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**Fr Peter Tien**  
Parish Priest



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME —YEAR A

*Parish Bulletin*

Sunday 13 September 2020

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true.

### FIRST READING: Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

*Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

### SECOND READING: Romans 14:7-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:

Love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.*

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

### 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

Our Lady of Sorrows

Wednesday - 8.30 am—Tahmoor

Sts Cornelius, pope, martyr and

Cyprian, bishop, martyr

Thursday - 8.30 am—Tahmoor

Friday - 8.30 am—Tahmoor

### Reconciliation (Confession)

By appointment only

### OFFICE HOURS

**Tuesday & Thursday**

9.00a.m. - 3.00p.m.

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## GOSPEL FOCUS

### How many times?

Peter says, 'How many times should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Peter probably thought that he was being pretty generous. The religious law of his time required people to forgive three times, so by suggesting seven times, Peter would have thought that he was really going the extra mile. To forgive someone seven times is a pretty big call. But the number seven has great significance in scripture; it is regarded as a number of perfection. Peter is suggesting that there is an ideal number of times that one should forgive. Jesus blows this out of the water by saying, take that perfect number of times and multiply it by seventy. There is no perfect number of times to forgive.

**NEXT WEEK:** 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A  
Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20-24, 27; Mt 20:1-16

**DIRECT DEPOSITS:** - can you please ensure that you use your name OR Planned Giving envelope number as a reference, so monies given can be recorded against your name.

Some have COVID19 as a reference, which does not allow proper recording of monies given.

**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:

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

<u>READERS:</u>	<u>THIS WEEK</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK</u>
Vigil:	Gail Hanger	Beth Nolan
7.30am:	Anne Cordingley	Don Turvey
9.30am:	Olga Upton	Jeff Brown

CLEANERS: Pauline Buttigieg Colin Dunn  
Maryanne Buttigieg

SACRISTY: Mary Gilbert Gillian Dobson

SPECIAL MINISTERS will not be rostered on during the pandemic

ACOLYTES are most welcome to serve on the altar



WEARING OF FACE MASKS—MESSAGE FROM BISHOP BRIAN: “I encourage parishioners that whilst it is not mandatory to wear them, it is highly recommended to use masks when attending Mass.”

“Attendance Monitors should also be encouraged to use masks for the protection of themselves and parishioners, as physical distancing cannot always be maintained when carrying out their duties.”

BUSHFIRE AFFECTED: If you, or anyone from the parish you know, has been impacted by the bushfires please contact the parish office.

FACE MASKS—ST VINCENT DE PAUL: Fabric face masks are available for \$5 each, all proceeds to St Vincent de Paul, please phone Maura 0414856365

### PARISH FETE

It is with heavy hearts that we, the fete committee, have decided to cancel the parish fete for 2020 due to Covid-19.

Our hope is that before the end of the year, things will look brighter and therefore we can commence planning a few community events.

You are all in our prayers and we hope to see everyone again soon.

### CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 2020 6 SEPTEMBER – 13 SEPTEMBER *PUTTING CHILDREN FIRST*

St Anthony's Parish and the Diocese of Wollongong is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. We uphold that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult.

HEALING AFTER ABORTION Rachel's Vineyard Ministries Weekend Retreat offers women and men a sanctuary in which to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion in a safe, supportive, confidential, and non-judgmental environment. The next healing retreat will be held 4-6 December 2020. Join in an Online Reflection - Called to Life - a confidential free online individually guided reflection at a time to suit you. Please enquire about these programs at Rachel's Vineyard Ministries on their confidential number (voice mail): 0400 092 555 – more info at [www.rachelsvineyard.org.au](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org.au)

SEASON OF CREATION: This month marks the commencement of the Season of Creation, commencing with a world day of prayer on 1 September and concluding with the feast day of St Francis of Assisi on 4 October. Join with Christians around the world in joyful celebrations, prayer, formation and activities that focus on our common home at <https://seasonofcreation.org/>

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YOUTH MINISTRY ONLINE Catholic Youth Ministry Wollongong has launched LIVE - Check it out at: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qdC-Q7\\_OVY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qdC-Q7_OVY) This is a great way for young people to build not only your faith but to build lasting friendships. To get in touch with the NET team and be part of this, simply follow the "CYMW" Facebook page or by Instagram at "wollongongnetteam"

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### LATEST DIRECTIVES FROM BISHOP BRIAN

- 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. Maximum allowed is 100*
- 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.*

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**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.

**They can also be collected on a Tuesday or Thursday, please call into the parish office, between 9am—3.00pm**

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.stanthonypicton.org.au](http://www.stanthonypicton.org.au)

### 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.

Importantly, we are mindful that some of our parishioners will sadly be experiencing a change in their financial circumstances.

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

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**EILEEN O'CONNOR:** The co-founder of *Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor : Australia* is one step closer to getting its next saint with the Vatican advancing the cause for Sydney woman Eileen O'Connor to the title Servant of God.

The next steps in Eileen O'Connor's path to sainthood are being recognised for having lived a life of heroic virtue (at that stage, she would be called Venerable), and then beatification, which requires a verified miracle (at that stage, she would be called Blessed). The final stage is canonisation, which requires a second miracle attributed to the candidate after beatification.

Two prayers for the beatification of Eileen O'Connor:

*Great and Merciful God, through the maternal love of the Blessed Virgin Mary, you inspired your servant Eileen O'Connor, to care for the sick and dying poor and to serve your Church through spiritual and corporal works of mercy. Listen graciously to our prayers, and grant that Eileen may be raised to the glory of your altar. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

*Holy and loving God, we give you thanks for your faithful servant Eileen O'Connor. By your grace she united her sufferings to Christ and her prayers to Mary. With great patience she inspired and called other women to be devoted to the care of the sick and dying poor, both in body and in spirit. We humbly ask that the Little Mother, Eileen, who by her ceaseless prayer and suffering inspired others to live the Gospel, may be lifted up and counted among your saints in heaven. Graciously hear our prayers through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*



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