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Fr Peter Tien
Parish Priest



Parish Bulletin

Sixth Sunday of Easter — Year A

Sunday 14 May 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

SECOND READING: Peter 3:15-18

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Next week's readings: THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH—TAHMOOR

Saturday Vigil—5.00 pm

Sunday—8.30am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Tuesday -	5.00 pm – ADORATION
	5.30 pm— Tahmoor
Wednesday -	8.30 am— Tahmoor
Thursday -	8.30 am— Tahmoor
Friday—	8.30 am—Tahmoor

*Arabic Mass 6pm, every 2nd Friday—
May dates: 26th*

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 4.00 pm—4.30 pm

Baptism and Marriage

Please contact the parish office.

Adoration: Tuesday 5.00 pm—

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday 9am—3pm

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We live in hope because we have been blessed with the opportunity of participating in the exaltation of Jesus. This hope is based on promises: the promise that we will not be left orphaned when Jesus returns to his Father; the promise that we will be comforted by the Spirit whom Jesus will send. It is trust in God that enables us to live in this world as if the promises have already been fulfilled, for in fact, it is precisely such living that fulfils them.

We have not celebrated the Ascension, and yet all three readings speak of the Spirit. The same Spirit, who quickened the resurrected life of Jesus, enlivens us. This Spirit strengthens, comforts, guides and inspires us. Life in the Spirit requires that we conform our lives to the commandments of God, not in a legalistic or constraining way but out of love. The love that comes to us through the Spirit will then overflow into the lives of others, and we will be agents of God's love in the world.

The Spirit given by Christ is mediated through the laying on of hands. This still happens in our day in the gentle touch of friends, in the loving touch of parents, in the healing touch of those who cure both the body and the spirit. The liturgical year is preparing us for the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, and Jesus is preparing us for life in the Spirit here on earth. This is the reason for our hope.

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

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

ANNIVERSARY: Sabatino Piperni

RECENTLY DECEASED :

PRAY FOR THE SICK Eva Bastac, Florence Hinton, Debbie James, Jean Le Roux, Marie Darlington, Christine Jupe, Graeme Menser, Ross Spirou, Mauro Mariano, Melony Cox, Joanne McMahon, Daniel Clarke, James McNeil, Ian Macnamara, Stephanie Macnamara, Elizabeth Linsell

READERS:

THIS WEEK

NEXT WEEK

VIGIL: BETH NOLAN

TBA

8.30AM: MARG FOLDES

JENNIFER FOLDES

CLEANERS:

THERESE NEILSON
CHRIS NEILSON

COLIN DUNN

FLOWERS:

SUE SPITERI

MONIQUE SMITH
VANESSA BOYD

SACRISTY:

M A R Y G I L B E R T

MORNING TEA:

MEN OF THE PARISH
(MOTHERS DAY)

SUE & PAUL SPITERI

CATHOLIC FAMILY CAMPING WEEKENDS FOR 2023

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)

Flyers available from the racks in the church foyer.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A READER??

If you would like to become a reader and join the Mass reading roster, please contact the parish office. Training will be given.

READERS' COURSE:

Current readers will be receiving an invitation (by email) this week, from Fr Peter and the Liturgy committee, to do an online course for Readers by Liturgy Brisbane (Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane). The course is free of charge (paid by the parish) and each one can do it at home, and in their own time frame. No stress. Assistance will be available from the Liturgy Committee members.

CATECHIST MEETING

This is an important meeting, as we say thank you and farewell to some, welcome new Catechists and a new Catechist Co-ordinator.

When: Thursday 18 May

At: 10.00 am

Where: Parish Admin Centre

The meeting will be followed by morning tea.
Hoping to see all Catechists on Thursday 18.

NEW MICAH HOUSE RESOURCE CENTRE is open for everyone Apart from having great resources for Catechists, the Micah House Resource Centre has resources to borrow for your own faith formation or that of your family including books, music, videos, CD's and now even items you can buy from Parousia Media. Come in and browse, read, have a free cuppa tea / coffee, even pray in our small chapel space. We are open from 9-3pm Mon-Thursday at 35a Cordeaux St, Campbelltown. (Entry is from the rear of the building) Please contact Cindy Oliver cindy.oliver@dow.org.au or Ph 4640 8550 for any enquiries

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS – WALK FOR LIFE Friday 26 May 2023 Annual walk for life to raise PRAYERS for Australia for all life issues - the elimination of abortion, euthanasia, family breakdown, and to pray for Australia's Government. We unite our prayer with sacrifice and entrust everything to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

You are warmly welcome to join us praying along the Kiama Coastal Walk to Gerringong (13km). BYO Lunch, snacks, water, and hat. Support vehicle provided all the way, shuttle cars return pilgrims to Kiama.

BENEFITS: Mass. Prayer. Hymns. Exercise. Spectacular scenery. Joyful fellowship. Blessings in abundance.

START: 9:30am Kiama Catholic Church (Holy Mass)
FINISH: 3:30pm Gerringong Catholic Church (Benediction, confession also available).

For information contact Gabriella De Battista, 0414 205 404

CatHFAMILY: CatHFAMILY brings you a selection of activities, prayer rituals, crafts, and recipes from their website to assist parents and grandparents in being the first educators in faith for their kids. Don't miss CathKids <https://cathfamily.org/cathkids-faith-unlimited/>

PRAYER RALLY FOR LIFE: Please join us in prayer for the end to abortion as we gather near a health clinic in Wollongong which performs pregnancy terminations.

Where: grass area across the road from Kings St Medical centre, on King St, Warrawong NSW 2502 (150 metres from medical Centre, as legally required).

When: Saturday 8th July, 10-11am

What: intercessory prayer, Rosaries, chaplets, etc
Contact: Amy Vieira [0423289320](tel:0423289320)

FREE TECHNOLOGY TRAINING FOR SENIORS

Due to the popularity of the Cross + Generation technology program, **CatholicCare**, will again partner with St Benedict's Oran Park and **CEDoW** to help with the technology that you may be struggling with. Bring in your device, either your phone, laptop or tablet and the students will assist you with becoming more confident in downloading apps, sending messages or even using google maps.

The **first day will be Tuesday 9 May** from 12pm – 2.30 – this will include lunch on the day, a briefing chat followed by training.

The following dates will have afternoon tea provided.

Tuesday 16 May 1pm-2.30pm

Tuesday 23 May 1pm-2.30pm

Tuesday 30 May 1pm-2.30pm

Tuesday 6 June 1pm-2.30pm

Please join us in this unique opportunity to connect with seniors, and students for some information sharing in a fun relaxed setting at St Benedict's Catholic College Oran Park.

Places will fill quickly, so please contact Jane Hollier Parish and Community Officer **CatholicCare** on 0417018152 or janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au

MISSION: TRANSFORM LIVES - THEIRS...AND YOURS

Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills and knowledge with those who have few other chances for training. Build enduring global relationships while assisting sustainable, self-reliant, community development. Explore 35 positions by scanning the QR code below. On our website you can also see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand. Please enquire further about potential assignments for you or someone you know: RING: 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567. WEB: www.palms.org.au Palms Australia

MEN'S ROSARY GROUP – an Invitation to all Men Men from the Parish of Rosemeadow invite other men from around the Diocese to join with them on the last Tuesday of the Month to pray the Rosary, commencing at 7pm in Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church, Rosemeadow. Such men's groups are, at this time, springing up around the world to honour Our Lady and to pray for the Church and the World. Mass is celebrated at 6:30pm on Tuesday evening's and you are welcome to also attend this prior to the Rosary if you wish. For more information, please contact David at djbarrett85@gmail.com or phone: 0410 487 630.

menALIVE's — reFUEL Weekly Sharing and Journaling Sessions— Every Tuesday 7.30pm reFUEL is a weekly hour-long gathering of men every Tuesday evening on Zoom providing the chance to: break open the Sunday reading using a Lectio Divina style exercise “catch up” with great men from across Australia and New Zealand. gain strength and inspiration by the witness of other men. pray as a group for individual needs and the needs of others. Join via this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88436558468>

UNDERSTANDING ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY

Come for an introduction in Aboriginal Catholic Spirituality. Designed as an in-service for SRE Catechists, the talk will be open to all parishioners interested about learning more about Aboriginal Spirituality, and in particular the beautiful Aboriginal Art Resource: Sacrament Series by artist Donna Marie Sadler.

There are three options for attending the course, which will run at each location from 9:30am – 1:30pm:

- Nowra - Monday 8 May
- Campbelltown - 15 May
- Wollongong - 22 May

Morning Tea will be provided.

To register: <https://www.dow.org.au/events/understanding-aboriginal-catholic-spirituality/>



WISHING ALL MOTHERS
& MOTHER FIGURES A
VERY HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

When God
created mothers,
All as lovely
as can be,
He made one
extra special,
and saved her
just for me!

— Emily Calhoun

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