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Fr Peter Tien
Parish Priest



RESURRECTION OF THE LORD —YEAR A		Parish Bulletin	Sunday 9 April 2023
<p>FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-2:2 <i>God saw all he had made, and indeed it was good.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.</p> <p>SECOND READING: Exodus 14:15-15:1 <i>Tell the children of Israel to march on, to walk through the sea on dry ground.</i></p> <p>THIRD READING: Isaiah 55:1-11 <i>Come to me and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.</p> <p>EPISTLE: Romans 6:3-11 <i>Christ, having been raised from the dead, will never die again.</i></p> <p>GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10 <i>He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee.</i></p> <p>COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia.</p> <p>EASTER SUNDAY</p> <p>ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.</p> <p>FIRST READING: Acts 10:34, 37-43 <i>We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.</i></p> <p>RESPONSONSIAL PSALM: This the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.</p> <p>SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4 <i>Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.</i></p> <p>SEQUENCE:</p> <p>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; Let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!</p> <p>GOSPEL: John 20:1-9 <i>The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.</i></p> <p>COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.</p> <p>NEXT WEEKS READINGS: Second Sunday of Easter (of Divine Mercy) —YEAR A Acts 2:42-47; Pet 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31</p>		<p>WEEKEND MASS TIMES:</p> <p>St Anthony's Church - Tahmoor Saturday Vigil - 5.00 pm - from 15 April 2023 Sunday - 8.30 am</p> <p>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</p> <p><i>Arabic Mass 6pm, every 2nd Friday - April dates:</i></p> <p>Reconciliation (Confession) Saturday 4.00 pm—4.30 pm</p> <p>Adoration: Tuesday: 5.00 pm</p> <p>Douglas Park Sunday 9.00 am mass</p>	
		<p>OFFICE HOURS Tuesday & Thursday 9.00a.m. - 3.00p.m. Parish Phone 4683 2230</p> <p>Email: picton@dow.org.au Website: www.stanthonypicton.org.au Facebook: www.facebook.com/Pictonparish</p>	
		<p>SEQUENCE: Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!</p>	

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARY: Paul Wise, Sandra Wise

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, Margaret Brown, James McNeil, Ian Macnamara, Stephanie Macnamara, Elizabeth Linsell

READERS: THIS WEEK NEXT WEEK
VIGIL: EASTER ROSTER LISA BRUFFER

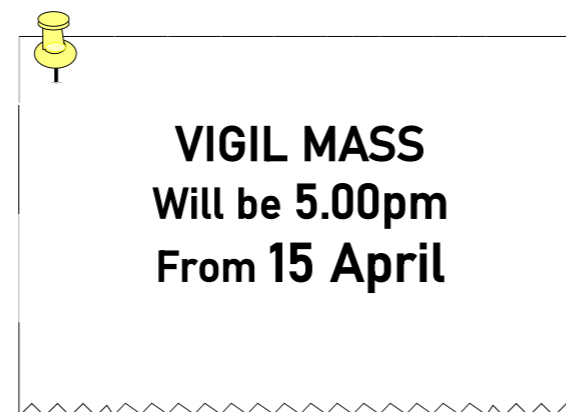
8.30 am EASTER ROSTER JEFF BROWN

CLEANERS PAULINE BUTTIGIEG THERESE NEILSON &
MARYANN BUTTIGIEG CHRIS NEILSON

FLOWERS SUE SPITERI MONIQUE SMITH &
VANESSA BOYD

SACRISTY MARY GILBERT

MORNING TEA: EASTER SUNDAY DIANA & TONY INGREY



EASTER VIGIL	
Commentator	Teresa Cichocki
1st reading No 1 Genesis: 1:1—2:2	Trish Lindner
2 nd Reading (<i>no psalm</i>) No 3 Exodus 14:15-15:1	Gail Hanger
3 rd Reading & Psalm No 5 Isaiah 55:1-11	Katrina Collimore
Epistle Romans 6:3-11	Paul Wyatt
Responsorial Psalm	Said by congregation
Prayers of the Faithful	Sophia De Zilva
EASTER SUNDAY 8.30	
1 st Reading Acts 10: 34, 37-43 and Psalm	Lisa Bruffer
2 nd Reading Colossians 3:1-4 & Intercessions	Maree Galea
Sequence	All say together

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THANK YOU TO THE LITURGY TEAM
AND ALL OTHERS INVOLVED for all your hard work, planning, organising and working together to make Holy Week a special time for the parish.

THE JOURNEY, 9 APRIL 2023 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast On The Journey This Week: Easter Sunday reflections from Fr Mark De Battista and Mother Hilda, plus Fr Mike Delaney, Trish McCarthy and a faith testimonial by Eddy Ferry from menALIVE, and some great contemporary Christian music. The Journey podcast is available at www.jcr.org.au



**Easter Sunday
9 April**



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COMPASS: CATHOLIC FAMILY CAMPING WEEKENDS for 2023 19-21 May (Book now!) 27-29 October 2023 (Save the Date) Guntawang Catholic Youth Centre, Sheehys Creek Road, Oakdale (15 minutes from Picton). Stay in your tent, camper or van – with dorm accommodation also an option. The weekend is designed to unite families of every age, including couples with or without children, single parents with their children, and grandparents, all to celebrate the incredible gift of family life. We will be nurtured by each other's company and emboldened as families to witness to living life to the full in our world, a key hope articulated by Pope Francis for families. There will be shared meals, games, music, prayer, and Sunday Mass led by Bishop Brian Mascord. To avoid missing out on this incredible opportunity, contact us now to secure your spot. Cost: \$30 per adult or \$70 per family (Regardless of size) Enquiries or to register your interest: Jude Hennessy 4222 2407 or jude.hennessy@dow.org.au)

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.

More information to come.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY AT ST COLUMBKILLE'S CORRIMAL 1:30pm – 5:00pm Sunday 16 April 2023 Come and join us at St Columbkille's Corrimal to celebrate the feast of Divine Mercy Sunday, 16 April 2023. The celebration starts at 1:30pm with a period of devotion and reconciliation, which helps prepare us for the Divine Mercy Mass that follows at 3:00pm. We will also have the opportunity to pray with a first-class relic of St Faustina. The music will be led by Gabriella De Battista. There will be an afternoon Tea to follow Mass (please bring a plate to share, if possible.)

May the peace of the risen Christ be with all those you love and all those who need God's healing and forgiveness. The Lord has truly risen! May the gift of his life-giving peace be with you all!

The Divine Gardener

In the first Preface for Easter, we hear the words:

*“....at all times to acclaim you,
O Lord, but on this day above all
to laud you yet more gloriously,
when Christ our Passover has
been sacrificed.”*

Through this celebration of Easter, we are overcome with paschal joy and our churches resound with celebration and praise to our God whose love has destroyed death forever and filled us with the life of the Resurrection!

This Easter celebration beckons us to approach the empty tomb and encounter the risen Jesus, “The true Lamb who has taken away the sins of the world” (Preface I for Easter). It is no accident that St John's account of Easter tells us that his crucifixion and burial occurred in the same garden (Jn 19:41), for to meet the risen Jesus, we cannot bypass the Cross. Our celebration occurs in the shadow of the Cross and Christ's victory for us—evidenced by the empty tomb. We cannot have one without the other.

On that first day of the week when Mary Magdalene goes to the tomb, she, in her grief, mistakes the risen Jesus for a gardener (Jn 20:11–18). Perhaps Mary was not mistaken. In many sacred artworks depicting this scene, Jesus is shown with the weeping Mary, a shovel or spade in hand, as if he is already set to work. But what is he working on? Jesus becomes a gardener, not of a physical place but of our hearts. Just as Adam, through the curse of sin, was destined to work the land for food, Jesus, the New Adam, through his victory over sin, becomes our food, the Eucharist. Jesus, the Divine Gardener, comes to dwell in us—nourishing and feeding, pruning the branches that have become wild, and binding up all that is weak and broken—because he loves us and sees in us a garden that can, and will, bear fruit under the guidance of his gentle hand.

He does this for us individually, but he also tends the garden of our communities. Will we let him make something ever more beautiful with us? Will we allow him to transform, nourish, guide and heal us? Can we become a place that draws people to the Good News of the garden where sin and death were conquered by Love himself? Is this not what it means to be “bearers of Christ's love”?

My prayer for you and us this Easter season is that we would allow the Divine Gardener to do in us what he did for those disciples who had walked from the Cross and discovered the empty tomb: till the soil of our hearts and communities and allow us to bear fruit in his timing.

May he who is risen from the dead and alive in our Church bless you all at this time and always.

Amen! Alleluia!

Yours in Christ
Most Rev Brian G Mascord DD Easter 2023

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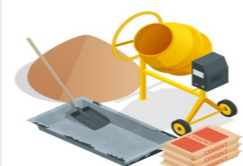
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