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Fr Peter Tien
Parish Priest



ST MARY OF THE CROSS —YEAR B

Parish Bulletin

Sunday 8 August 2021

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 17:7-16

The jar of meal shall not be spent .. And then word of the Lord spoken through Elias. And then the word of the Lord came to Elijah, 'Up and go to Zarephath, a Sidonian town, and stay there. I have ordered a widow there to give you food.' So he went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks. Addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please,' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel: "Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth."' The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:12-17

Bear with one another, forgive each other. You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you, and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful. Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

GOSPEL: Matthew 6:25-34

Do not worry about your life. I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat, nor about your body and what you are to wear. Surely life is more than food, and the body more than clothing! Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they are? Can any of you, however much you worry, add one single cubit to your span of life? And why worry about clothing? Think of the flowers growing in the fields; they never have to work or spin: yet I assure you that not even Solomon in all his royal robes was clothed like one of these. Now if that is how God clothes the wild flowers growing in the field which are there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, will he not much more look after you, you have so little faith? So do not worry; do not say, "What are we to eat? What are we to drink? What are we to wear?" It is the gentiles who set their hearts on all these things. Your heavenly Father knows you need them all. Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on God's saving justice, and all these other things will be given you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

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
St Lawrence, deacon, martyr
Wednesday - 8.30 am— NO MASS
Sr Clare, virgin
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.) **My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.**

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. (R.)
3. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)
4. On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (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: Fr Peter Caruana, Leone Kirton

PRAY FOR THE SICK John Bell, 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>

NEXT WEEK READINGS:

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary —Year B
Apoc 11:19, 12:1-6, 10; 1 Cor 15:20-26; Lk 1:39-56

We remember in our prayers Fr Peter Caruana and his family. Fr Peter passed away on 3 August, he was the former parish priest of Ingleburn.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES are now available for collection from the foyer of the church. (When Masses resume)

If you are not already in planned giving and would like to contribute to support the parish, please contact the parish office.

Giving can be done via the envelope system or by direct debit or credit card.

MEET ME IN THE MIDDLE: This retreat is based on Charles Peguy's Little Girl Hope from the book: "The Portal of the Mystery of Hope." Hope is both a virtue and a mystery. It is desirable yet elusive. Many dismiss it, misunderstand it, shrug it off and turn their backs on it, extolling faith and charity instead. Whilst faith and charity are absolutely critical in these times of uncertainty and fear in society, there is now a need for hope as never before since World War II. Begins 5 September, there are 6 conferences, with 2 being uploaded each week. Also included are questions for reflections. Cost \$250, to register: jamberoobbey.org.au/retreats/online-retreats

ST MARY'S TOWERS RETREAT CENTRE - Online LIVE Retreats - August 2021 The current COVID situation means that St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre is not able to run our usual August residential retreats. We are making the most of this time by introducing Online LIVE retreats using Microsoft Teams, as a special offering during the month of August. Please find attached our special program for August providing a range of retreats including day reflections and longer retreats. Spiritual accompaniment is available for all retreats and also for individual accompaniment at any time. Fees are negotiable. For more information and for bookings, email: contact@towersretreat.org.au

GET CONNECTED with what is on around the Diocese Every week, there are many great opportunities to be part of special events, courses, free resources and to nurture and encourage you and your family in your faith. A simple way of staying informed and connected is to subscribe at <https://dow.sh/stayingconnected>

CALL TO CONNECT - CATHOLIC WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Are you looking for an avenue of prayer and sharing the faith journey with a group of female friends, online or face to face? "Call to Connect" Catholic women's ministry is a ministry that offers prayer, hospitality and sharing the faith journey for women through its prayer/sharing group structure. Their aim is to strengthen the relationship between women and facilitate a deepening walk with God. There are Starter Kits available with all you need to form prayer/sharing groups. For more information contact Bronnie Schlager on calltoconnect.ministry@gmail.com

URGENT EUTHANASIA PETITION Take Urgent Action today to help save vulnerable lives – Raise your voice to protect life: Sign the Open Letter to the Premier today To help stop precious parliamentary time and health resources being diverted to those with a pro-death agenda, please consider taking two important steps today:

1. Please sign a petition to Premier Gladys Berejiklian, asking her to reject euthanasia and assisted suicide, and instead focus parliamentary time and precious health resources on repairing the social and economic cost of this latest outbreak. Sign the petition at:

https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/petition_2107_nsw_cas

2. Please email your NSW State Member of Parliament and ask them to oppose the introduction of these dangerous laws.

THE JOURNEY, 8 August 2021 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast On The Journey This Week: Fr Tony Alex MGL says life is about today. Plus, Mother Hilda on a broken heart, Michelle Vass uses the Psalms to pray, and Torrien Lau on being compassionate. Plus, more great music www.jcr.org.au

HUME DEANERY SAFEGUARDING TRAINING:

The Deanery Safeguarding Training session presented by the Office of Professional Standards and Safeguarding is an opportunity for volunteers and employees of the parish to be informed about child protection and general safeguarding measures (as they relate to vulnerable people). This session will be particularly relevant to those working with children, young people, and adults at risk. Sat 9th October 2021, 10am–12.30pm, located at the St John's Parish Hall Campbelltown (35 Cordeaux St, Campbelltown). **Registrations are essential and will close 1 week prior to each training date, to register please provide your contact details to your Parish Secretary**



REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Mary MacKillop

This Gospel *does not* say we should not worry about what *others* eat or drink or have to wear. In fact we will be judged on whether we gave 'the Least' food, shelter, companionship in illness or in prison (Mt 25).

In the mid-late 19th century, a young woman was very concerned with the plight of the poor and the marginalised in the colonies which later became the Commonwealth of Australia. Amongst the most obvious necessities of life for these 'least' was schooling of the young, as education is a proven path out of poverty.

So, this woman, whose most famous saying was 'never see a need without trying to do something about it', set about remedying that situation. Mary MacKillop established the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart principally to educate the poor.

She suffered excommunication for revealing sexual abuse of youngsters by a paedophile priest.

That was reversed five months later, but this all took its toll on her fragile health.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we may join St Mary of the Cross in Heaven, together with all the Josephite sisters who set their hearts on the Father's kingdom and His saving justice.

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
Churches can be opened only for:
Masses, Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms and Reconciliation

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

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