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Fr Peter Tien
Parish Priest



Parish Bulletin

Second Sunday of Lent — Year A

Sunday 5 March 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-4

A reading from the book of Genesis

The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

SECOND READING: Timothy 1:8-10

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy
God has saved us, and called us to be holy.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
His face shone like the sun.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

Next week's readings: Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

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 - **NO MASS**

Friday— **NO MASS**

Arabic Mass 6pm, every 2nd Friday—

March dates: 3rd, 17th and 31st

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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The blessings upon which we meditate today are undeserved gifts from God. They were not earned. The graciousness of God transforms us in such a way as to effect new beginnings. It can be seen in the promises made to Abram. He leaves the past behind and moves into a new future. It can be seen in the psalm response. The Lord delivers us from death and inspires us to look to the future. It can be seen in the reading from 2 Timothy. Through Christ Jesus we are called to a new life of holiness; we escape the fetters of death and are brought into the freedom of the resurrection. We see it in the gospel, a glimpse into the future glory of Jesus which, through grace, we will be able to share. Lent is a time of new beginnings which find their origin in the abundant blessings of God.

The ultimate blessing of God is Jesus himself. As Abram was called to be the source of blessing for all others, as Peter, James and John were chosen to witness the transfiguration of Jesus, so today we too are invited to look to Jesus for inspiration during this holy season. Paul speaks of the salvation that Jesus brings as having come, not because of any works of righteousness that we might have performed, but because of the grace of God. Once again the Lenten readings focus on the merciful action of God in our lives, and in the end they point to Jesus.

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, 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

READERS: THIS WEEK

VIGIL: TRISH LINDNER

8.30AM: MARG FOLDES

CLEANERS: HELEN WILLIS &
LISA BRUFFER

FLOWERS:

NO FLOWERS DURING LENT

SACRISTY:

M A R Y G I L B E R T

MORNING TEA:

SUE & PAUL SPITERI KATE & JASON KNIGHT

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.

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.

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

SUPPORTING ADULT SURVIVORS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE WORKSHOP— further information can be found on the noticeboard in the foyer.

THANK YOU to Fr George for looking after our parish during Fr Peter's leave, this weekend is his last with us

WELCOME BACK next weekend, 11/12 March we welcome back Fr Peter

ARABIC MASS—is held every 2nd Friday at 6pm. March Mass dates are: 3rd, 17th and 31st.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS—advice will be given next week about future day/time, when Fr Peter returns.

ADVERTISING ON THE BACK PAGE OF THE PARISH BULLETIN—If you or someone you know have a business or service you would like to advertise, please contact the parish office.

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CATHOLIC FAMILY CAMPING WEEKENDS FOR 2023

Save these dates and join us for a good time with great people. May 19-21 & October 27-29, 2023 - Fridays 4pm till Sunday 3pm, Wooglemai Catholic Camping Facility/Environmental Centre, Sheehys Creek Road, Oakdale (15 minutes from Picton)

THE JOURNEY, 5 March 2023 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast On The Journey This Week: In the Gospel reflection Fr Mark De Battista says this gospel calls us to recognise all the signs God gives us for our trials ahead. Mother Hilda says it's what we think about that we see, so this week think gracious thoughts. Plus, the Triumph Lenten series with Sr Anastasia Reeves and Br Lewis Harwood. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au.

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Second Sunday of Lent 4 & 5 March



Tereesa is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. Through the Baabayn Young Mums and Bubs Group, Tereesa was able to reconnect with her culture and create a better future for her children.



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