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**Fr Peter Tien**  
Parish Priest



**EASTER SUNDAY —YEAR A**

*Parish Bulletin*

Sunday 12 April 2020

*Brothers and sisters in the Lord!*

*Easter is more than a holiday period: it is a time to celebrate our faith in Jesus – this celebration is above all other celebrations in the whole year.*

*On Easter Sunday, we celebrate the rising of Jesus from death to life. His rising is our hope of rising from our own death to eternal life.*

*We are the children the Resurrection of the Lord, that is, we are the children of hope for others in the world. The corona virus can harm anyone but can't kill off our faith and our hope in the Lord, as St. Paul reminds us, 'nothing can take away God's love for us and our love for him.'*

*At this time, we remember and pray for all who died from the virus and for all who have been infected. May the Lord bring healing to them.*

*As Christians, we are the tokens of hope for the world.*

*Happy Easter!*

*Fr. Peter Tien.*

### HOLY WEEK

As we prepare for Holy Week, Bishop Brian Mascord, will be celebrating simplified online Masses and liturgies that will be livestreamed on our YouTube channel <https://dow.sh/> YouTube, Facebook page <https://facebook.com/WollongongCatholic> and website [www.dow.org.au](http://www.dow.org.au).

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*online* with Bishop Brian Mascord

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**PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:**

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Ray Mason, John Prey

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Sandra Wise

**PRAY FOR THE SICK** Leo Bice, 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 Macmara, Jim Matthews, Elizabeth Linsell

Eligibility requirements:

- All Sacraments: Your child should have been baptized. You should be satisfied that your child is ready to receive the sacrament.
- Reconciliation: Your child should be in year 2 at school or older.
- Eucharist (Holy Communion): Your child should be at least in year 3 at school or older and have made their First Reconciliation.
- Confirmation: Your child should be at least in year 6 at school or older.

**THE WAY OF THE CROSS:** The teachers & students of St Anthony’s have put together a YouTube clip of the Way of the Cross—it is great viewing.

Please join us on Jesus' journey with

[The Way of The Cross](#)

*(To view go to the Parish website and click on the link)*

**CONFESSION**

The Sacrament of Confession will be suspended during this time of pandemic. Physical and moral impossibility excuses a person from confession, in which case reconciliation may be attained by other means, for example an act of perfect contrition. (Canon 960) An act of perfect contrition can be made by saying these or similar words: *“My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. I should love you above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin”.*

If you NEED to have confession, please make an appointment to see Fr Peter.

**2021 ENROLMENTS**

Enrolment packages for Kindergarten 2021 are now available from St Anthony’s school office. If you have a child who will commence school next year please collect an application package from the school office. Should you know of any new families who might be considering enrolment for next year would you please pass on this information. We have had strong demand for places in recent years.

**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.

**ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

The Church encourages frequent, even daily, Holy Communion, but if at any time we cannot go to Mass in or out of this season of the coronavirus, we can still unite ourselves to the Eucharist through making a spiritual Communion.

By making an Act of Spiritual Communion, we express our faith in Christ’s Real Presence in the Eucharist and ask him to unite himself with us. Here is the Act of Spiritual Communion written by St. Alphonsus de Liguori:

**My Jesus,  
I believe that You  
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there and  
unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen**

## **ELECTRONIC PARISH PLANNED GIVING**

During this period of time where Masses in the diocese are suspended, parishes are urgently need the ongoing financial support of parishioners more than ever, as their overhead costs will not change. As the vast majority of parishioners give physically to their parish in the first and second collection baskets during Mass, we are encouraging all parishioners to join the electronic parish planned giving program. The Diocese have created a page with two simple options for parishioners to give to their local parish electronically. <https://www.dow.org.au/plannedgiving/>

### **ALTERNATIVE:**

#### **2ND COLLECTION—(ALL PARISH EXPENSES)**

PICTON PARISH  
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#### **1ST COLLECTION— (PRIESTS & THEIR LIVING EXPENSES)**

PICTON PRESBYTERY  
BSB: 066711

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 002196

## **MASS ONLINE AND OTHER SPIRITUAL RESOURCES**

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

These online Masses will continue every Sunday (including the Paschal Triduum during Holy Week) giving parishioners the opportunity to make an act of Spiritual Communion together as a diocese.

For daily Masses, parishioners throughout the Diocese are encouraged to access other home worship resources including:

- Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays 12:10pm Mass from the Cathedral House at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong
- Tuesday—Sunday Masses from Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church, Rosemeadow
- Saturdays 5pm and Sundays 10am Mass from St Mary MacKillop Catholic Church, Oran Park

Daily Mass from St John the Evangelist Catholic Parish, Campbelltown

**MASS FOR YOU AT HOME** is available across the Ten Network on Sundays at 6am and any time on TenPlay

Daily Mass on Demand is available at CathNews YouTube channel

Daily 1pm Mass and Sunday 11am Mass from the Archdiocese of Melbourne

Daily Mass from Bishop Robert Barron's chapel

## **PARISH & COMMUNITY LIAISON – CATHOLIC CARE**

Jane Hollier from Catholic Care, as part of her role has offered to be available for phone contact if you would like someone to talk to during the next couple of months of social isolation. Through Catholic Care, Jane may be able to link you in with some services that might make the next couple of months a little bit easier. Feel free to contact Jane on 0417 018 152. Jane is not providing counselling, just a friendly chat.

## **LETS PRAY TOGETHER**

A call to commit to Prayer during the Pandemic every evening at 7pm: The faithful across the Diocese of Wollongong are urged to join with other members of the National Council of Churches, so that all Christians pray 7pm every night through until Easter Sunday during the Pandemic crisis.

## **PRAYERING FOR OUR WORLD, AMIDST COVID-19**

Gracious God,

We give thanks anew for your providence and presence.

We prayerfully seek your grace, amidst COVID-19 here and overseas. We pray for those in need of healing.

We pray for your peace with those who are anxious or grieving. We pray you will continue to strengthen and sustain all those who are serving in response.

We pray for your Holy Spirit's discernment amidst the many choices and decisions facing our national, community and medical leaders. We pray we each might see quickly what more we can do to help those who are vulnerable.

This prayer for our nation in the family of nations, with all that is on our hearts, we gather now and pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **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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