

love
each other
as I have
loved you.
John 15:12

St Anthony's Parish Picton

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Fr Peter Tien
Parish Priest



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER—YEAR B

Parish Bulletin

Sunday 9 May 2021

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: the Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

SECOND READING: John 4:7-10

A reading from the first letter of St John

God is love.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

And who love me will keep my words,

And my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Next week Readings: **The Ascension of the Lord— Year B**
Acts 1:1-11; Eph 4:1-13; Mk 16:15-20

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—Adoration

5.30 pm— Tahmoor

Wednesday - 8.30 am—Tahmoor

Thursday - 8.30 am—Tahmoor

Friday - 8.30 am—Tahmoor

St Matthias, apostle

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 4.00—4.30pm

Please wear a face mask

Adoration: Tuesday: 5pm

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday

9.00a.m. - 3.00p.m.

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REFLECTION by POPE FRANCIS

During this Easter season, the Word of God continues to point out to us the *styles of life* that are consistent with being the *community of the Risen One*. Among these, today's Gospel presents us with Jesus' instructions: "*abide in my love*" (Jn 15:9): to abide in Jesus' love. To live in the flow of God's love, to take up permanent residence there, is the condition to ensure that our love does not lose its ardour and boldness along the way. Like Jesus and in him, we too must welcome with gratitude the love that comes from the Father and abide in this love, trying to avoid being separated from it by egoism and sin. It is a demanding project but it is not impossible.

We are loved by God in Jesus Christ who asks us to love one another as he loves us. But we cannot do this if we do not have his same Heart within us. The Eucharist, in which we are called to participate every Sunday, has the aim of forming the Heart of Christ within us, so that our entire life may be guided by his generous attitudes. May the Virgin Mary help us to remain in Jesus' love and to grow in our love towards all, especially the weakest, so as to correspond fully to our Christian vocation.



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: John Debono

PRAY FOR THE SICK John Bell, Leone Kirton, 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

VIGIL: SANDRA RYAN
7.30AM: ANNE CORDINGLEY
9.30AM: JEFF BROWN

NEXT WEEK

SOPHIA DE ZILVA
DON TURVEY
TRUDY HANCOCK

CLEANERS: MARYANNE BUTTIGIEG
PAULINE BUTTIGIEG

COLIN DUNN

FLOWERS: SUE SPITERI

CHRIS CARBURY

SACRISTY: MARY GILBERT

GILLIAM DOBSON

SPECIAL MINISTERS will not be rostered on during the pandemic

ACOLYTES are most welcome to serve on the altar

AS DIRECTED BY NSW HEALTH— FROM 5PM THURSDAY 6 MAY TO MIDNIGHT MONDAY MASKS ARE COMPULSARY WHEN INDOORS AND NO SINGING IS ALLOWED.

POSITION VACANT: Senior Executive Assistant to the Bishop– Catholic Diocese of Wollongong Suitably experienced and qualified persons are encouraged to apply for the role of Senior Executive Assistant to the Bishop in the Diocese of Wollongong. For more information and a detailed role description, please go to <http://dow.sh/execbishop> or for enquiries contact helen.bennett@dow.org.au

BINGO IS BACK!

Bingo at Tahmoor Inn is on every Thursday at 11am, everyone is welcome.



THE 5TH NATIONAL COUNT OF ATTENDANCE AT MASS and Sunday Assemblies will be conducted in May 2021. All Catholic dioceses and parishes are urged to take part.

It is intended that the 2021 count will be conducted in all parishes and other Mass centres, such as migrant community centres, throughout Australia. The count will be as comprehensive as possible and include people of all ages at Mass (including babies), and other types of Sunday Assemblies. This year, parishes will also be asked to provide estimates of the age and sex of those who attend Mass and Sunday assemblies.

Week 1 & 2 – number of attendees

Week 3 – number and sex of attendees

Week 4 – number and age brackets of attendees

CURSILLO IN WOLLONGONG will be holding a Three-Day Weekend at beautiful Hartzler Park Retreat Centre (Near Moss Vale) from Thursday evening 1st July to Sunday afternoon 4th July 2021 for both women and men. Listen to talks and join in small group discussion with women or men from Wollongong Diocese and discover a way to live the Gospel in everyday life refreshed and with friends. To find out more please ring Denise on 0438254139 or email denisedamore0@gmail.com

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

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 second luncheon for 2021 will be held on Thursday 27 May at City Beach Function Room, Wollongong (11.45am - 2pm). Guest Speaker - Damien Leith, first captured everyone's attention when he won Australian Idol in 2006. Since then, he has made his mark as a singer, songwriter, producer, author, playwright and tv/radio host personality and now calls the Illawarra home. Damien's topic will be connecting through creativity and music. For more information on Damien and CBC visit www.cbc.dow.org.au or contact Debbie Gates, Diocesan Director of Development and Community Engagement (02) 4222 2446. RSVP for May luncheon is Thursday 20 May.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2021 The Plenary Post is the e-newsletter of the Plenary Council. For the latest Plenary Post please visit <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/plenary-post/>

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PILGRIMAGE WALK for Australia 2021 Friday 21 May - Saturday 22 May
We walk to raise PRAYERS for Australia. We walk in a spirit of joy, knowing that prayer united with sacrifice, makes prayer more effective. You are warmly welcome to join us on either day or both days. Support vehicle provided all the way. Shuttle cars return to start on both days. Prayer books provided. Donations gratefully accepted. For information contact Sue Hill: 0435 336 195 or Gabriella De Battista, (02) 4261 2500

MENALIVE MEN'S WEEKEND Rediscover God's Presence and Purpose for your Life 12-13 June 2021, St Patrick's Church Catholic Church (Hall) 42 O'Donnell Street, Port Kembla The menALIVE Men's Weekend is an opportunity for all men from 18 years of age to explore what makes them feel fully alive. The experience of the weekend is powerful and dynamic, and many men are inspired and encouraged with a new sense of purpose and mission. Experienced leaders from menALIVE Team will be running the weekend. Register via brochure or online www.dow.org.au/events Enquiries: Helen Bennett (Diocesan Contact) 4222 2403; Anthony Rewak (Parish Contact) 0488 233 078 or Ian Boorman (menALIVE Contact) 0427 006 021

LATEST COVID DIRECTIVES

- *The total number of people allowed to attend Mass is 200 at St Anthony's Tahmoor*
- *Use of QR code is the preferred method of registering for each Mass.*
- *If unable to attend Mass, it can be viewed on line, or other prayerful means.*
- *Please only attend Mass if you are well.*
- *Please leave the kneeler down when leaving Mass, to allow for easy cleaning.*
- *Collections are still not being taken up, please place offerings in the boxes mounted on the wall or giving can be done by direct debit, please contact the office for details.*
- *Holy water fonts still not being used.*
- *Please do not touch any statues or icons*
- *The sign of peace is still not by hand shaking*
- *Holy Communion will only be given into the hand*
- *Reconciliation is via appointment with Fr Peter (his phone: 0406001540) or on Saturdays between 5pm – 5.30pm*
- *Baptisms by appointment only either on Saturday or Sunday*
- *You are encouraged to install the COVID-19 App onto your mobile phone.*



Happy Mother's Day to all mums as we here in Australia celebrate Mother's Day. Different parts of the world celebrate mother's Day on different dates in the year, but whatever date it is celebrated; it is no coincidence that Christ used the image of an unconditionally loving parent to describe an essential characteristic of God's nature. What better example of unconditional love can be witnessed than the love of a Mother or a Father for their cherished child? Christ wants us to know and experience the deep and abiding love that God has for us, in calling us God's daughters and sons. This weekend we pray for all Mothers, that they may be blessed for their goodness, kindness and self-forgetting love.

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