



## St Anthony's Parish Picton

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**Fr Peter Tien**  
Parish Priest



*Parish Bulletin*

Fifth Sunday of Easter — Year A

Sunday 7 May 2023

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders, in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

### FIRST READING: Acts 6:1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

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

### SECOND READING: Peter 2:4-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

*You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord;  
no one comes to the Father, except through me.  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: John 14:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*I am the way, the truth and the life.*

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.  
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty,  
alleluia.

### Next week's readings: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Pet 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

### ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH—TAHMOOR

**Saturday Vigil—5.00 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

*Arabic Mass 6pm, every 2nd Friday—  
May dates: 12th & 26th*

#### Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 4.00 pm—4.30 pm

#### Baptism and Marriage

Please contact the parish office.

**Adoration:** Tuesday 5.00 pm—

#### OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday 9am—3pm

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## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The gospel readings for the Sundays just before the feast of Pentecost are all taken from Jesus' last discourse in the Gospel of John. In them, Jesus prepares his followers for his death and resurrection and his ultimate exaltation.

This Sunday Jesus says that it is through his death that he goes to God. However, it is as he is raised up in crucifixion that he is exalted. The author of the epistle declares him 'chosen and precious in the sight of God' but it is as the stone that was rejected that he is so honoured. If we ever wonder how the exaltation of Jesus will effect us, we have Jesus' own words of explanation. He promises to go ahead of us and make arrangements for us to share in his exaltation in the house of the one he calls Father. All we need do is follow him.

Today's readings suggest that the exaltation of Jesus is most dramatically manifested in the character of the community of those called by his name. It is revealed in the way Christians settle their differences so that all parties are treated fairly. Jesus is the cornerstone upon which this community is built, and the community mirrors his influence in its life. Christians also participate in the exaltation of Jesus by spreading the good news to others. In Acts we see how the witness of life and the preaching of the word of God increased the number of believers.

### **PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:**

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

**ANNIVERSARY:** Sabatino Piperni

**RECENTLY DECEASED** : Margaret Brown

**PRAY FOR THE SICK** Eva Bastac, Florence Hinton, Debbie James, Jean Le Roux, Marie Darlington, Christine Jupe, Graeme Menser, Ross Spirou, Mauro Mariano, Melony Cox, Joanne McMahon, Daniel Clarke, James McNeil, Ian Macnamara, Stephanie Macnamara, Elizabeth Linsell

### **READERS:** THIS WEEK

VIGIL: TRISH LINDNER

8.30AM: MAREE GALEA

**CLEANERS:** PAULINE BUTTIGIEG & MARYANN BUTTIGIEG

**FLOWERS:** MURIELLE AZZI

**SACRISTY:** M A R Y G I L B E R T

### **MORNING TEA:**

KATE & JASON KNIGHT MEN OF THE PARISH  
(MOTHERS DAY)

**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.

### **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)  
Flyers available from the racks in the church foyer.

### **2023 PILGRIMAGE IN THE "FOOTSTEPS OF ST MARY MACKILLOP"**

You are invited to join Fr David Catterall (Parish Priest of St Mary MacKillop Parish, Oran Park) and fellow parishioners from across our Diocese and beyond on a pilgrimage in the footsteps of St Mary MacKillop. This pilgrimage (that departs Melbourne 16 October 2023 and returns Adelaide 26 October 2023) is a graced opportunity to set out together on a true Australian Pilgrimage through the life and times of Mary MacKillop, as we rekindle the story, landscapes, and spirit of our nations' first canonized saint. You can download the pilgrimage brochure at: <http://bit.ly/2023parishpilgrimage>

### **CATECHIST MEETING**

This is an important meeting, as we say thank you and farewell to some, welcome new Catechists and a new Catechist Co-ordinator.

**When:** Thursday 18 May

**At:** 10.00 am

**Where:** Parish Admin Centre

The meeting will be followed by morning tea.  
Hoping to see all Catechists on Thursday 18.

### **MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS – WALK FOR LIFE**

Friday 26 May 2023 Annual walk for life to raise PRAYERS for Australia for all life issues - the elimination of abortion, euthanasia, family breakdown, and to pray for Australia's Government. We unite our prayer with sacrifice and entrust everything to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

You are warmly welcome to join us praying along the Kiama Coastal Walk to Gerringong (13km). BYO Lunch, snacks, water, and hat. Support vehicle provided all the way, shuttle cars return pilgrims to Kiama.

**BENEFITS:** Mass. Prayer. Hymns. Exercise. Spectacular scenery. Joyful fellowship. Blessings in abundance.

**START:** 9:30am Kiama Catholic Church (Holy Mass)  
**FINISH:** 3:30pm Gerringong Catholic Church (Benediction, confession also available).

For information contact Gabriella De Battista, 0414 205 404

### **CENTENARY CELEBRATION FOR ST MICHAEL'S PARISH, THIRROUL**

St Michael's parish Thirroul will be celebrating the parish centenary on 28 October 2023 at 5.30pm. Mass with Bishop Brian Mascord followed by community picnic/BBQ in school grounds. Seeking parish stories and photos for a centenary publication. Please contact Judy Bull [judy.bull@bigpond.com](mailto:judy.bull@bigpond.com), 0407672417.

**THE JOURNEY:** 7 May 2023 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast On The Journey This Week: Fr Joshua Whitehead says that Philip's question in the Gospel, how can we know the way, is our question too. Mother Hilda says we must spend time staring at God. Plus, Fr Mike Delaney, Trish McCarthy and Fr Dave Callaghan, and some great contemporary Christian music. The Journey podcast is available at [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au)

## **AGEING WITH CONFIDENCE –**

### **FREE INFORMATION SESSIONS 9.00AM-12.30PM**

CatholicCare, with the assistance of the Committee for the Aged will be holding a **FREE** information session for Parishioners. Guest speakers will include representatives from My Aged Care, CatholicCare, local funeral director and solicitor.

When: Wednesday 10 May

Where: Campbelltown RSL, 1 Carberry Ln, Campbelltown NSW 2560

Morning tea provided.

To register, **Call:** 02 4227 1122

**Or online:** [www.catholiccare.dow.org.au/events](http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au/events)

For any other information contact Jane Hollier:

**Email:** [janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au](mailto:janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au)

**Call:** 0417 018 152

## **FREE TECHNOLOGY TRAINING FOR SENIORS**

Due to the popularity of the Cross + Generation technology program, **CatholicCare**, will again partner with St Benedict's Oran Park and **CEDoW** to help with the technology that you may be struggling with. Bring in your device, either your phone, laptop or tablet and the students will assist you with becoming more confident in downloading apps, sending messages or even using google maps.

The **first day will be Tuesday 9 May** from 12pm – 2.30 – this will include lunch on the day, a briefing chat followed by training.

The following dates will have afternoon tea provided.

Tuesday 16 May 1pm-2.30pm

Tuesday 23 May 1pm-2.30pm

Tuesday 30 May 1pm-2.30pm

Tuesday 6 June 1pm-2.30pm

Please join us in this unique opportunity to connect with seniors, and students for some information sharing in a fun relaxed setting at St Benedict's Catholic College Oran Park.

Places will fill quickly, so please contact Jane Hollier Parish and Community Officer **CatholicCare** on 0417018152 or [janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au](mailto:janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au)

## **MISSION: TRANSFORM LIVES - THEIRS...AND YOURS**

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**MEN'S ROSARY GROUP** – an Invitation to all Men Men from the Parish of Rosemeadow invite other men from around the Diocese to join with them on the last Tuesday of the Month to pray the Rosary, commencing at 7pm in Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church, Rosemeadow. Such men's groups are, at this time, springing up around the world to honour Our Lady and to pray for the Church and the World. Mass is celebrated at 6:30pm on Tuesday evening's and you are welcome to also attend this prior to the Rosary if you wish. For more information, please contact David at [djbarrett85@gmail.com](mailto:djbarrett85@gmail.com) or phone: 0410 487 630.

**menALIVE's – reFUEL** Weekly Sharing and Journaling Sessions— Every Tuesday 7.30pm reFUEL is a weekly hour-long gathering of men every Tuesday evening on Zoom providing the chance to: break open the Sunday reading using a Lectio Divina style exercise “catch up” with great men from across Australia and New Zealand. gain strength and inspiration by the witness of other men. pray as a group for individual needs and the needs of others. Join via this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88436558468>

## **UNDERSTANDING ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY**

Come for an introduction in Aboriginal Catholic Spirituality. Designed as an in-service for SRE Catechists, the talk will be open to all parishioners interested about learning more about Aboriginal Spirituality, and in particular the beautiful Aboriginal Art Resource: Sacrament Series by artist Donna Marie Sadler.

There are three options for attending the course, which will run at each location from 9:30am - 1:30pm:

- Nowra - Monday 8 May
- Campbelltown - 15 May
- Wollongong - 22 May

Morning Tea will be provided.

To register: <https://www.dow.org.au/events/understanding-aboriginal-catholic-spirituality/>

**CathFAMILY:** CathFAMILY brings you a selection of activities, prayer rituals, crafts, and recipes from their website to assist parents and grandparents in being the first educators in faith for their kids. Don't miss CathKids <https://cathfamily.org/cathkids-faith-unlimited/>



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