



## St Anthony's Parish Picton

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**Fr Peter Tien**  
Parish Priest



11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY —YEAR B

*Parish Bulletin*

Sunday 13 June 2021

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

### FIRST READING: Ezekiel 17:22-24

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel  
*I have made the small tree great.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

### SECOND READING: Corinthians 5:6-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians  
*Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.*

### 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: Mark 4:26-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark  
*The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.*

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Next week Readings: **12th Sunday in Ordinary Time— Year B**  
Job 38:1, 8-11; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41

### WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

#### St Anthony's Church - Tahmoor

Saturday Vigil - 5.00 pm

Sunday - 7.30 am & 9.30 am

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

**Tuesday - NO ADORATION—  
NO MASS—**

**Wednesday - NO MASS—**

Thursday - 8.30 am—Tahmoor

Friday - 8.30 am—Tahmoor

### Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 4.00—4.30pm

*Please wear a face mask*

**Adoration:** Tuesday: 5pm

### OFFICE HOURS

**Tuesday & Thursday**

9.00a.m. - 3.00p.m.

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## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings today remind us that poetic imagery is an apt way of describing the mysterious presence of God in our midst. The cedar began as a seedling that takes years to grow into a magnificent tree. The same is true of the mustard tree. It too requires time to develop its trunk and branches. The development of moral integrity in a human being is just as gradual. Rooted in God, it flourishes in God's presence and it produces fruit even into old age. Although God is present in all things, sustaining them and allowing them to follow their natural courses, God really transcends all things. Metaphorical language may be the best means for speaking about God and the things of God. It enables us to live in the tension that both reveals something about God and conceals God's real nature.

The reign of God also begins in very ordinary circumstances, and it matures gradually until it has spread itself far and wide. Although the mystery of the reign of God unfolds within human history, we need eyes of faith to recognise it. Like the cedar and the mustard seed, it grows within the concreteness of human experience. Just as the life force that thrusts the branches of the trees further and further out cannot itself be seen, so the reign of God is mysterious, even incomprehensible. Still, it is there, inviting us, urging us to move forward, transforming our world.



# 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:

PRAY FOR THE SICK John Bell, Leone Kirton, 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

VIGIL: KATRINA COLLIMORE  
7.30AM: DON TURVEY  
9.30AM: KATRINA BOUSTANI

## NEXT WEEK

SANDRA RYAN  
JOHN MAHER  
MARGARET FOLDES

## CLEANERS:

COLIN DUNN

HELEN WILLIS &  
JEAN LE ROUX

## FLOWERS:

SUE SPITERI

CHRIS CARBURY

## SACRISTY:

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## SATURDAY 12 JUNE

following 5pm Vigil Mass—Soup and Damper to celebrate feast of St Anthony (13/6/21)



VINNIES WINTER APPEAL This weekend, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> June there will be special envelopes on the pews at Masses for our Winter Appeal. Please try to spare a few dollars for those with nowhere warm and safe to sleep these nights. Thank You.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES are now available for collection from the foyer of the church.

If you are not already in planned giving and would like to contribute to support the parish, please contact the parish office.

Giving can be done via the envelope system or by direct debit or credit card.

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2021 CONFIRMATION:

Confirmation will be conferred by the Bishop during Masses at 3.30pm and 5.00pm(Vigil) on Saturday 21st August. There will be PARENT ONLY meeting to start preparation for the Sacrament at 2.00pm OR 7.30pm on Tuesday 20th July OR 2.00pm OR 7.30pm on Wednesday 21st July. Parents have to attend ONLY ONE of these meetings. Parents should register and book in for these meetings by contacting the parish secretary well beforehand. Details of Parish office hours etc. are on the front of this bulletin. Attendance at one of these meetings is part of the program and if that is not possible parents will have to discuss it with Fr Peter after Mass on Sundays or the child may not be able to be confirmed this year. To be eligible for Confirmation this year your child should be in Year 6 or above at school and be receiving Holy Communion at Mass.

SPECIAL MINISTERS will not be rostered on during the pandemic

ACOLYTES are most welcome to serve on the altar

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT : God, in Christ, redeems not only the individual person but also the social relations existing between men. –

*Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church - Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace*



Saturday 12 June is the feast of:

**THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.**

This is the Patron Saint of the Diocese of Wollongong.

**2021 SIGNIFICANT MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS**

If you are celebrating 25, 40, 50 or 60 years of marriage this year and would like an invitation to the Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord at St John Vianney Co Cathedral, Fairy Meadow on Sunday, 8 August 2021 at 2pm, please contact Helen Bennett 4222 2403 or email [helen.bennett@dow.org.au](mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au) at the Office of the Bishop by Friday 2 July and an invitation will be sent to you.

**SAVE OUR GRAVES ONLINE PETITION**

Bishop Brian has given his support to Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP who has recently launched a Save Our Graves online petition to put pressure on the NSW Government to reverse its decision to exclude faith and charitable groups from the management of cemeteries in NSW that operate on Crown land. This also has the support of other faith leaders from the Muslim and Jewish communities.

The government's decision is a serious attack on religious freedom and raises significant questions as to the appropriateness of handing over the management of cemeteries to a bureaucracy that has no experience in providing comfort to grieving families or the management of burial grounds. Caring for the dead and those who love them is a spiritual mission, not secular. Our faith teaches that it is one of our "corporal works of mercy" and this underpins the way we look after our cemeteries, which we have been doing for over 150 years.

An online petition page has been established at [www.saveourgraves.com.au](http://www.saveourgraves.com.au) and you are encouraged to sign this petition and circulate it to your family and friends in NSW.

**ST MARY'S TOWERS RETREAT CENTRE—**

Brochure's for 2021 and 2022 retreats are available from the rack in the foyer. If interested please take a copy.

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**LATEST COVID DIRECTIVES**

- The total number of people allowed to attend Mass is 200 at St Anthony's Tahmoor
- Use of QR code is the preferred method of registering for each Mass.
- If unable to attend Mass, it can be viewed on line, or other prayerful means.
- Please only attend Mass if you are well.
- Please leave the kneeler down when leaving Mass, to allow for easy cleaning.
- Collections are still not being taken up, please place offerings in the boxes mounted on the wall or giving can be done by direct debit, please contact the office for details.
- Holy water fonts still not being used.
- Please do not touch any statues or icons
- The sign of peace is still not by hand shaking
- Holy Communion will only be given into the hand
- Reconciliation is via appointment with Fr Peter (his phone: 0406001540) or on Saturdays between 5pm – 5.30pm
- Baptisms by appointment only either on Saturday or Sunday
- You are encouraged to install the COVID-19 App onto your mobile phone.

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**COLUMBARIUM**

Our Parish is considering setting up a columbarium wall for the future internment of your ashes, or those of a loved one. A number of other parishes have set up, or are in the process of setting up, a columbarium.

The Parish is proposing to hold a meeting to discuss this proposal. The meeting will call for "Expressions of Interest" for being on a columbarium committee, and also to engage the level of interest to determine the size of the proposed columbarium.

The meeting will be held on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 4.00 p.m., before the Vigil Mass. If you cannot attend the meeting, and would like to contribute your thoughts, please contact the Parish, preferably by email to the address on the front of this Bulletin.

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



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## BEQUEATHING

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