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Fr Peter Tien
Parish Priest



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time —YEAR B

Parish Bulletin

Sunday 12 September 2021

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:5-9

I gave my body to those who struck me.

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;

I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.

So, too, I set my face like flint;

I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand.

Does anyone start proceedings against me?

Then let us go to court together.

Who thinks he has a case against me?

Let him approach me.

The Lord is coming to my help,

who dare condemn me?

GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-35

You are the Christ ... the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

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— NO ADORATION

5.30 pm— NO MASS

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Wednesday - 8.30 am— NO MASS

Our Lady of Sorrows

Thursday - 8.30 am— NO MASS

Sts Cornelius, pope, martyr and

Cyprian, bishop, martyr

Friday - 8.30 am— NO MASS

Reconciliation (Confession)

Not currently available.

Adoration: Tuesday: Not this week

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday

9.00a.m. - 3.00p.m.

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Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Alleluia!

1. I love the Lord for he has heard
the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me
in the day when I called him. (R.)
2. They surrounded me, the snares of
death, with anguish of the tomb;
they caught me, sorrow and distress.
I called on the Lord's name.
O Lord my God, deliver me! (R.)
3. How gracious is the Lord, and just;
our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me. (R.)
4. He has kept my soul from death,
my eyes from tears
and my feet from stumbling.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living. (R.)



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:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Kay McMurray, John Bell,

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

READERS: THIS WEEK

NEXT WEEK

VIGIL:

7.30AM:

9.30AM:

CLEANERS:

FLOWERS:

SACRISTY:

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

MASS ON T.V.

As all Masses in the area have been cancelled due to the recent COVID restrictions—Mass can be watched every week on Sunday morning at 6.00 am on Channel 10

NEXT WEEK READINGS:

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year B
Wis 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16 - 4:3; Mk 9:30-37

SUNDAY 24, YEAR B

The question Jesus asked the apostles in today’s Gospel is the most important question he ever asked.

A question regarding his identity.

First, he asked ‘who do people say I am?’ They told him ... all the answers were out of the mark.

Then he asked them personally, ‘but who do you say I am?’ Peter answered, ‘you are the Christ.’ Peter gave a perfect answer; you are the Christ which means the Messiah the Saviour. It was the universal belief on which Jesus founded his Church.

But then, not so long after that, Peter failed Jesus 3 times when he came upon a challenge put before him by a maidservant in the courtyard on the night he was tried. He denied Jesus 3 times that he didn’t know him. The faith he professed earlier had not become his own faith yet, I guess!

Our faith needs to come out of our own conviction, our personal relationship with Jesus. Otherwise, it will fade away over times; or when a trial comes, it will disappear.

The faith of our parents is not ours until it becomes our own through our own journey and our own conviction. St. James said in the second reading, faith without deeds is not true faith, it remains words until it is accompanied with good needs.

Take some time out today to be alone in the presence of the Lord in your heart and tell Jesus ‘who he is for you,’ then try to live by it.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest: Let us pray to God our heavenly Father, in the spirit of today’s Gospel, for our needs and the needs of others

Reader: For Pope Francis and Bishop Brian, that they may Faithfully serve Christ, giving an example of humble and loving service to all their brothers and sisters. We pray to the Lord.

For all Christians, that their deeds and actions may bear witness to the faith they profess with their words.
We pray to the Lord.

For government leaders, that they may strive to create a society in which all of God's people can live in freedom, tolerance, harmony, and dignity.
We pray to the Lord.

For those who don't believe, that they may be inspired by the living witness of Christ's followers, and thus come to faith and newness of life in Christ.
We pray to the Lord.

For all the sick and the elderly, that through the love and care of others they may find health and self worth.
We pray to the Lord.

For ourselves, that the prayers we say for others may never take the place of the things we should do for them.
We pray to the Lord.

Priest: God our Father, you know our weakness. May we reach out with joy to grasp your hand, and so walk more readily in your ways.
Through Christ our Lord.

SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation, commences on September 1, on the designated World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. It concludes on October 4, the Feast of St. Francis.

Attached to the email is a prayer card *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*.

A different prayer card will be added over the next few weeks

If you have planned giving envelope **No.68**, could you please contact the parish office or let Fr Peter know, thank you

**Diocese of Wollongong church buildings are NOT OPEN for private prayer or Mass
Churches can be opened only for:
Funerals**

BISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL 2021 will take place next weekend. Details on how to give to the appeal will be provided next week.

The appeal will support two important ministries:

1. Caring for those who have cared for us— supporting the retirement and health of our clergy.
2. Staying Connected during this time of pandemic.



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS 2021

“Blessed” is now available to be ordered through the parish.

Cost: \$2.00 / book

Contactless pick up and payment will be organized.

If you would like to order a copy please email the parish with your full name, contact number and how many books you would like, no later than 26 September

PHOTO TIME: Don't forget if you have any lockdown photos to share, please email them to Frank—fbugeja@ozemail.com and have a look on the parish website, under gallery 2021 and see who is doing what...www.stanthonyispicton.org.au

AN INVITATION TO JOIN ELECTRONIC PARISH PLANNED GIVING

Given that some parishioners are unable to attend Mass in our church, many 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.

Please visit <https://www.dow.org.au/plannedgiving/> to learn of the two simple ways you can give to our parish electronically. Or contact Cathy via email, picton@dow.org.au, only too happy to help.

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.

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