



St Anthony's Parish Picton

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Fr Peter Tien
Parish Priest



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME —YEAR A

Parish Bulletin

Sunday 12 July 2020

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The rain makes the earth give growth.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:18-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;

all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

A sower went out to sow.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young; by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

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

St Bonaventure, bishop, doctor

Thursday - 8.30 am—Tahmoor

Friday - 8.30 am—Tahmoor

Reconciliation (Confession)

By appointment only

Adoration: Tuesday: 5pm

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday

9.00a.m. - 3.00p.m.

Parish Phone 4683 2230

Email: picton@dow.org.au

Website:

www.stanthonypicton.org.au

Historical **Context**

Matthew's community

The gospel of Matthew is written at a time and particular context in which the community audience were feeling the effects of having been ostracised from the Jewish community. They were confounded by the fact that other Jews could not accept the reality of the Jesus message as they had. This parable, and the accompanying conversation with the disciples in which they are blessed for their understanding, would have been a comfort for the Matthew community. Although they were frustrated, they were being told through this story that not everyone is ready to hear the message that they had heard and accepted.

NEXT WEEK: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43

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

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Kristinu Borg

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

READERS:

	<u>THIS WEEK</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK</u>
Vigil:	Sophia De Zilva	Beth Nolan
7.30am:	John Butler	Anne Coringley
9.30am:	Jeff Brown	Trudy Hancock

CLEANERS:

Colin Dunn	Pauline Buttigieg & Maryanne Buttigieg
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SACRISTY:

Gillian Dobson	Mary Gilbert
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REFRESHER: SUPPORTING & COORDINATING MINISTRIES

Multiple daytime and evening sessions in July via Zoom. To Register visit www.dow.org.au/news-and-events How are you going in coordinating or supporting an area of ministry in your parish? Would you like to gain some further skills and tips to undertake this role more successfully? This introductory session will help you explore how you are going and consider ways in which we can all improve in inspiring, equipping and empowering people within our areas of ministry and parish life. For more info contact Darren McDowell on darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au or 4222 2463

DATES LOCKED IN FOR PLENARY COUNCIL ASSEMBLIES

The two assemblies for the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia will be held in Adelaide from October 3-10, 2021, and in Sydney from July 4-9, 2022. The new dates mean that the celebration of the Plenary Council has effectively moved 12 months from the original plan of a first assembly in October 2020 and a second assembly in June/July 2021.

There is a link on the front page of the parish website that goes to Diocese of Wollongong showing what Masses are on live.
www.stanthonyspicton.org.au

The Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast – **'THE JOURNEY'** – 12 July 2020 Listen in this week for as we break open the Sunday Gospel reading with Bishop Brian Mascord. We also have a wonderful interview with Fr Mark de Battista as he celebrates 25 years in ministry. As usual, there are some great short talks from some of Australia's best Catholic presenters. Uploaded every Friday for free download – go to www.jcr.org.au

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT : The Christian knows that in the social doctrine of the Church can be found the principles for reflection, the criteria for judgment and the directives for action which are the starting point for the promotion of an integral and solidary humanism. Making this doctrine known constitutes, therefore, a genuine pastoral priority. – Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church - Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace

THE ACBC NATIONAL CATHOLIC MEN'S GATHERING FOR 2020

is now being offered as an online event for registered participants. This modified program will be delivered in four pre-recorded sessions of approximately 1 hour in length. Each session will offer input from a variety of speakers and musicians, along with a response and questions for group discussion or individual reflection. The program offers flexibility so that you may participate individually or gather with others from your parish/diocese or men's ministry group.

Aim: To inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish, diocese and the world. Cost: FREE

Registration: Available from Monday 29th June
Event Program: Available from Saturday 15th August 2020

Go to: www.catholicmensgathering.com.au

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES are now available for collection from the back of the church. If you would like to join the planned giving with envelopes, please leave your name with the parish office.

LATEST DIRECTIVES FROM BISHOP BRIAN

1 July 2020

- 1) *The total number of people allowed to attend Mass is now replaced by the rules of social distancing—4 square metres of space for each person. Tahmoor church has capacity for just over 100 people.*
- 2) *First time Mass goers must have their names and contact phone number recorded with the parish, prior to attending. After that please have your named checked off when entering the church, on each occasion, that you attend.*

You are not required to pre register for weekday Mass.

Those who cannot attend Mass, can continue to nurture their faith through watching Mass on line or other prayerful means.

+ If you are 65years+ and have underlying health concerns or 70+ years please consider staying at home for your safety

+ Mass attendants must prove well and must use sanitizer when entering the Church.

When leaving please leave your kneeler down, so those areas can be cleaned.

+ Offering (Sunday Mass only) is to be placed in boxes provided (mounted on wall) at the entrances, as you enter the Church or after Mass, or ideally given through direct debit.

Collection plates will no longer be passed around to avoid spread of germs/viruses.

+ No longer holy water in the bowl at the entrance door.

+ Please do not touch any statues/paintings/icons

+ Not to shake hand at any event.

+ Holy Communion given into the hand only and in one line.

- 3) *Reconciliation/Confession: by appointment with Fr. Peter (his phone: 0406001540.)*
- 4) *Baptism: by appointment either on Saturday or Sunday*
- 5) *You are encouraged to install the COVID-19 App onto your mobile phone.*

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) 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.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2020:

We will be starting this year's Reconciliation very soon, at the end of July . We will be doing the program through the Catholic School so people with children in St Anthony's will receive the details from the school but parents with children in State schools should ring Paul on 46818944 to get the details. If you know someone whose children are in a State school please make sure they know about this

MONITORS: These are to help people enter the church safely and to ensure social distancing and not to congregate before or after Mass, and other similar things

Each Mass will require 2 monitors—if you would like to assist in this important role—please contact the parish office.

CLEANERS: The church, where people have sat, and frequently touched surfaces, need to be cleaner after every Mass, to help ensure the safety of our parishioners—all materials supplied. If you are willing to help in this important role—please contact the parish office.

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