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Fr Peter Tien

Parish Priest



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME —YEAR A

Parish Bulletin

Sunday 6 September 2020

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-9

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

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 Adoration

5.30 pm - Tahmoor

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday - 8.30 am—Tahmoor

Thursday - 8.30 am—Tahmoor

Friday - 8.30 am—Tahmoor

Reconciliation (Confession)

By appointment only

Adoration: Tuesday: 5pm

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday

9.00a.m. - 3.00p.m.

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LIVING gospel

Facing the issue

It can be very difficult when we feel that someone has hurt us to actually go and speak to them about how we are feeling. It is so much easier to revel in our hurt or seek payback for the hurt. Sometimes we feel that we might ruin a friendship by speaking to our friend about a way in which they have hurt us. But a hurt that goes unaddressed will continue to hurt and will probably be repeated. This week's gospel reminds us of the need to challenge our friends when they hurt us but it also reminds us that when we have hurt others we need to be challenged about it and called to account for our actions.

NEXT WEEK: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Sirach 27:30-28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

DIRECT DEPOSITS: - can you please ensure that you use your name OR Planned Giving envelope number as a reference, so monies given can be recorded against your name.
Some have COVID19 as a reference, which does not allow proper recording of monies given.

**Diocese of Wollongong church buildings are
NOT OPEN for private prayer
Churches can be opened only for:
Masses, Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms and
Reconciliation**

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

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

READERS:

THIS WEEK

NEXT WEEK

Vigil: Sandra Ryan
7.30am: John Butler
9.30am: Margaret Foldes

Gail Hanger
Anne Cordingley
Olga Upton

CLEANERS:

Joanne McElgunn
June Paget
Frank Grima

Pauline Buttigieg
Maryanne Buttigieg

SACRISTY:

Gillian Dobson

Mary Gilbert

SPECIAL MINISTERS will not be rostered on during the pandemic

ACOLYTES are most welcome to serve on the altar

THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL –

in support of clergy care and parish ministries will be held on the weekend of 19/20 September

WEARING OF FACE MASKS—MESSAGE FROM

BISHOP BRIAN: “I encourage parishioners that whilst it is not mandatory to wear them, it is highly recommended to use masks when attending Mass.”

“Attendance Monitors should also be encouraged to use masks for the protection of themselves and parishioners, as physical distancing cannot always be maintained when carrying out their duties.”

BUSHFIRE AFFECTED: If you, or anyone from the parish you know, has been impacted by the bushfires please contact the parish office.

PARISH FETE

It is with heavy hearts that we, the fete committee, have decided to cancel the parish fete for 2020 due to Covid-19.

Our hope is that before the end of the year, things will look brighter and therefore we can commence planning a few community events. You are all in our prayers and we hope to see everyone again soon.

FACE MASKS—ST VINCENT DE PAUL: Fabric face masks are available for \$5 each, all proceeds to St Vincent de Paul, please phone Maura 0414856365

HEALING AFTER ABORTION Rachel's Vineyard Ministries Weekend Retreat offers women and men a sanctuary in which to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion in a safe, supportive, confidential, and non-judgmental environment. The next healing retreat will be held 4-6 December 2020. Join in an Online Reflection - Called to Life - a confidential free online individually guided reflection at a time to suit you. Please enquire about these programs at Rachel's Vineyard Ministries on their confidential number (voice mail): 0400 092 555 – more info at www.rachelsvineyard.org.au

SEASON OF CREATION: This month marks the commencement of the Season of Creation, commencing with a world day of prayer on 1 September and concluding with the feast day of St Francis of Assisi on 4 October. Join with Christians around the world in joyful celebrations, prayer, formation and activities that focus on our common home at <https://seasonofcreation.org/>

YOUTH MINISTRY ONLINE Catholic Youth Ministry Wollongong has launched LIVE - Check it out at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qdC-Q7_-OVY This is a great way for young people to build not only your faith but to build lasting friendships. To get in touch with the NET team and be part of this, simply follow the "CYMW" Facebook page or by Instagram at "wollongongnetteam"

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Marriage Enrichment Weekend 20 – 22 November 2020 at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville Learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love! Book online at www.wwme.org.au Alternatively contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or nswbookings@wwme.org.au

LATEST DIRECTIVES FROM BISHOP BRIAN

- 1) *The total number of people allowed to attend Mass is now replaced by the rules of social distancing—4 square metres of space for each person. Maximum allowed is 100*
- 2) *First time Mass goers must have their names and contact phone number recorded with the parish, prior to attending.
After that please have your named checked off when entering the church, on each occasion, that you attend.*

You are not required to pre register for weekday Mass.

Those who cannot attend Mass, can continue to nurture their faith through watching Mass on line or other prayerful means.

+ If you are 65years+ and have underlying health concerns or 70+ years please consider staying at home for your safety

+ Mass attendants must prove well and must use sanitizer when entering the Church.

+ When leaving please leave your kneeler down, so those areas can be cleaned.

+ Offering (Sunday Mass only) is to be placed in boxes provided (mounted on wall) at the entrances, as you enter the Church or after Mass, or ideally given through direct debit.

Collection plates will no longer be passed around to avoid spread of germs/viruses.

+ No longer holy water in the bowl at the entrance door.

+ Please do not touch any statues/paintings/icons

+ Not to shake hand at any event.

+ Holy Communion given into the hand only and in one line.

- 3) *Reconciliation/Confession: by appointment with Fr. Peter (his phone: 0406001540.)*
- 4) *Baptism: by appointment either on Saturday or Sunday*
- 5) *You are encouraged to install the COVID-19 App onto your mobile phone.*

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES are now available for collection from the back of the church. If you would like to join the planned giving with envelopes, please leave your name with the parish office.

They can also be collected on a Tuesday or Thursday, please call into the parish office, between 9am—3.00pm

There is a link on the front page of the parish website that goes to Diocese of Wollongong showing what Masses are on live.
www.stanthonypicton.org.au

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.

Importantly, we are mindful that some of our parishioners will sadly be experiencing a change in their financial circumstances.

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:

2nd collection—(all parish expenses)

Picton Parish

BSB 066-711

Account number: 001783

1st collection— (Priests & their living expenses)

Picton Presbytery

BSB: 066711

Account number: 002196

EILEEN O'CONNOR: The co-founder of *Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor : Australia* is one step closer to getting its next saint with the Vatican advancing the cause for Sydney woman Eileen O'Connor to the title Servant of God.

The next steps in Eileen O'Connor's path to sainthood are being recognised for having lived a life of heroic virtue (at that stage, she would be called Venerable), and then beatification, which requires a verified miracle (at that stage, she would be called Blessed). The final stage is canonisation, which requires a second miracle attributed to the candidate after beatification.

Two prayers for the beatification of Eileen O'Connor:

Great and Merciful God, through the maternal love of the Blessed Virgin Mary, you inspired your servant Eileen O'Connor, to care for the sick and dying poor and to serve your Church through spiritual and corporal works of mercy. Listen graciously to our prayers, and grant that Eileen may be raised to the glory of your altar. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Holy and loving God, we give you thanks for your faithful servant Eileen O'Connor. By your grace she united her sufferings to Christ and her prayers to Mary. With great patience she inspired and called other women to be devoted to the care of the sick and dying poor, both in body and in spirit. We humbly ask that the Little Mother, Eileen, who by her ceaseless prayer and suffering inspired others to live the Gospel, may be lifted up and counted among your saints in heaven. Graciously hear our prayers through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

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