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Fr Peter Tien
Parish Priest



Parish Bulletin

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A

Sunday 12 February 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

FIRST READING: Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

He never commanded anyone to be godless.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

SECOND READING: Corinthians 2:6-10

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:17-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Next week's readings: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lev 19:1-2, 17-18; Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH—TAHMOOR

Saturday Vigil—6.00 pm

Sunday—8.30am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Tuesday -	5.00 pm – ADORATION
	5.30 pm— Tahmoor
	Sts Cyril, monk and
	Methodius, bishop
Wednesday -	8.30 am — Tahmoor
Thursday -	8.30 am— Tahmoor
Friday—	8.30 am—Tahmoor

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 5.00 pm—5.30 pm

Baptism and Marriage

Please contact the parish office.

Adoration: Tuesday 5.00 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday 9am—3pm

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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Truth-Telling

We have just heard the least observed command of Our Lord in the Sermon on the Mount. Referring to oaths he taught, 'Do not swear at all ... instead let your "yes" mean yes and your "no" mean *no*. Whatever goes beyond these simple words is from the Evil One.'

This is strong language. Why does Our Lord say this?

In the same Sermon on the Mount, he teaches us the proper use of God's name: 'Our Father'. It is our privilege as adopted children of God to use God's name in that way. The use of God's name for oath-swearing is an *abuse*.

Our Lord was trying to establish a new sort of society (The Kingdom) within which truth-telling was of paramount importance, where there is no two-tiered way of speaking the truth.

Truth telling should issue simply from the character of the person – the truthful person truths.

We know this at the very private level of intimate relationships. As a Church, we need to heed this passage and listen to the epistle of St James recalling this passage almost verbatim. (James 5:12-13)

We could pause for a moment to pray that the Church herself heeds the Great Commission: 'Teach them to keep *all* that I have commanded you.' (Matthew 28:20)

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

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

ANNIVERSARY:

RECENTLY DECEASED :

PRAY FOR THE SICK Florence Hinton, Debbie James, Jean Le Roux, Pat McCauley, 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

<u>READERS:</u>	<u>THIS WEEK</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK</u>
<u>VIGIL:</u>	LISA BRUFFER	GAIL HANGER
8.30AM:	JOHN MAHER	TERESA CICHOCKI
<u>CLEANERS:</u>	HELEN WILLIS LISA BRUFFER	THERESE NEILSON CHRIS NEILSON
<u>FLOWERS:</u>	CHRIS CARBURY	MURIELLE AZZI

SACRISTY: M A R Y G I L B E R T

MORNING TEA:

LORRI "PANCAKE SUNDAY"

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS The boxes at the back of the church will no longer be used for placing of offerings for 1st and 2nd collections.

Two collections will take place during Mass, as it was prior to COVID.

THE ROSARY

- Wednesday 5.00 pm

You are invited to join in praying the Rosary in the park in Thirlmere, opposite the shops and beside the tennis courts.

To pray for an end to pandemic and peace in the world.

ROSARY RECITED: The Rosary is being said prior to weekday morning Mass at 8am, including Sundays. Everyone is invited to come and prayer for world peace.

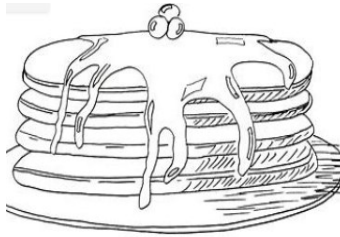
CLEANING ROSTER: More cleaners are always needed. If you can spare a few hours, once every 4-5 weeks, please contact the parish office

MORNING TEA ROSTER: The roster for morning tea, following 8.30am Mass on Sundays requires more people. Please contact Diana Ingreys—4684 1057, or the parish office.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT Loving God, you made each of us in your image and likeness. Open our eyes to recognise one another as equals, replacing domination and control, violence, and abuse, with mutuality, reciprocity, respect, and freedom. Help us to love like you. <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au>

While Fr George Condookala is here, he would love the opportunity to get to know people.

Please phone him to invite him around for a cup of tea or coffee 0400 228 295



Pancake Sunday

Sunday 19 February, following 8.30am Mass. Pancakes, BBQ, delicious coffee, tea, soft drinks.

CARITAS TURKEY are responding to a series of powerful earthquakes. Thousands of lives have been lost already and the death toll increases by the hour. Your generous support can help provide emergency relief to help families recover and rebuild from disaster. Visit caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/turkey-and-syria-earthquake/ or call 1800 024 413 toll free to provide much needed support to our East Emergency Appeal.

TRIUMPH—Lenten Program 2023 Now available from the piety stall. Books are \$4.50 each, there is a limited supply

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2023 The Parish Sacramental Program details are being distributed through St Anthony's School and the Scripture Groups. It is also available from the racks in the church foyer.

VISITING NURSING HOMES AND THE HOUSEBOUND

The parish seeks interest from those who are available to take Holy Communion to those who are unable to attend Mass, who are either at home or in care. Please contact the office if you are interested.

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED BECOMING A CATECHIST?

Currently the parish has 7 schools, which fall within the parish boundaries, which require 19 catechists — but there are only 11 catechists!

Are you able to assist? Have you thought about it? Would you like more information?

Please contact the parish office, if you would like to share your faith with students in the local state primary schools.

THE JOURNEY 12 February 2023 – This Week: In the Gospel reflection Fr Slawek Plonka says it's more than just keeping the commandments; it's also avoiding sins of omission. Mother Hilda's story about Pope John XXIII. Plus, Deacon Josh Clayton, Trish McCarthy and Fr Mike Delaney. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au

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