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**Fr Peter Tien**  
Parish Priest



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER —YEAR A

*Parish Bulletin*

Sunday 3 May 2020

***Easter greetings!***

***I hope this email find you well!***

***Last year, the whole state of NSW experienced the worse drought. We were all worried about having no waters to meet our everyday needs, the needs of our cattle and gardens. We turned to the Lord for help!***

***This year sees many good rains. We now have enough waters for our everyday needs; enough waters for cattle to drink and gardens to grow.***

***Are you aware that our Diocese of Wollongong for many years has been in the state of spiritual drought: drought in vocations to the priesthood and religious life? We need more priests to serve God's people together with dedicated men and women: these are like colourful flowers in the garden of the kingdom of God.***

***On this 4th Sunday of Easter known today as Good Shepherd Sunday, the faithful of the Diocese are asked to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Please so do! By the same token, we should not forget to pray all the serving priests of the Diocese, that they may be faithful to Jesus their Master and example!***

***Stay safe and take care.***

***Kind regards with Easter blessings!***

***Fr. Peter Tien.***

### **OFFICE HOURS**

**Tuesday & Thursday**

9.00a.m. - 3.00p.m.

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**PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:**

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Leo Bice, Ray Mason, John Prey

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

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

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**WANTED:** Is there any parishioner who does small engraving jobs? If you are able to assist the parish, please phone or email the parish office.

**PRAY WITH POPE FRANCIS** throughout May for an end to the Pandemic.

Pope Francis has asked Catholics to make a special effort in May to pray the Rosary, knowing that by doing so they would be united with believers around the world asking for Mary's intercession in stopping the coronavirus pandemic. Pope Francis has written two prayers that can be recited at the end of the rosary, prayers he said he would be reciting "in spiritual union with all of you."

Prayer to recite at the end of the rosary

O Mary,

You shine continuously on our journey  
as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,  
who, at the foot of the cross,  
were united with Jesus' suffering,  
and persevered in your faith.

"Protectress of the Roman people",  
you know our needs,  
and we know that you will provide,  
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,  
joy and celebration may return  
after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father  
and to do what Jesus tells us.

For he took upon himself our suffering,  
and burdened himself with our sorrows  
to bring us, through the cross,  
to the joy of the Resurrection.

Amen.

*We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God; Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin*

**GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY:**

This Sunday—the fourth Sunday of Easter—is "Good Shepherd Sunday" and the 57th World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Fr Duane Fernandez, vocations director for our diocese, has provided a video message for this weekend which can be watched from Thursday evening onwards on the diocesan website at [dow.sh/VocationsMessage2020](http://dow.sh/VocationsMessage2020).

Let us pray for each other as we seek to follow the Good Shepherd more closely in our respective vocations, and let us pray especially for those still discerning their vocation, that they may hear, and trust, the voice of Jesus calling them to fullness of life. For support in discerning whether you are called to marriage, single life, consecrated life, or ordained ministry, please contact Fr Duane at [vocations@dow.org.au](mailto:vocations@dow.org.au)

Let us pray for our current Seminarians, James Arblaster and Sinh Le, as they continue their priestly formation for Wollongong Diocese. We also remember in prayer the 4 young men from Vietnam - James Minh Quy Tran, Martin Hoang Dang- Pham, Peter Thanh Cong Tran and Joseph Huu Minh Vuong Nguyen - who are spending 3 months in Parishes of Wollongong Diocese, receiving intensive English tuition and experiencing Parish life as they and the Diocese discern together whether they will return for 12 months next year, and possibly proceed to subsequent seminary formation for our Diocese. Finally there are also a number of other young men actively discerning their vocation with the Diocese. Let us hold them all in prayer this weekend and continue to pray for more priests to serve the people of our Diocese into the future.

**MASS WITH THE DIOCESE:**

During this period of time where Masses in the diocese are suspended, it is important to know that you have not been abandoned by the Church. Members of the faithful are urged to keep holy the Lord's Day by making an act of Spiritual Communion, a well-established devotional practice of uniting one's self in prayer with Christ's sacrifice when circumstances prevent one from receiving holy Communion. Starting Sunday 29 March, we will be providing Sunday Mass online available at [www.dow.org.au](http://www.dow.org.au) and on the diocese's Facebook page [www.facebook.com/WollongongCatholic](http://www.facebook.com/WollongongCatholic) with Bishop Brian Mascord and other priests from the diocese.

**THE JOURNEY:**

The Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast Listen in this week for as we hear the second in the Easter Series of Gospel reflections from Fr Mike Delaney, mother Hilda Scott from the Abbey and other short talks from some of Australia's best Catholic presenters as we celebrate the Easter season in isolation. Uploaded every Friday for free download - go to [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au)

## **BOOKS**

Need some new reading material? There are books available in the shack. Some books also for those schooling from home. Please take what you require and leave tidy and covered up.

**PROJECT COMPASSION** Do you have a Project Compassion Box, Envelope or Cash that you need to hand in so we can help others at this difficult time?

We know that many of you may not be able to hand in your Project Compassion boxes, envelopes or cash, to parishes at this time. Please contact the parish office on available options, or drop it into the office. (Tuesday or Thursday)

## **ELECTRONIC PARISH PLANNED GIVING**

Given that all non-essential travel has been cancelled, some parishioners 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](mailto: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. <https://www.dow.org.au/plannedgiving/>

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:**

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## **LET'S PRAY TOGETHER**

A call to commit to Prayer during the Pandemic every evening at 7pm: The faithful across the Diocese of Wollongong are urged to join with other members of the National Council of Churches, so that all Christians pray 7pm every night through until Easter Sunday during the Pandemic crisis.

## **PRAYERING FOR OUR WORLD, AMIDST COVID-19**

Gracious God,  
We give thanks anew for your providence and presence.  
We prayerfully seek your grace, amidst COVID-19 here and overseas. We pray for those in need of healing.  
We pray for your peace with those who are anxious or grieving. We pray you will continue to strengthen and sustain all those who are serving in response.  
We pray for your Holy Spirit's discernment amidst the many choices and decisions facing our national, community and medical leaders. We pray we each might see quickly what more we can do to help those who are vulnerable. This prayer for our nation in the family of nations, with all that is on our hearts, we gather now and pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

The Church encourages frequent, even daily, Holy Communion, but if at any time we cannot go to Mass in or out of this season of the coronavirus, we can still unite ourselves to the Eucharist through making a spiritual Communion.

By making an Act of Spiritual Communion, we express our faith in Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist and ask him to unite himself with us. Here is the Act of Spiritual Communion written by St. Alphonsus de Liguori:

**My Jesus,  
I believe that You  
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite  
myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen**

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