



St Anthony's Parish Picton

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Fr Peter Tien
Parish Priest



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT —YEAR B

Parish Bulletin

Sunday 14 March 2021

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

FIRST READING: Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

A reading from the second book of Chronicles

The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:4-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

When we were dead through sins, he brought us to life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,

That all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: John 3:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

St Anthony's Church - Tahmoor

Saturday Vigil - 6.00 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 Patrick, bishop

Thursday - 8.30 am—Tahmoor

Friday - 8.30 am—Tahmoor

St Joseph, spouse of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 5.00—5.30pm

Please wear a face mask

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday

9.00a.m. - 3.00p.m.

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REFLECTION Michael Tate *God's Works of Art*

How does God picture us? St Paul reveals one of God's favourite ways of regarding us.

'We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus, to live the good life as from the beginning He had intended us to live it.'

Just as an artist respects the medium he or she is working in, whether it be oils or crayon, so too God respects us as human beings with free will. Which is why His works of art don't always look the way He intended!

Now, if one has a work of art in the house, a picture or print that means a lot to you, or perhaps the first sketch by a child, do you put it in the darkest corner of the room? Or do you allow just enough light to fall on it so as to reveal how terrific it is, why it gives you pleasure? Of course, the latter.

Now, if you and I are God's work of art, God wants exactly the same. He wants us to be revealed in the light. What sort of light? Christ our Light.

Of course, it might be necessary for the Light to dispel some darkness, some shadow dimension of our lives. In this regard Christ is a healing Light, but this is so that he might illuminate us in a way which more clearly reveals the love which the Divine Artist has for His creation.

We might take a moment to pray for the courage to expose ourselves to Christ's healing light this Lent to be more beautifully illuminated at Easter.



YEAR of SAINT JOSEPH

"Show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life"

DECEMBER 8, 2020 - DECEMBER 8, 2021

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

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

ANNIVERSARY: Gregory John Cooper

RECENTLY DECEASED:

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

READERS: THIS WEEK

VIGIL: TRISH LINDNER
7.30AM: JOHN MAHER
9.30AM: MAREE GALEA

NEXT WEEK

SOPHIA DE ZILVA
JOHN BUTLER
PAUL WYATT

CLEANERS: COLIN DUNN

HELEN WILLIS &
JEAN LE ROUX

FLOWERS: NO FLOWERS DURING LENT

SACRISTY: MARY GILBERT

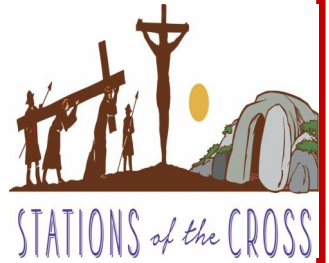
GILLIAN DOBSON

SPECIAL MINISTERS will not be rostered on during the pandemic

ACOLYTES are most welcome to serve on the altar

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Will be held in the church
at 6pm, weekly,
from Wednesday 3 March
until
Wednesday 24 March



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

ST ANTHONY'S SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2022

Kindergarten enrolments for 2022 are now open. If you have a child or know a family with a child starting school in 2022 please collect an enrolment form from the school office. Enrolments close on Friday 26 March.

DIOCESAN YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR – Catholic Diocese of Wollongong Suitably experienced and qualified persons are encouraged to apply for the role of Youth Ministry Coordinator in the Diocese of Wollongong. Applications close on Tuesday, 16 March. For more information and a detailed role description, please go to <http://dow.sh/CYMWJob> or for enquiries contact helen.bennett@dow.org.au.

PARISH MAINTENANCE MEETING

ALL WELCOME!!!

A meeting will be held Tuesday 16th March at 7:00 pm in the Admin meeting room to restart discussion of maintenance and projects for the Parish. This is your opportunity to make suggestions, raise issues or contribute advice and assistance. Friendly group, relaxed format.

ART & WELLBEING WORKSHOPS: being run by CatholicCare— Project HeARTbeat- Connect. Create. Discover. Heal. Grow. Free workshops, materials provided, no artistic skills required. Tuesday 6 April (2 sessions) 10am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-4pm at the parish hall. Places are limited, to register call 4227 1122, enquiries catholiccare.dow.org.au



PROJECT COMPASSION: Virtual Immersion

Each week during this Lenten season, Caritas Australia is holding Virtual Immersion opportunities for parishes via Zoom video conferencing. These digital engagements will allow participants to focus on prayer and reflection, Catholic Social Teaching and an interview and Q&A with Caritas International Program staff.

Sessions will run Tuesdays and Thursdays for one hour across Australia. You can register here for the [Virtual Immersion Schedule](#). Project Compassion boxes and envelopes are available from the back of the church.

NEXT WEEK: Fifth Sunday of Lent —Year B
Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

EASTER 2021 TIMETABLE

HOLY THURSDAY – MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 6.00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY – STATIONS OF THE CROSS – 10.00 am
PASSION OF THE LORD – 3.00 pm

EASTER VIGIL – MASS 6.00 pm (will start in the church)

EASTER SUNDAY – MASS 7.30 am
MASS 9.30 am



2nd RITE OF RECONCILIATION—THURSDAY 25 MARCH 2021 – 6.00 pm

Registration is required to attend services on Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday.

This must be done by contacting the parish office: picton@dow.org.au or 4683 2230

Individual names, not just number in family and a contact phone number needs to be provided. If you have registered and unable to attend, please advise the parish, so someone on waiting list will not miss out.

Kerry Mackrill, a parishioner has had a story written about her, by the Diocese for - **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2021**—Kerry Mackrill ministering by “stealth and witness” to read the article, got to the Diocese of Wollongong webpage, or their facebook page.

LENTEN NOTES

FASTING & ABSTINENCE

- ◇ All who have completed their 18th year and have not yet begun their 60th year are bound to **fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.**
- ◇ All who have completed their 14th year are bound to **abstain from meat** on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- ◇ Pastors, teachers, parents are to ensure that even those who, by reason of their age, are not bound by the law of fasting and abstinence from meat, are taught the true meaning of penance.

CURSILLO IN WOLLONGONG will be holding a Three-Day Weekend at beautiful Hartzler Park Retreat Centre (Near Moss Vale) from Thursday evening 1st July to Sunday afternoon 4th July 2021 for both women and men. Listen to talks and join in small group discussion with women or men from Wollongong Diocese and discover a way to live the Gospel in everyday life refreshed and with friends. To find out more please ring Denise on 0438254139 or email denisedamore0@gmail.com>

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

LATEST DIRECTIVES FROM BISHOP BRIAN

- 1) *The total number of people allowed to attend Mass is now replaced by the rules of social distancing—2 square metres of space for each person. Maximum allowed is 200*
- 2) *First time Mass goers must have their names and contact phone number recorded with the parish, prior to attending, or register on arrival 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

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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