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Fr Peter Tien
Parish Priest



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER —YEAR C

Parish Bulletin

Sunday 8 May 2022

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Acts 13:14, 43-52

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
We are now turning to the gentiles

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

SECOND READING: Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse
The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep and mine know me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 10:27-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
I give my sheep eternal life.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

Next week's readings: Fifth Sunday of Easter —Year C
Acts 14:21-27; Rev 21:1-5; Jn 13:31-35

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

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 4.00 pm—4.30 pm

Adoration: Tuesday at 5.00 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday

9.00a.m. - 3.00p.m.

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Voice Followers

You and I are Gentiles – part of the non-Jewish world. We are the sort of Christians we are, because of St Paul. He became the strongest advocate of the grace that the early Christian community should be inclusive of all nations and tribes and ethnic groups on the face of the earth. We have not yet realised this potential.

What riches of intellectual traditions, cultural expressions, and organisational structure are we still to receive from the Chinese, the Korean, the Indonesians, the Africans, the Indian Catholics who are part of our 'Church without Borders'?

How do we maintain unity and identity amongst such diversity? By listening for the voice of the Good Shepherd, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

But it takes a good teacher to help us to hear The Voice in the clamour of life.

Some of those teachers may be found amongst the Bishops who carry a shepherd's staff. But at least in my experience the best assistant-shepherds have been my parents, and some others. They have helped me hear The Voice assuring me that I will never perish, that I will receive eternal life.

That is a Voice worth following! We could pause for a moment to get on the same wavelength as the Good Shepherd so as to echo His Voice in our lives.

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

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

ANNIVERSARY:

RECENTLY DECEASED :

PRAY FOR THE SICK Pat McCauley, Marie Darlington, Christine Jupe, Graeme Menser, Ross Spirou, Mauro Mariano, Melony Cox, Joanne McMahon, Daniel Clarke, Margaret Brown, James McNeil, Ian Macnamara, Stephanie Macnamara, Elizabeth Linsell

<u>READERS:</u>	<u>THIS WEEK</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK</u>
<u>VIGIL:</u>	TRISH LINDNER	BETH NOLAN
8.30AM:	TERESA CICHOCKI	MARG FOLDES
<u>CLEANERS:</u>	HELEN WILLIS & JEAN LE ROUX	PAULINE BUTTIGIEG MARY ANN BUTTIGIEG
<u>FLOWERS:</u>	MONIQUE SMITH VANESSA BOYD SUE SPITERI	CHRIS CARBURY
<u>SACRISTY:</u>	MARY GILBERT	GILLIAN DOBSON

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THE ROSARY

- Wednesday 5.00 pm

You are invited to join in praying the Rosary in the park in Thirlmere, opposite the shops and beside the tennis courts. To pray for an end to pandemic and peace in the world.

MASS ON T.V.

All Masses in the area have resumed. If you are unwell, Sunday Mass can be watched on Channel 10 at 6am



DO YOU ENJOY INTERESTING COMPANY?

Then this INVITATION is for you!!!

To be a part of St Anthony's Friendly Parish Working bee Saturday 14/05/2022, 8am start Morning tea is provided, casual conversation included free.

The task is Parish property maintenance, possible activities may include weeding, painting, paving, smoke alarm checks, concreting, grass cutting, edge trimming and stick removal. Other tasks available if numbers permit.

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES/ENVELOPES

Please ensure that all boxes and envelopes for Project Compassion are returned as soon as possible, so the money can be forwarded quickly to Caritas.

2022 PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

The Parish Sacramental Program is starting soon. Details will be distributed through the schools and will be available in the racks in The Foyer outside the Church. Please keep an eye out for them. The program starts with Eucharist (First Holy Communion) and there will be Parent ONLY meetings at 1.00pm OR 7.00pm on Tuesday 10th May OR 7.00pm on Wednesday 11th May.

Technology skills workshops Friday 3rd June before First Friday lunch

CatholicCare and the Being Connected network are teaming up to facilitate small group sessions aimed at assisting older Australians with improving their digital skills and knowledge. There will be a one off session held here at **St Anthony's Tahmoor, 10-12pm** followed by the parishioners and friends lunch. This is a great opportunity to learn new skills and connect with others. BYO laptop or tablet. Morning tea will be provided, and we encourage you to stay, bring a sandwich and continue the conversation.

For more information Jane Hollier, Parish and Community Liaison Officer
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Note: all NSW Health Covid 19 guidelines will be adhered to.

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POSITION VACANT: School Crossing Supervisor.

At St Anthony's Picton, permanent part-time role, 8.15am–9.15am, Monday to Friday, during school terms. Applications close Wednesday 18 May.

Please see flyer on noticeboard in foyer for more information.

To apply visit: jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au and search 'School Crossing Supervisors'

DISCOVERING GOD'S PLAN FOR OUR LIVES:

Vocations Event This Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, is known as "Good Shepherd Sunday", with a focus on Vocations. In our Diocese we are keenly aware of the need for more priests to serve our people now and into the future. However, the Bishop and Vocations Team want us all to go deeper than just "getting more priests" and rather to work together throughout our Diocese to create a "culture of vocation" (to borrow a phrase from St John Paul II). This will be a collaborative effort in our parishes, schools, and families, to ensure that every young Catholic will be actively seeking to discern how they are called to serve Christ and his people - whether in Marriage, Ordained Ministry, Religious Life or Single Life. The stronger this culture of vocation, the more we will find ourselves blessed with faithful priests and religious, inspiring marriages and generous single Catholics.

With this in mind, this Good Shepherd Sunday we are pleased to announce a Vocations Event with a panel addressing all 4 Vocations and an opportunity for Q and A. This will be a wonderful opportunity especially for young people to come together and learn how to hear and respond to God's call. There will be more details to follow but for now please invite anyone you think may be interested, and if you're interested RSVP as soon as possible!

DATE: Sunday 19th June

TIME: Light refreshments 1:30pm for 2pm start

PLACE: Xavier Centre, next to St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Wollongong,

RSVP: www.dow.org.au/events

We also give thanks for the Ordination to the Diaconate of James Arblaster last weekend, a truly joyful occasion for him and for our Diocese. Please continue to pray for him and for the 4 seminarians continuing their vocational journey with our Diocese – posters and prayer cards from the Diocese will help you to get to know their names and faces – and let's pray for all young people discerning their vocation, and for our Diocese as we continue to work together to build a culture of vocation.

Fr Duane Fernandez

URGENT EUTHANASIA PETITION Paper Version for Signing - Please urgently consider signing the petition opposing Euthanasia in NSW that is available for signing near the entrances to the Church. For more information contact Dominica Connor, Right to Life NSW on P: 02 9299 8350 or via www.righttolifensw.org.au

MAY RETREATS: ST MARY'S TOWERS, DOUGLAS PARK

- Sinews of the Heart 6 Days: 6-12 May \$930/ Weekend: 6-8 May \$310 (Presenter: Paul White)
- Men's Weekend - Journeys Homewards: 13-15 May 2022 \$310 (Presenter: Paul White)
- Living More Deeply in God - Praying with Ignatius of Loyola: 6 Days: 20-26 May \$930/ Weekend: 20-22 May \$310 (Presenters: Retreat Team)
- Seeing with Fresh Eyes: Encountering the Risen Christ: 6 Days: 27 May - 2 June \$930/ Weekend: 27-29 May \$310 (Presenter: Elizabeth Lee)

Enquiries: contact@towersretreat.org.au Phone 02 46300233 <https://www.towersretreat.org.au>

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS WALK FOR AUSTRALIA/WALK FOR LIFE

Friday 20 May 2022 We walk to raise PRAYERS for Australia for all life issues, the day before the Federal Election. You are warmly welcome to join us in our tenth year, praying along the Kiama Coastal Walk to Gerringong (13km). B.Y.O 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 Sue Hill: 0435 336 195 or Gabriella De Battista, (02) 4261 2500

LIVE LOCAL MACARTHUR CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY WOLLONGONG (CYMW)

is back with LIVE Local in the Macarthur, running every Sunday night in the school term from 6:15pm–8:15pm, at St John the Evangelist Parish Campbelltown. This regional youth group is for all Parishes and is open to young people aged 13–17 who want to make new friends and grow in their faith. Come along for snacks, games, formation, prayer, and music. For more information, please contact our deanery youth group coordinator, Luke Vail at luke.vail@dow.org.au For more details on youth groups, visit <https://www.dow.org.au/cymw/>

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