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**Fr Peter Tien**  
Parish Priest



**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER —YEAR A**

*Parish Bulletin*

Sunday 10 May 2020

### **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**

*Brothers and sisters in the risen Lord,*

*As the world observes and celebrates Motherhood this weekend, I'd like to wish every mother of the parish a happy day surrounded by your children and grandchildren.*

*I will pray and offer Mass for your wellbeing with a special blessing as below:*

***God our heavenly Father,***

***Listen to our prayer for our mothers and grandmothers and grant them your blessings.***

***Bless them with the strength of your love - those who have taught their children 'how to stand and walk, how to speak and sing and how to pray and believe in you.' Bless them with good health and joy!***

***We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

*Kind regards with Easter blessings!*

*Fr. Peter Tien.*

Lord, let your  
**Mercy**  
be on us, as  
we place our  
**Trust**  
in you.

**PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:**

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

**RECENTLY DECESASED:** Leo Bice, Ray Mason, John Prey

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

**PRAY FOR THE SICK** Christine Jupe, Janelle Clifton, Peter Wood, Graeme Menser, Ross Spirou, Lesley Thompson, Mauro Mariano, Mary McMahan, John Debono, Melony Cox, Joanne McMahan, Daniel Clarke, Margaret Brown, Lesley Gardiner, James McNeil, Ian Macnamara, Stephanie Macnamara, Jim Matthews, Elizabeth Linsell

**WANTED:** Is there any parishioner who does small engraving jobs? If you are able to assist the parish, please phone or email the parish office.

**PRAY WITH POPE FRANCIS** throughout May for an end to the Pandemic.

Pope Francis has asked Catholics to make a special effort in May to pray the Rosary, knowing that by doing so they would be united with believers around the world asking for Mary's intercession in stopping the coronavirus pandemic. Pope Francis has written two prayers that can be recited at the end of the rosary, prayers he said he would be reciting "in spiritual union with all of you."

Prayer to recite at the end of the rosary

O Mary,

You shine continuously on our journey  
as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,  
who, at the foot of the cross,  
were united with Jesus' suffering,  
and persevered in your faith.

"Protectress of the Roman people",  
you know our needs,  
and we know that you will provide,  
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,  
joy and celebration may return  
after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father  
and to do what Jesus tells us.

For he took upon himself our suffering,  
and burdened himself with our sorrows  
to bring us, through the cross,  
to the joy of the Resurrection.

Amen.

*We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God; Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin*

**THE EUCHARIST - EXPLORING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH**

Mondays 1st – 22nd June or Fridays 5th – 26th June all at 4pm via Zoom Video Conferencing.

We are all missing the Eucharist - but what does this mean? What are we missing? In this four-part online series, we'll refresh and deepen our understanding of the Eucharist and its relevance for our lives using online video material from Bishop Robert Barron. We will explore Eucharist as Real Presence, as Sacrifice and as Meal and look at how we can prepare and get more out of our participation in this celebration. For more information and registration please email [darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au](mailto:darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au)

**MASS WITH THE DIOCESE:**

During this period of time where Masses in the diocese are suspended, it is important to know that you have not been abandoned by the Church. Members of the faithful are urged to keep holy the Lord's Day by making an act of Spiritual Communion, a well-established devotional practice of uniting one's self in prayer with Christ's sacrifice when circumstances prevent one from receiving holy Communion. Sunday Mass online available at [www.dow.org.au](http://www.dow.org.au) and on the diocese's Facebook page [www.facebook.com/WollongongCatholic](http://www.facebook.com/WollongongCatholic) with Bishop Brian Mascord and other priests from the diocese.

**BOOKS**

Need some new reading material? There are books available in the shack. Some books also for those schooling from home. Please take what you require and leave tidy and covered up.

**THE DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG WEEKLY PODCAST –**

'The Journey' – 10 April 2020. Listen in this week for as we hear again in the Easter Series of Gospel reflections from Fr Mike Delaney, Mother Hilda Scott from the Abbey and other short talks from some of Australia's best Catholic presenters as we celebrate the Easter season in isolation. Uploaded every Friday for free download – go to [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au)

**ADORATION LIVESTREAMED** Wednesday nights

The NET Team will be hosting a Holy Hour every Wednesday at 6:30pm. This will be a time set aside for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

This will be broadcast via This will be broadcast via: Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/cymdow/> Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/wollongongnetteam/>



**YOUTH ADULT ONLINE SMALL GROUPS** In the incoming weeks, the NET Team will be inviting all young adults ages 18-35 to join our Faith Circles on Zoom. Faith Circles is a weekly young adult small group that brings together people of faith whether you just started your journey or one who is open to an encounter with Jesus Christ, this is done by sharing of the Gospel and reflecting upon in it. This is a great way to build not only your faith but to build lasting friendships. To get in touch with the NET team and be part of this, simply follow the "CYMW" CYMW facebook page or by Instagram at "wollongongnetteam"

**POSITION VACANT:** The Chancery of the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay is recruiting for the role of Director, Office for Evangelisation. This is a full-time role based at Pennant Hills. The Director supports Bishop Anthony Randazzo to achieve his pastoral priorities; provides strategic direction; and leads the Office for Evangelisation to meet present and future opportunities for Christian mission. The Office for Evangelisation works across the areas of Pastoral Planning, Sacramental Life, Liturgy and RCIA, Life, Marriage and Family; Catholic Life, Mission, and Faith Formation; Catholic Youth and Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. It works closely with the parishes of the Diocese and provides significant support as they carry out the mission of the Catholic Church.

For the full advertisement see the Positions Vacant page of the Broken Bay Diocesan website: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positionsvacant>

### **ELECTRONIC PARISH PLANNED GIVING**

Given that all non-essential travel has been cancelled, some parishioners who support our parish planned giving envelope program have asked how they can continue to financially support the parish. So, we respectfully encourage all parishioners to join our electronic parish planned giving program to help us ensure that we limit the financial pressure this current situation will impose on our parish.

Importantly, we are mindful that some of our parishioners will sadly be experiencing a change in their financial circumstances. Please contact the Parish Office (4683 2230 or [picton@dow.org.au](mailto:picton@dow.org.au)) if you need to decrease/discontinue your planned giving contribution, but mainly to let us know how we can support you.

If you would like to commence giving by direct debit or via credit card, new forms are available for you to complete, they are available in the racks in the foyer of the church, or they can be emailed to you.

### **ALTERNATIVE:**

2nd collection—(all parish expenses)

Picton Parish

BSB 066-711

Account number: 001783

1st collection— (Priests & their living expenses)

Picton Presbytery

BSB: 066711

Account number: 002196

*If you are giving electronically, please use your name or envelope number as a reference, so the contributions can be allocated to you.*

### **CATHOLICCARE:**

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These are challenging times for everyone and CatholicCare are here to support you and your family to navigate the uncertainty. We offer confidential online and phone counselling to support you with the frustration of managing family emotions, relationship pressures and employment changes. To find out more about CatholicCare's counselling service call us on 4254 9395 or email [intakeservice@catholiccare.dow.org.au](mailto:intakeservice@catholiccare.dow.org.au)

### **PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2020:**

The sacramental has been suspended. But we would like to be ready to run the programs later this year if it becomes possible. So, we are asking anyone, who has children that they wish to attend a Parish Sacramental Program this year, to contact the parish office, wither by phone or email (preferably email) to register your interest in having your child or children attend a Parish Sacramental Preparation program (Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation) this year. It is important that you register, as there may not be a great deal of time for preparation programs later in the year and if we do not already have your child's name they may miss out.

### **A VOCATION VIEW**

Fourth Sunday of Easter (5/3/20) 'Repent and be baptized!' Our life as Christian disciples is a constant conversion to the Lord; we must constantly live out the commitments made at our own Baptism. (Acts 2:38). If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez at [vocations@dow.org.au](mailto:vocations@dow.org.au) or our new Vocations video at <https://www.dow.org.au/covid-19/sunday-mass-online-withbishop-brian/>

### **OFFICE HOURS**

**Tuesday & Thursday**

9.00a.m. - 3.00p.m.

**Parish Phone** 4683 2230

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

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