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Fr Peter Tien
Parish Priest



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time —YEAR B

Parish Bulletin

Sunday 5 September 2021

FIRST READING: Isaiah 13:4-7

Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.

Say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.
'Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;
for water gushes in the desert,
streams in the wasteland,
the scorched earth becomes a lake,
the parched land springs of water.

SECOND READING: James 2:1-5

Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

GOSPEL: Mark 7:31-37

He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

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

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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.

Parish Phone 4683 2230

Email: picton@dow.org.au

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) **Praise the Lord, my soul!**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bound
down,
the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. (R.)
3. The Lord upholds the widow and
orphan,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. (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: Kay McMurray, John Bell,

PRAY FOR THE SICK 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

NEXT WEEK

VIGIL:

7.30AM:

9.30AM:

CLEANERS:

FLOWERS:

SACRISTY:

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

NEXT WEEK READINGS:

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year B
Is 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; MK 8:27-35

SUNDAY 23, B. HOMILY

Isaiah one of the great prophets in the Old Testament in the first reading speaks of the Messianic time, the time when God, in the company of the angels, will come to visit his people and bring them home.

By his divine power, he will restore all things to its former glories: the blind can see, the deaf will hear, the dumb will speak, and the lame will walk. All restored things will rejoice before the Lord their God!

Many prophets after Isaiah spoke the same thing about the Messianic time, the time that the Messiah would come with his recompenses for the people awaiting him!

John the Baptist the last prophet of all also spoke intensively about that promised Messiah to come in his preaching; he told the people to get ready for his coming through conversion of heart, repenting from sin and changing the course of their sinful ways if they wanted to see him. He also promised them that when the Messiah arrived, he would let them know!

One day, while preaching, he saw Jesus approaching. Pointing his finger to Jesus, John declared to the people: ‘here he is, Jesus! He exists before me, and I am not worthy to undo the straps of his sandal.’ From here, John gradually withdrew from the public eyes. He said, ‘he must increase, and I must decrease.’

The Gospel of Mark today reports to us the healing of a sick person triggered by Jesus. This person had problems with hearing and speech. He could not hear, could not speak as he was deaf and dumb. Jesus healed him of his sickness, restoring his hearing and speech. He now could hear everyone and spoke clearly like anybody.

In the mind of Mark, Jesus was the awaited Messiah spoken of by Isaiah and prophets after him, fulfilling all the prophecies.

Indeed, the Messiah had arrived; the Messianic time had begun with the coming of Jesus.

Jesus came to save and restore all things that had been lost and bring them to its perfection. 'Tell John what you hear and see, the dumb now speaks, the dumb hears, the lame walks, the blind sees, and the dead comes to life.'

We are now living in the Messianic time, the saving time. Jesus our Saviour is now with us, among us, in our midst. Let us open our hearts each day to the hope and the Saviour of the world.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Leader: Christ made the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

May He touch our ears to receive His word, and touch our mouths to proclaim His faith to the praise and glory of God the Father.

Reader: We pray for all Christian people, that they may hear the words of Christ and speak them with courage and confidence. Lord, hear us.

For the world, that all peoples may listen with good will to the message of the Gospel, and that they may speak words of peace and friendship to one another. Lord, hear us.

For those who are hard of hearing, that they may meet with understanding; for those who are spiritually deaf that they may wake up to what they are missing and seek the remedy. Lord, hear us.

That all of us in this church may be patient listeners and kind speakers, so that we may become instruments of the compassion of Christ. Lord, hear us.

As we observe Father's Day this weekend let us pray for all the fathers of the parish, that they may feel the fatherly care and security of God, and show it to their children. Lord, hear us.

Leader: Father, help us to listen patiently, to speak kindly, to see truly, and to act rightly. Through Christ our Lord.

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

Diocese of Wollongong church buildings are NOT OPEN for private prayer or Mass Churches can be opened only for: Funerals

2021 CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

EVERY CHILD, IN EVERY COMMUNITY, NEEDS A FAIR GO

The parish of St Anthony's and the Diocese of Wollongong are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday

AN INVITATION TO JOIN ELECTRONIC PARISH

PLANNED GIVING Given that some parishioners are unable to attend Mass in our church, many 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.

Please visit <https://www.dow.org.au/plannedgiving/> to learn of the two simple ways you can give to our parish electronically.

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 if you need to decrease/discontinue your planned giving contribution, but mainly to let us know how we can support you.

QR CHECK-INS: If you do not have a smartphone, there is an alternative – Service NSW is launching personalised check-in cards.

The cards contain a unique QR code that holds a person's registered contact details.

When they attend a venue, a staff member can scan the card to register their attendance and details, rather than having them fill out a form.

The cards are available from [Service NSW online](#), or by calling 13 77 88

Happy Fathers day to all the dads and grandads in the parish

A father is neither
an anchor to hold us
back, nor a sail to
take us there, but a
guiding light whose
love show us the way

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