



## St Anthony's Parish Picton

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**Fr Peter Tien**

**Parish Priest**



**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER—YEAR B**

*Parish Bulletin*

Sunday 2 May 2021

### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

### **FIRST READING:** Acts 9:26-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.*

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

### **SECOND READING:** John 3:18-24

A reading from the first letter of St John

*His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.*

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;  
my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

### **GOSPEL:** John 15:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.*

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

Next week Readings: **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER—Year B**

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; 1 Jn 15:9-17

### **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

Wednesday - 8.30 am—Tahmoor

Thursday - 8.30 am—Tahmoor

Friday - 8.30 am—Tahmoor

### **Reconciliation (Confession)**

Saturday 4.00—4.30pm

*Please wear a face mask*

**Adoration:** Tuesday: 5pm

### **OFFICE HOURS**

**Tuesday & Thursday**

9.00a.m. - 3.00p.m.

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### **REFLECTION**

In the Last Supper scene of his gospel, John uses the image of the vine and the branches to describe the relationship that needs to exist between Jesus and his disciples. Just as a branch that is no longer linked to the vine can no longer be fruitful, so also, the disciple who does not have the life of God within him, is a dead disciple. The sap that runs through the vine and its branches, enabling the branches to produce healthy fruit, represents the life and love of God that needs to run through each of the disciples for them to produce fruit.

Pruning, although painful, is a work of love that the divine gardener carries out on the vine and its branches. The branches are kept clean, and their dead parts are removed, so that they can remain healthy. The disciple is invited to welcome this pruning that may be experienced in various different ways. Like a good vinedresser, God only wishes the best for those who trust in him and who have his life in them.

In the second reading, John explains that this divine life that runs in the veins of the faithful disciple expresses itself in the love and reaching out to our neighbour and friend. We are not able to love others unless we carry God's love within us. This same love encouraged Saul and Barnabas to go around and offer a ministry of preaching and witnessing to the early Church, pushing it beyond its early Jewish boundaries and reaching out to the Greek community. If we allow God's life to be within us, then we too can produce fruit. When we live a contemplative life, constantly reflecting on God's action within us, then we can also bring God to others around us.



# 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: John Debono

PRAY FOR THE SICK John Bell, Leone Kirton, 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

VIGIL: KATRINA COLLIMORE  
7.30AM: JOHN BUTLER  
9.30AM: JENNIFER FOLDES-HIELMAN

## NEXT WEEK

SANDRA RYAN  
ANNE CORDINGLEY  
JEFF BROWN

CLEANERS: JOANNE MCELGUNN  
JUNE PAGET  
FRANK GRIMA

MARYANNE BUTTIGIEG  
PAULINE BUTTIGIEG

FLOWERS: MURIELLE AZZI

SUE SPITERI

SACRISTY: GILLIAN DOBSON

MARY GILBERT

**SPECIAL MINISTERS** will not be rostered on during the pandemic

**ACOLYTES** are most welcome to serve on the altar

## PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2021:

The Parish Sacramental Program for 2021 starts in early May. Details of the program are available in the racks in the church foyer. We are starting with Eucharist (First Holy Communion) To be eligible for First Holy Communion your child should be at least in Year 3 at school and have participated in a Reconciliation Program. You will need to attend one of Four PARENT ONLY meetings at 2.00pm OR 7.30pm on Tuesday 4th May OR 2.00pm OR 7.30pm on Wednesday 5th May. Enrolment forms will be completed at these meeting so please have your child's Baptismal details with you. You will need to register and book in for the meetings beforehand at the church office by phone or Email. The office hours and Email address are on the front of this bulletin. We are hoping to have the Sacrament at the Feast of Corpus Christi on the 5th/6th June, but it will depend on the state of the COVID restrictions in place at that time.

**POSITION VACANT:** Senior Executive Assistant to the Bishop- Catholic Diocese of Wollongong Suitably experienced and qualified persons are encouraged to apply for the role of Senior Executive Assistant to the Bishop in the Diocese of Wollongong. For more information and a detailed role description, please go to <http://dow.sh/execbishop> or for enquiries contact [helen.bennett@dow.org.au](mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au)

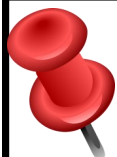


## **BINGO IS BACK!**

Bingo at Tahmoor Inn is on every Thursday at 11am, everyone is welcome.

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

**CURSILLO IN WOLLONGONG** will be holding a Three-Day Weekend at beautiful Hartzler Park Retreat Centre (Near Moss Vale) from Thursday evening 1st July to Sunday afternoon 4th July 2021 for both women and men. Listen to talks and join in small group discussion with women or men from Wollongong Diocese and discover a way to live the Gospel in everyday life refreshed and with friends. To find out more please ring Denise on 0438254139 or email [denisedamore0@gmail.com](mailto:denisedamore0@gmail.com)



### **FIRST FRIDAY LUNCH** **7 MAY 2021, MIDDAY.**

If you enjoy a lunch with friends with lots to talk about, please come along with your own lunch from midday, perhaps bring a friend with you on the day.

### **MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PILGRIMAGE WALK** for

Australia 2021 Friday 21 May - Saturday 22 May  
We walk to raise PRAYERS for Australia. We walk in a spirit of joy, knowing that prayer united with sacrifice, makes prayer more effective. You are warmly welcome to join us on either day or both days. Support vehicle provided all the way. Shuttle cars return to start on both days. Prayer books provided. Donations gratefully accepted. For information contact Sue Hill: 0435 336 195 or Gabriella De Battista, (02) 4261 2500

### **ST JOSEPH PILGRIMAGE MOTOR BIKE RIDE** Join

with Catholic motor bike riders who will be undertaking a pilgrimage ride visiting 7 churches and riding 800km over three days in honour of St Joseph, including 2 Churches in our Diocese of Wollongong. The ride will commence from Oatley Parish on Friday the 11 June at 10am and conclude at Camperdown on the 13 June at 6pm, with overnight stays in Moss Vale and Orange. You may simply wish to join the riders for prayer at our St Joseph's Churches on 11 June, with prayer at Bulli for an hour starting at 1.30pm and Kangaroo Valley at 3.45pm. If you would like to join the ride, contact Jim on 0432 487 927 or Branko 0411 281 299 For map of ride go to <https://tinyurl.com/ride4stjoseph>

### **MENALIVE MEN'S WEEKEND** Rediscover God's

Presence and Purpose for your Life 12-13 June 2021, St Patrick's Church Catholic Church (Hall) 42 O'Donnell Street, Port Kembla The menALIVE Men's Weekend is an opportunity for all men from 18 years of age to explore what makes them feel fully alive. The experience of the weekend is powerful and dynamic, and many men are inspired and encouraged with a new sense of purpose and mission. Experienced leaders from menALIVE Team will be running the weekend. Register via brochure or online [www.dow.org.au/events](http://www.dow.org.au/events) Enquiries: Helen Bennett (Diocesan Contact) 4222 2403; Anthony Rewak (Parish Contact) 0488 233 078 or Ian Boorman (menALIVE Contact) 0427 006 021

**CATHFAMILY** brings you a selection of activities, prayer rituals, crafts and recipes from their website to assist parents and grandparents in being the first educators in faith for their kids. Don't miss CathKids <https://cathfamily.org/activities>

**THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH** Pope Francis on December 8, 2020 published an Apostolic Letter *Patris corde* (With a Father's Heart), commemorating the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. You are encouraged to visit the ACBC year of St Joseph page at <https://www.catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph> including Monthly reflections on various aspects of St Joseph's life and character and prayers.

### **YEAR AMORIS LAETITIA FAMILY**, 19 March 2021 –

26 June 2022 On March 19, 2021, the Church marked five years since the publication of the Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* on the beauty and joy of love in the family. On the same day, Pope Francis launched the Year "Amoris Laetitia Family", which will conclude on 26 June 2022, on the occasion of the 10th World Meeting of Families in Rome with the Holy Father. The Vatican will be producing an array of resources, including a video series by Pope Francis breaking open the document and the Joy of Christian Family life. you are encouraged to visit to <http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/amoris-laetitia.html>

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### **LATEST COVID DIRECTIVES**

- *The total number of people allowed to attend Mass is 200 at St Anthony's Tahmoor*
- *Use of QR code is the preferred method of registering for each Mass.*
- *If unable to attend Mass, it can be viewed on line, or 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 via appointment with Fr Peter (his phone: 0406001540) or on Saturdays between 5pm – 5.30pm*
- *Baptisms by appointment only either on Saturday or Sunday*
- *You are encouraged to install the COVID-19 App onto your mobile phone.*

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