



St Anthony's Parish Picton

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Fr Peter Tien
Parish Priest



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT —YEAR B

Parish Bulletin

Sunday 7 March 2021

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1-17

A reading from the book of Exodus
The Law was given through Moses..

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

SECOND READING: Corinthians 1:22-25

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
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GOSPEL: John 2:13-25

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

St Anthony's Church - Tahmoor

Saturday Vigil - 6.00 pm
Sunday - 7.30 am & 9.30 am

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

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 5.00—5.30pm
Please wear a face mask

Adoration: Tuesday: 5pm

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday

9.00a.m. - 3.00p.m.

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Israel believed that the temple was built over the navel of the universe, the *axis mundi*, that spot where the world above and the world below met the world of history, thus enabling the three worlds to communicate. When Jesus called himself the new temple, he was claiming to be the centre of the universe, the spot where three-way cosmic communication occurs, the presence of God in the midst of the community. When we accept him in faith, we are accepting these claims. We may profess this belief, but do our lives reflect it?

Although some consider the law a rigid set of precepts, it is really more a collection of directives that have grown out of the experience of life. To say that Jesus is the wisdom of God means that God's wisdom is made known in him and that he is the way that points to God. While laws often embody distinctive cultural values or customs, as wisdom of God, Jesus crosses cultural boundaries and breaks down cultural distinctions. As the wisdom of God, Jesus fulfils the expectations of any and all codes of law.

Both the law and the temple witness to the power of God in the lives of believers. However, both institutions pale in the light of Jesus who is identified as the power of God. This divine power is not revealed in lofty precepts or in magnificent stones, but rather in the broken and pierced body of Jesus Christ. How willing are we to accept him?



YEAR of SAINT JOSEPH

"Show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life"

DECEMBER 8, 2020 - DECEMBER 8, 2021

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 Marie Darlington, Christine Jupe, Janelle Clifton, Graeme Menser, Ross Spirou, Lesley Thompson, Mauro Mariano, John Debono, Melony Cox, Joanne McMahon, Daniel Clarke, Margaret Brown, Lesley Gardiner, James McNeil, Ian Macnamara, Stephanie Macnamara, Elizabeth Linsell

<u>READERS:</u>	<u>THIS WEEK</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK</u>
VIGIL:	GAIL HANGER	TRISH LINDNER
7.30AM:	DON TURVEY	JOHN MAHER
9.30AM:	TRUDY HANCOCK	MAREE GALEA

<u>CLEANERS:</u>	PAULINE BUTTIGIEG	COLIN DUNN
	MARYANNE BUTTIGIEG	

FLOWERS: NO FLOWERS DURING LENT

SACRISTY: GILLIAN DOBSON MARY GILBERT

SPECIAL MINISTERS will not be rostered on during the pandemic

ACOLYTES are most welcome to serve on the altar



PROJECT COMPASSION: Virtual Immersion

Each week during this Lenten season, Caritas Australia is holding Virtual Immersion opportunities for parishes via Zoom video conferencing. These digital engagements will allow participants to focus on prayer and reflection, Catholic Social Teaching and an interview and Q&A with Caritas International Program staff.

Sessions will run Tuesdays and Thursdays for one hour across Australia. You can register here for the [Virtual Immersion Schedule](#)

Project Compassion boxes and envelopes are available from the back of the church.

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Will be held in the church at 6pm, weekly, from Wednesday 3 March until Wednesday 24 March



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FIRST FRIDAY LUNCH—will be held on 12 March at 12 noon.

The change is for March only due to World Day of Prayer coinciding with the first Friday



ST ANTHONY'S SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2022

Kindergarten enrolments for 2022 are now open. If you have a child or know a family with a child starting school in 2022 please collect an enrolment form from the school office. Enrolments close on Friday 26 March.

DIOCESAN YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR – Catholic Diocese of Wollongong Suitably experienced and qualified persons are encouraged to apply for the role of Youth Ministry Coordinator in the Diocese of Wollongong. Applications close on Tuesday, 16 March. For more information and a detailed role description, please go to <http://dow.sh/CYMWJob> or for enquiries contact helen.bennett@dow.org.au.

DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG SET TO PRODUCE NETWORK TEN'S MASS FOR YOU AT HOME The Diocese of Wollongong is set to become the new producer of *Mass for You at Home*, beaming Mass into people's living rooms across the country each week from Easter Sunday, 2021.

Mass has been broadcast on free-to-air television for decades, providing spiritual nourishment for people who are not able to attend Mass in person for a range of reasons. With COVID-19 restrictions dramatically increasing the number of people in this situation, the need for virtually accessible worship services has never been greater.

Bishop of Wollongong, Most Rev Brian Mascord DD said the diocese was very excited to be entrusted with producing Mass for people who are homebound, without internet, or in prison, aged care facilities and hospitals, as well as those flicking through the channels on a Sunday morning.

LIVE LOCAL Attention High School students! LIVE Local is coming back and we are going to be better than ever! LIVE Local is a youth group ran by CYMW in the Macarthur Region. Where? St John the Evangelist Catholic Church Hall, Campbelltown When? Every Friday night! 7pm–9pm What to expect? Food, live music, games, prayer, and community! We look forward to seeing you there :) For more information, visit @cymdow on Facebook or Instagram.

CALLING ALL BUSINESS PEOPLE Catholic Business Connections (CBC) is an opportunity for business women and men in our diocese (active and retired) who share common values, to network and engage with each other and leaders representing the diocese. CBC gathers four times a year for lunch and to listen to guest speakers chosen to inspire with their unique story and share how they relate their work and spiritual life experience to the context of living in a modern world. The first luncheon for 2021 will be held on Thursday 25 March at Rydges Hotel, Campbelltown (11.45am-2pm). Guest Speaker Rosemary Kariuki Australian of the Year 2021 - Local Hero Rosemary’s warmth, courage and kindness inspire all who meet her. Her work was the subject of the documentary ‘Rosemary’s Way’. Rosemary resides in the Macarthur region and is a parishioner of St Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish at Oran Park. For more information on Rosemary and CBC visit www.cbc.dow.org.au or contact Debbie Gates, Diocesan Director of Development and Community Engagement (02) 4222 2446. RSVP for March luncheon is Thursday 18 March.

‘THE JOURNEY’ – This week: Monsignor Graham Schmitzer, Mother Hilda, Sr Susanna Edmunds, and Darren McDowell with reflections on engaging with Jesus’ zeal for the Father’s house – his zeal for us, our welfare and ultimate happiness, and restoring the wholeness of our relationship with God. The Journey available as a podcast at jcr.org.au

NEXT WEEK: Fourth Sunday of Lent —Year B
2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

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

ELECTRONIC PARISH PLANNED GIVING

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

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

LATEST DIRECTIVES FROM BISHOP BRIAN

- 1) *The total number of people allowed to attend Mass is now replaced by the rules of social distancing—2 square metres of space for each person. Maximum allowed is 200*
- 2) *First time Mass goers must have their names and contact phone number recorded with the parish, prior to attending, or register on arrival. 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

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.*

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