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14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY —YEAR B

Parish Bulletin

Sunday 4 July 2021

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 2:2-5

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

SECOND READING:

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

A prophet is despised only in his own country.

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

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.

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Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,

pleading for his mercy.

1. To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens: my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords. (R.)
2. Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of his mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he shows us his mercy. (R.)
3. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's disdain. (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: Kevin Dries snr

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:
7.30AM:
9.30AM:

NEXT WEEK

TRISH LINDNER
DON TURVEY
TRUDY HANCOCK

CLEANERS:

COLIN DUNN

FLOWERS:

MURIELLE AZZI

SACRISTY:

MARY GILBERT

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

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

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

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.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2021 CONFIRMATION:

Confirmation will be conferred by the Bishop during Masses at 3.30pm and 5.00pm(Vigil) on Saturday 21st August. There will be PARENT ONLY meeting to start preparation for the Sacrament at 2.00pm OR 7.30pm on Tuesday 20th July OR 2.00pm OR 7.30pm on Wednesday 21st July. Parents have to attend ONLY ONE of these meetings. Parents should register and book in for these meetings by contacting the parish secretary well beforehand. Details of Parish office hours etc. are on the front of this bulletin. Attendance at one of these meetings is part of the program and if that is not possible parents will have to discuss it with Fr Peter after Mass on Sundays or the child may not be able to be confirmed this year. To be eligible for Confirmation this year your child should be in Year 6 or above at school and be receiving Holy Communion at Mass.

FREE TECHNOLOGY TRAINING FOR SENIORS UPDATE

Due to the current COVID -19 situation it has been decided to only run 1 session for 5 consecutive weeks commencing Tuesday 3 August 2021. This will still be held at St Benidect's College Oran Park at 1pm-2.30pm. if you have registered for session 1, you will automatically be included at the later date. This is a unique opportunity for an 'exchange of gifts' between both students and seniors in a covid safe way, however we will be guided by the school and public health orders at all times. Please contact Jane Hollier, Parish and Community Officer CatholicCare on 0417018152.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY THIS WEEKEND

This weekend in the Australian Church we celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. It coincides with NAIDOC WEEK, a time when the whole church comes together to celebrate and acknowledge the gifts of Australia's First Peoples. This Sunday we acknowledge that we are united in our efforts to be steward of God's creation. We combine the knowledge of First Australians with the technology of Western culture to ensure that future generations shall have the opportunity to experience the gifts of God's creation as intended. Let us love, respect and pray with thanks for our Indigenous brothers and sisters, especially this weekend.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT – WELCOMING AND INFORMATION - CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG

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2021 SIGNIFICANT MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS

If you are celebrating 25, 40, 50 or 60 years of marriage this year, and would like an invitation to the Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord at St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow on Sunday, 8 August 2021 at 2pm, please register online at www.dow.org.au/events/, or contact Helen Bennett at the Office of the Bishop at 4222 2403, or via email helen.bennett@dow.org.au by no later than Monday 12 July. Once you have done so, an invitation and official online registration procedures can be sent to you.

For those who missed out in 2020 In this year of St Joseph and the Family, we are exploring the possibility of hosting two (2) sessions to enable as many couples as possible, and some limited members of their family, to attend the Significant Marriage Anniversaries Mass. Furthermore, this also enables us to invite couples who reached one of these significant milestones in 2020 to contact Helen Bennett and register their interest.

As you would appreciate, due to the possibility of heightened COVID-19 restrictions, our plans are subject to change and even cancellation. We kindly urge you to register as soon as possible in order to receive an invitation and enable appropriate planning for this important celebration.

THE JOURNEY, 4 JULY 2021 – YOUR DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG WEEKLY PODCAST

Fr Brian Steele MGL – challenges us about lacking faith and Pete Gilmore encourages us to live with passion and purpose. Greta music on this week's show too. Be encouraged in difficult time by the Journey - Listen at jcr.org.au or your local Christian Radio station.

ALIVE IN THE SPIRIT: We are encouraged to engage in a special opportunity inviting us to experience new vision, new energy, new life as we become the community Christ calls us to be. "Alive in the Spirit", an innovative online pastoral ministry conference, from 8 to 10 July 2021, which will enliven and inspire our Catholic Church through a variety of keynotes, workshops and enriching prayer and worship experiences. To register or find out more details, please go www.aliveinthespirit.com.au or contact Lisa Bright on 0448 652 720.

COULD YOU PROVIDE A FOREVER HOME? Fostering Futures, CatholicCare are looking for a forever home for a 10-year-old girl, Jessie*. Jessie is a lovely, sociable girl who enjoys listening to music, riding her bike and loves animals. She is smart, energetic and loves to chat! She needs patient and loving carers who can give her time, consistency, and support so she can thrive and achieve a positive future. (*Child's name has been changed for privacy) To find out more about becoming a carer with Fostering Futures: call 0418 7 8 3 9 5 6 email fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au or go to <http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au>

STRENGTH FOR THIS CHALLENGING TIME

We pray for your love and compassion to abound as we walk through this challenging season.

We ask for wisdom for those who bear the load of making decisions with widespread consequences. We pray for those who are suffering with sickness and all who are caring for them.

We ask for protection for the elderly and vulnerable to not succumb to the risks of the virus.

We pray that fear may take no hold in hearts and minds.

As we exercise the good sense that you in your mercy provide, may we also approach each day in faith and peace, trusting in the truth of your goodness towards us. Amen

- www.holyspiritewloe.com

NEXT WEEK READINGS:

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13

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