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Fr Peter Tien
Parish Priest



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER —YEAR C

Parish Bulletin

Sunday 15 May 2022

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Acts 14:21-27

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

SECOND READING: Apocalypse 21:1-5

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:

love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I give you a new commandment: love one another.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

Next week's readings: Sixth Sunday of Easter —Year C

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Rev 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

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

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 4.00 pm—4.30 pm

Adoration: Tuesday at 5.00 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday

9.00a.m. - 3.00p.m.

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City Life for True Lovers

'Love one another as I have loved you.' You may think that Our Lord's extravagant extreme of love in voluntarily undergoing death for us, is something no human being could ever measure up to.

But actually, something like this happens whenever a mother or father sits by the bedside of a child suffering the terrible pain of a chronic illness or traumatic accident and, perhaps, even facing the prospect of death. Such a parent will invariably say 'I would rather suffer and die than see my child suffer and die.' It is the same with a person seeing their much loved life partner in a similar situation.

Each of us, usually to a lesser degree and in less fraught circumstances, has the opportunity to absorb, to some extent, the sufferings of others. We are thus given the possibility of fulfilling the command: 'Love one another as I have loved you.'

The effect of this sort of loving will be realised at the end of history, not in a garden of Paradise, but as in a wonderful City where all tears will be wiped from our eyes.

We could pause for a moment on our way to that future City, resolving to be alert to opportunities to fulfil our Lord's command: 'Love one another as I have loved you.'

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 Pat McCauley, Marie Darlington, Christine Jupe, Graeme Menser, Ross Spirou, Mauro Mariano, Melony Cox, Joanne McMahon, Daniel Clarke, Margaret Brown, James McNeil, Ian Macnamara, Stephanie Macnamara, Elizabeth Linsell

<u>READERS:</u>	<u>THIS WEEK</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK</u>
<u>VIGIL:</u>	BETH NOLAN	SANDRA RYAN
8.30AM:	MARG FOLDES	JENNIFER FOLDES
<u>CLEANERS:</u>	PAULINE BUTTIGIEG MARY ANN BUTTIGIEG	THERESE NEILSON CHRIS NEILSON
<u>FLOWERS:</u>	CHRIS CARBURY	SUE SPITERI
<u>SACRISTY:</u>	GILLIAN DOBSON	MARY GILBERT

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THE ROSARY

- Wednesday 5.00 pm

You are invited to join in praying the Rosary in the park in Thirlmere, opposite the shops and beside the tennis courts. To pray for an end to pandemic and peace in the world.

MASS ON T.V.

All Masses in the area have resumed. If you are unwell, Sunday Mass can be watched on Channel 10 at 6am

URGENT EUTHANASIA PETITION Paper Version for Signing - Please urgently consider signing the petition opposing Euthanasia in NSW that is available for signing near the entrances to the Church. For more information contact Dominica Connor, Right to Life NSW on P: 02 9299 8350 or via www.righttolifensw.org.au

POSITION VACANT: School Crossing Supervisor.

At St Anthony's Picton, permanent part-time role, 8.15am—9.15am, Monday to Friday, during school terms. Applications close Wednesday 18 May. Please see flyer on noticeboard in foyer for more information.

To apply visit: jobs.Transport.nsw.gov.au and search 'School Crossing Supervisors'

LAUDATO SI' WEEK 16th – 24th May is a global celebration where we remember Pope Francis urging us in his encyclical Laudato Si' to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor and to humbly place ourselves in communion with our common home. Today, as a Catholic Earthcare Parish we celebrate our part in the great progress the whole Church is making on its journey towards the seven Laudato Si' Goals set before us by Pope Francis to achieve ecological conversion.

ON PENTECOST SUNDAY, 5 June, Bishop Brian invites all those who were baptised or received into the Catholic Church over the last twelve months to celebrate, together with family and friends. This celebration will take place in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral at 2.30pm followed by refreshments in the Xavier Conference Centre.

**Technology skills workshops
Friday 3rd June before
First Friday lunch**

CatholicCare and the Being Connected network are teaming up to facilitate small group sessions aimed at assisting older Australians with improving their digital skills and knowledge. There will be a one off session held here at **St Anthony's Tahmoor, 10-12pm** followed by the parishioners and friends lunch. This is a great opportunity to learn new skills and connect with others. BYO laptop or tablet. Morning tea will be provided, and we encourage you to stay, bring a sandwich and continue the conversation.

For more information Jane Hollier, Parish and Community Liaison Officer
0417018152
janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au

Note: all NSW Health Covid 19 guidelines will be adhered to.

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FREE TECHNOLOGY TRAINING FOR SENIORS: If you are struggling with your mobile phone, downloading apps, or using a QR code CatholicCare and St Benedict's CatholicCare College have teamed up to run a Cross + Generational program. This is a unique opportunity for an 'exchange of gifts' between both students and seniors. After a successful trial in All Saints Catholic Parish Shellharbour last year, this model will be used in the Macarthur region.

This will commence on Tuesday 31 May for 3 consecutive weeks with the final gathering on the 28 June. This session will be held at St Benedict's Oran Park from 12.30pm–2.30pm. Places will fill quickly, so please contact Jane, Parish and Community Officer CatholicCare on 0417018152.

DISCOVERING GOD'S PLAN FOR OUR LIVES:

In our Diocese we are keenly aware of the need for more priests to serve our people now and into the future. However, the Bishop and Vocations Team want us all to go deeper than just "getting more priests" and rather to work together throughout our Diocese to create a "culture of vocation" (to borrow a phrase from St John Paul II). This will be a collaborative effort in our parishes, schools, and families, to ensure that every young Catholic will be actively seeking to discern how they are called to serve Christ and his people - whether in Marriage, Ordained Ministry, Religious Life or Single Life. The stronger this culture of vocation, the more we will find ourselves blessed with faithful priests and religious, inspiring marriages and generous single Catholics.

A Vocations Event with a panel addressing all 4 Vocations and an opportunity for Q and A. This will be a wonderful opportunity especially for young people to come together and learn how to hear and respond to God's call. There will be more details to follow but for now please invite anyone you think may be interested, and if you're interested RSVP as soon as possible!

DATE: Sunday 19th June

TIME: Light refreshments 1:30pm for 2pm start

PLACE: Xavier Centre, next to St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Wollongong,

RSVP: www.dow.org.au/events

MAY RETREATS: ST MARY'S TOWERS, DOUGLAS PARK

- Living More Deeply in God - Praying with Ignatius of Loyola: 6 Days: 20-26 May \$930/ Weekend: 20-22 May \$310 (Presenters: Retreat Team)

- Seeing with Fresh Eyes: Encountering the Risen Christ: 6 Days: 27 May - 2 June \$930/ Weekend: 27-29 May \$310 (Presenter: Elizabeth Lee)

Enquiries: contact@towersretreat.org.au Phone 02 46300233 <https://www.towersretreat.org.au>

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS WALK FOR AUSTRALIA/WALK FOR LIFE

Friday 20 May 2022 We walk to raise PRAYERS for Australia for all life issues, the day before the Federal Election. You are warmly welcome to join us in our tenth year, praying along the Kiama Coastal Walk to Gerringong (13km). B.Y.O 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 Sue Hill: 0435 336 195 or Gabriella De Battista, (02) 4261 2500

LIVE LOCAL MACARTHUR CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY WOLLONGONG (CYMW)

is back with LIVE Local in the Macarthur, running every Sunday night in the school term from 6:15pm–8:15pm, at St John the Evangelist Parish Campbelltown. This regional youth group is for all Parishes and is open to young people aged 13–17 who want to make new friends and grow in their faith. Come along for snacks, games, formation, prayer, and music. For more information, please contact our deanery youth group coordinator, Luke Vail at luke.vail@dow.org.au For more details on youth groups, visit <https://www.dow.org.au/cymw/>

MARY MACKILLOP AUSTRALIAN PILGRIMAGE

18/10–29/10/2022. Commencing in Melbourne journeying through Victoria & South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry. For more information, itinerary and application form, please contact: 9012 4818 national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au

THE JOURNEY, 15 MAY 2022 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast On the Journey this week we celebrate the fifth week of the Easter Season. Come join in the joy of the resurrection with us on this week's show. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au

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