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Fr Peter Tien
Parish Priest



Parish Bulletin

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A

Sunday 5 February 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:7-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Your light will shine like the dawn

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

A light rises in the darkness for the upright

SECOND READING: Corinthians 2:1-5

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

I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;

The man who follows me will have the light of life

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You are the light of the world

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

Next week's readings: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37

ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH—TAHMOOR

Saturday Vigil—6.00 pm

Sunday—8.30am

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

St Scholastica, virgin

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 5.00 pm—5.30 pm

Baptism and Marriage

Please contact the parish office.

Adoration: Tuesday 5.00 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday 9am—3pm

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We live in a world where appearances frequently matter more than they should. Contrary to this predominating tendency, Jesus teaches us that what we do flows from who and what we are. We can enlighten the world with the message of the gospel, because our lives have been transformed by that gospel and now we ourselves are light for others. We can serve others in various ways, only because we have been saved by God's grace and now we are agents of that grace in the lives of others. Our own renewal becomes the means through which God renews the world.

This may sound grandiose, but it isn't. It is the truth about the way God works. Extraordinary things are accomplished through ordinary people. Jesus grew up as the son of a carpenter; some of the apostles were fishermen; Paul was a tentmaker; we are clerks and teachers, bus drivers and doctors, bank tellers and engineers. Like Paul we come to ministry in weakness and fear and much trembling. It is the Spirit and power of God that work the wonders, and God works them through mundane elements of life such as light and salt.

As children, many of us learned the corporal and the spiritual works of mercy. We learned that we can practise them in every walk of life. Today's readings remind us of this. We may not be asked to perform extraordinary feats, but all disciples of Jesus are called upon to do the ordinary things of life in an extraordinary way.

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 Florence Hinton, Debbie James, Jean Le Roux, 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>
VIGIL:	SOPHIA DE ZILVA	LISA BRUFFER

8.30AM:	JEFF BROWN	JOHN MAHER
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<u>CLEANERS:</u>	HELEN WILLIS <—>	PAULINE BUTTIGIEG
	LISA BRUFFER	MARY ANN BUTTIGIEG

<u>FLOWERS:</u>	JO McELGUNN	CHRIS CARBURY
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SACRISTY: M A R Y G I L B E R T

MORNING TEA:

MARG & JENNY	LORRI
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SUNDAY COLLECTIONS The boxes at the back of the church will no longer be used for placing of offerings for 1st and 2nd collections.

Two collections will take place during Mass, as it was prior to COVID.

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.

ROSARY RECITED: The Rosary is being said prior to weekday morning Mass at 8am, including Sundays. Everyone is invited to come and prayer for world peace.

CLEANING ROSTER: More cleaners are always needed. If you can spare a few hours, once every 4-5 weeks, please contact the parish office

MORNING TEA ROSTER: The roster for morning tea, following 8.30am Mass on Sundays requires more people. Please contact Diana Ingreys—4684 1057, or the parish office.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

Promote resources on responding to family and domestic violence. <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au>

While Fr George Condookala is here, he would love the opportunity to get to know people.

Please phone him to invite him around for a cup of tea or coffee 0400 228 295

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2023 The Parish Sacramental Program details are being distributed through St Anthony's School and the Scripture Groups. It is also available from the racks in the church foyer.

VISITING NURSING HOMES AND THE HOUSEBOUND Do you have time to spare, to share with those who are residing in local nursing homes or are housebound.

The parish seeks interest from those who are available to take Holy Communion to those who are unable to attend Mass.

If you are interested, please speak to Fr Peter or contact the parish office.

CARMELITE RETREAT PROGRAM 2023 BROUCHERS are available from the rack in the foyer.

TRIUMPH—Lenten Program 2023 books will be available in the coming weeks from the piety stall. Books are \$4.50 each, there is a limited supply of them.

THE JOURNEY, 5 February 2023 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast— In the Gospel reflection Fr Chris de Sousa says we are salt and the light to those immediately around us. Mother Hilda shares a story on trust and how God also places trust in us. Plus, Stewart Brady from MenAlive, Trish McCarthy, and Fr Dave Callaghan. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au.

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED BECOMING A CATECHIST?

Currently the parish has 7 schools, which fall within the parish boundaries, which require 19 catechists — but there are only 11 catechists!

Are you able to assist? Have you thought about it? Would you like more information?

Please contact the parish office, if you would like to share your faith with students in the local state primary schools.

CATHOLICCARE - Have you thought about becoming a foster carer? We need foster carers who provide love, care, and support to help these children thrive and reach their full potential. Carers receive comprehensive support from the Fostering Futures team to ensure they have a full range of resources and networks to nurture their forever home. Our team have over 30 years' experience helping carers give vulnerable children a loving home and a brighter future. For more information, please call 0418 783 956, or email fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au or go to www.catholiccare.dow.org.au

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