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**Fr Peter Tien**  
Parish Priest



**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**DIVINE MERCY — YEAR B**

*Parish Bulletin*

Sunday 11 April 2021

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia

**FIRST READING:** Acts 4:32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles  
*The whole group was united, heart and soul.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

**SECOND READING:** John 5:1-6

A reading from the first letter of St John  
*Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;  
happy those who have not seen me, but still believe.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** John 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
*After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

Next week Readings: **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER— Year B**  
Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 John 2:1-5; Lk 24:35-48

**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

**Reconciliation (Confession)**

Saturday 5.00—5.30pm  
*Please wear a face mask*

**Adoration:** Tuesday: 5pm

**OFFICE HOURS**

**Tuesday & Thursday**

9.00a.m. - 3.00p.m.

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**REFLECTION** by Fr Michael Tate

**Thomas the Doubter seeing the wounds**

The true believers in the Risen Christ kept Thomas the Doubter within their circle, rather than expelling him. This gave him a further opportunity to experience the very Real Presence of the Risen Lord and his gift of peace. Companionable patience is our best response to those struggling with belief in even fundamental tenets of the faith.

Thomas saw that the wounds of Christ were still present, not obliterated. Does this suggest that our redeemed bodies will bear the marks of the wounds unjustly inflicted on us? However, they will not be disabling to our personality because they will be incorporated into the resurrection life of Christ. Incredibly, our self-inflicted wounds, i.e. our sins, will be obliterated in the mercy of God.

Pope Francis emphasises that it was in responding to the invitation to touch the wounds of Christ that Thomas understood Christ's true identity, exclaiming: 'My Lord and my God'. It is only by touching the wounds of Christ in many different people in many different situations that we can authentically make the same act of faith.

We could take a moment to pray for the strength to touch the wounds of Christ in others, 'the least'. And we could pray that, wounded as we may be by the vagaries and injustices of life, we may be liberated from their evil effects as the Risen Lord adopts our wounds as his own.



# 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:** Ray Mason, Sandra Wise

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Janelle Clifton

**PRAY FOR THE SICK** Marie Darlington, Christine Jupe, Graeme Menser, Ross Spirou, Lesley Thompson, Mauro Mariano, John Debono, Melony Cox, Joanne McMahon, Daniel Clarke, Margaret Brown, Lesley Gardiner, James McNeil, Ian Macnamara, Stephanie Macnamara, Elizabeth Linsell

<b>READERS:</b>	<b>THIS WEEK</b>	<b>NEXT WEEK</b>
VIGIL:	TRISH LINDNER	BETH NOLAN
7.30AM:	JOHN MAHER	DON TURVEY
9.30AM:	OLGA UPTON	KATRINA BOUSTANI
<b>CLEANERS:</b>	PAULINE BUTTIGIEG MARYANNE BUTTIGIET	COLUN DUNN
<b>FLOWERS:</b>	CHRIS CARBURY	SANDRA RYAN
<b>SACRISTY:</b>	MARY GILBERT	GILLIAN DOBSON

**SPECIAL MINISTERS** will not be rostered on during the pandemic

**ACOLYTES** are most welcome to serve on the altar

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



**PROJECT COMPASSION:** Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2021. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au) to make your donation online.

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## **BINGO IS BACK!**

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

## **PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2021:**

The Parish Sacramental Program for 2021 starts in early May. Details of the program are available in the racks in the church foyer. We are starting with Eucharist (First Holy Communion) To be eligible for First Holy Communion your child should be at least in Year 3 at school and have participated in a Reconciliation Program. You will need to attend one of Four PARENT ONLY meetings at 2.00pm OR 7.30pm on Tuesday 4th May OR 2.00pm OR 7.30pm on Wednesday 5th May. Enrolment forms will be completed at these meeting so please have your child's Baptismal details with you. You will need to register and book in for the meetings beforehand at the church office by phone or Email. The office hours and Email address are on the front of this bulletin. We are hoping to have the Sacrament at the Feast of Corpus Christi on the 5th/6th June, but it will depend on the state of the COVID restrictions in place at that time.

**CURSILLO IN WOLLONGONG** will be holding a Three-Day Weekend at beautiful Hartzler Park Retreat Centre (Near Moss Vale) from Thursday evening 1<sup>st</sup> July to Sunday afternoon 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:denisedamore0@gmail.com)

**6 Day Retreat** 23-29 April 2021 “Become Like Water” Fr John Armstrong. This retreat will notice how we are called to be participants in the life of grace by reflecting on the Mysteries of Light and where we notice the waters of baptism welling up within us, inviting us to enter the river of life: Cost for 6 day Retreat: \$870 (**Prayer Weekend 23-25 April: \$290**) St. Mary’s Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park. Download the Form from our Website: <http://towersretreat.org.au> or RSVP Ph:46300233 OR Email [contact@towersretreat.org.au](mailto:contact@towersretreat.org.au)

**INCREASING THE EXPERIENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT** in Your Parish, Wednesday 21st April, 7:00pm. Zoom Webinar The Holy Spirit wants to animate our lives and impact the ministries of Catholic leaders. How do we respond to this call? How can we help people in our parishes experience the Holy Spirit in a profound way? Relying on the power of the Holy Spirit is one of the three keys of Divine Renovation since we know that parish renewal cannot happen without his power. Join us for a webinar with Deacon Peter Pellicaan Executive Director, Evangelisation Brisbane, and Kevin Bailey AM as they discuss how to increase the experience of the Holy Spirit in your parish. To register go to: Devine Renovation Ministry on the internet

**BIBLE STUDY IS BACK!** CYMW are holding Bible Study every Tuesday night, 6:30pm to 8pm at Mater Dolorosa Catholic Church, Balgownie (47 Balmoral St, Balgownie NSW 2519) Young Adults 17-35, BYO bible and we will supply the snacks!! We look forward to seeing you there! For more information, visit @cymdow on Facebook or Instagram.

**PLENARY COUNCIL 2021** With just over 180 days before the historic Plenary Council 2021, you can keep up to date by accessing the Plenary Post on the Plenary Council website <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au>

**Diocese of Wollongong church buildings are NOT OPEN for private prayer**  
**Churches can be opened only for:**  
**Masses, Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms and Reconciliation**

**THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH** Pope Francis on December 8, 2020 published an Apostolic Letter *Patris corde* (With a Father’s Heart), commemorating the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. You are encouraged to visit the ACBC year of St Joseph page at <https://www.catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph> including Monthly reflections on various aspects of St Joseph's life and character and prayers.

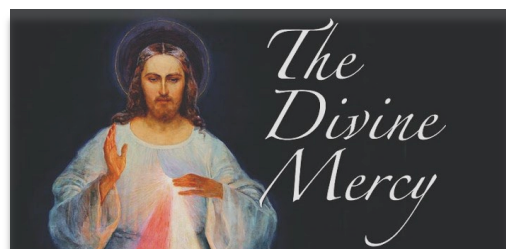
**SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT** Even the relationship with the created universe and human activity aimed at tending it and transforming it, activity which is daily endangered by man ‘s pride and his inordinate self-love, must be purified and perfected by the cross and resurrection of Christ. – Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church - Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace

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**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 sill 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 you mobile phone.*

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