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Fr Peter Tien
Parish Priest



Parish Bulletin

Third Sunday of Lent — Year A

Sunday 12 March 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

FIRST READING: Exodus 17:3-7

A reading from the book of Exodus

Give us water to drink.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

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

The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
Give me living water, that I may never thirst again.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: John 4:5-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

For anyone who drinks, it say the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

Next week's readings: Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

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

Wednesday - 8.30 am— Tahmoor
5.30 pm Stations of the Cross

Thursday - 8.30 am—Tahmoor

Friday— 8.30 am—Tahmoor
St Patrick, bishop

Arabic Mass 6pm, every 2nd Friday—
March dates: 17th and 31st

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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All people thirst for meaning, but of what does that meaning consist? The people in the desert thirsted for water, but they misunderstood their thirst. The woman of Samaria thirsted. Her conversation with Jesus showed that she thirsted for understanding and insight as well as water. For what do we thirst in this world of such great excess and unmeasured need? Life has not become simpler with all of our advances. We still thirst for more – for the newest, the fastest and the best. How much is enough, and when do we cross the line into 'too much'?

The gospel readings for the scrutiny Sundays very clearly lay out the choices that are placed before the catechumens and the rest of the believing community as well. This Sunday it is between water that quenches thirst and water that does not. Jesus identifies himself as the source of water that guarantees eternal life. He places before the Samaritan woman a choice that requires a step of profound faith. She knows the thirst-quenching quality of the water from Jacob's well, but she is not acquainted with the water promised by this stranger who is also an enemy of her people. The choice is not an obvious one. A similar choice is placed before us. We know the demands of our culture and the circumstances of our lives. Are we able to acknowledge the sins of which we are guilty, recognise the grace that is being offered to us, and make the right choice?

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, 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

READERS: THIS WEEK

VIGIL: BETH NOLAN

8.30AM: JENNIFER FOLDES

CLEANERS: THERESE NEILSON & CHRIS NEILSON

NEXT WEEK

TRISH LINDNER

TRUDY HANCOCK

PAULINE BUTTIGIEG & MARY ANN BUTTIGIEG

FLOWERS:

NO FLOWERS DURING LENT

SACRISTY:

M A R Y G I L B E R T

MORNING TEA:

KATE & JASON KNIGHT MARY GILBERT

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

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.

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

WELCOME BACK FR PETER

STATIONS OF THE CROSS— will be held on Wednesdays at 5.30 pm, in Tahmoor church.

ARABIC MASS—is held every 2nd Friday at 6pm. March Mass dates are: 17th and 31st.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHEDRAL WOLLONGONG 16th March

The Cathedral of Saint Francis Xavier was dedicated on 16th March, 2010, on the Anniversary of Archbishop John Bede Polding's death, one hundred and sixty-two years after the church began.

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CATHOLIC FAMILY CAMPING WEEKENDS FOR 2023

Save these dates and join us for a good time with great people. May 19-21 & October 27-29, 2023 - Fridays 4pm till Sunday 3pm, Wooglemai Catholic Camping Facility/Environmental Centre, Sheehys Creek Road, Oakdale (15 minutes from Picton)

THE JOURNEY, 12 March 2023 – Your On The Journey

This Week: We can learn much from the Samaritan woman's faith journey in this week's Gospel. Mother Hilda says called or uncalled, God is always present in our lives. The Triumph Lenten series continues with Ken Bryant . Plus, the bush deacon, Josh Clayton. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au.



Third Sunday of Lent 11 & 12 March



Zimbabwe is experiencing an intense drought, exacerbated by climate change. With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops and started poultry farming to support her family during the current food crisis.



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