half day gathering, will look to inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship four sessions with inputs from Australian Bishops and lay leaders to inspire and renew men in the Church for mission. Participate individually but also in around 30 locations around Australia, 4 in the Diocese of Wollongong. Simply register at www.catholicmensgathering.com.au

The Diocese will bring men together in four locations on Saturday 15 August from 9.30-2.30pm:

- **Wollongong:** Xavier Centre 38 Harbour Street: Host: Peter Crowe – 0407 913 696
- **Macarthur:** Venue TBC: Host: Eddie Ferry – 0417 049 418
- **Nowra:** Venue St Michaels Parish: Host: Nigel Porter – 0430 365 383
- Southern Highlands:** Venue TBC: Host: James Glynn – 0431 636 027

LATEST DIRECTIVES FROM BISHOP BRIAN

- 1) *The total number of people allowed to attend Mass is now replaced by the rules of social distancing—4 square metres of space for each person. Maximum allowed is 100*
- 2) *First time Mass goers must have their names and contact phone number recorded with the parish, prior to attending. After that please have your named checked off when entering the church, on each occasion, that you attend.*

You are not required to pre register for weekday Mass.

Those who cannot attend Mass, can continue to nurture their faith through watching Mass on line or other prayerful means.

+ If you are 65years+ and have underlying health concerns or 70+ years please consider staying at home for your safety

+ Mass attendants must prove well and must use sanitizer when entering the Church.

+ When leaving please leave your kneeler down, so those areas can be cleaned.

+ Offering (Sunday Mass only) is to be placed in boxes provided (mounted on wall) at the entrances, as you enter the Church or after Mass, or ideally given through direct debit.

Collection plates will no longer be passed around to avoid spread of germs/viruses.

+ No longer holy water in the bowl at the entrance door.

+ Please do not touch any statues/paintings/icons

+ Not to shake hand at any event.

+ Holy Communion given into the hand only and in one line.

- 3) *Reconciliation/Confession: by appointment with Fr. Peter (his phone: 0406001540.)*
- 4) *Baptism: by appointment either on Saturday or Sunday*
- 5) *You are encouraged to install the COVID-19 App onto your mobile phone.*

MONITORS: These are to help people enter the church safely and to ensure social distancing and not to congregate before or after Mass, and other similar things Each Mass will require 2 monitors—if you would like to assist in this important role—please contact the parish office

DATES LOCKED IN FOR PLENARY COUNCIL ASSEMBLIES The two assemblies for the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia will be held in Adelaide from October 3-10, 2021, and in Sydney from July 4-9, 2022. The new dates mean that the celebration of the Plenary Council has effectively moved 12 months from the original plan of a first assembly in October 2020 and a second assembly in June/July 2021.

ELECTRONIC PARISH PLANNED GIVING

Given that some parishioners are unable to attend Mass in our church, many who support our parish planned giving envelope program have asked how they can continue to financially support the parish. So, we respectfully encourage all parishioners to join our electronic parish planned giving program to help us ensure that we limit the financial pressure this current situation will impose on our parish.

Importantly, we are mindful that some of our parishioners will sadly be experiencing a change in their financial circumstances. Please contact the Parish Office (4683 2230 or picton@dow.org.au) if you need to decrease/discontinue your planned giving contribution, but mainly to let us know how we can support you.

If you would like to commence giving by direct debit or via credit card, new forms are available for you to complete, they are available in the racks in the foyer of the church, or they can be emailed to you.

ALTERNATIVE:

2nd collection—(all parish expenses)

Picton Parish

BSB 066-711

Account number: 001783

1st collection— (Priests & their living expenses)

Picton Presbytery

BSB: 066711

Account number: 002196

If you are giving electronically, please use your name or envelope number as a reference, so the contributions can be allocated to you.

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