



## St Anthony's Parish Picton

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**Fr Peter Tien**  
Parish Priest



### Parish Bulletin

Second Sunday of Easter — Year A  
Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday 16 April 2023

#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk,  
that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

#### FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.*

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Give thanks to the Lord for his good, his love is everlasting.

#### SECOND READING: Peter 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

*He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus  
Christ from the dead.*

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;  
happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!  
Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.*

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be  
unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

#### Next week's readings: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Pet 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

#### ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH—TAHMOOR

**Saturday Vigil—5.00 pm**

**Sunday—8.30am**

#### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Tuesday - 5.00 pm – NO ADORATION

5.30 pm— NO MASS

Wednesday - 8.30 am— NO MASS

Thursday - 8.30 am— NO MASS

Friday— 8.30 am—Tahmoor

*Arabic Mass 6pm, every 2nd Friday—*

*April dates: 14th & 28th*

#### Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 4.00 pm—4.30 pm

#### Baptism and Marriage

Please contact the parish office.

**Adoration:** Tuesday 5.00 pm—NOT THIS WEEK

#### OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday 9am—3pm

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### REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The themes for the second Sunday of Easter set the tone for the entire Easter season. They are all directed toward mystagogical instruction, primarily of the neophytes who were baptised during the Easter Vigil, but also of the whole Christian community. The readings for this season provide us an extended meditation on the resurrection and on our own incorporation into it through the mysteries of initiation.

Most of us are like Thomas who looked for some tangible evidence of the resurrection. We do not find it any easier to live by faith than he did. However, when we do live by faith, we actually discover tangible proof. This proof can be seen in the way the community reaches out in care and support to others. Jesus extends his wounded hands to us as he did to Thomas, and the community is invited to touch his wounds as we touch the wounds of our world. We find a similar situation in the reading from Acts where the fledgling Christian community grew in number as a result of the teaching of the apostles. So it has always been. Those who are not eye witnesses of the actual events are called, through the teaching of others, to witness to the power of the resurrection.

Although the blessings that we derive from the resurrection are clearly gifts from God, they are nonetheless costly gifts. They have been won through the blood of Christ, and we too may have to pay dearly for having received them.

**PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:**

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

**ANNIVERSARY:** Sandra Wise

**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, Margaret Brown, James McNeil, Ian Macnamara, Stephanie Macnamara, Elizabeth Linsell

**READERS:** THIS WEEK

VIGIL: LISA BRUFFER

8.30AM: JEFF BROWN

**CLEANERS:** THERESE NEILSON  
CHRIS NEILSON

**FLOWERS:** MONIQUE SMITH &  
VANESSA BOYD

**SACRISTY:** MARY GILBERT

**MORNING TEA:**

LORI & RICHARD

DIANA & TONY

**PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES/ENVELOPES:** Could these all be returned ASAP please

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# CONGRATULATIONS



Fr Peter

As you celebrate the  
30th Anniversary of your  
Ordination to the Priesthood,  
on Monday 17 April.

*There will be NO MASS this week on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, as Fr Peter will be attending the Clergy Inservice.*

**CATECHIST RETREAT 2023:** Prayer, a journey of friendship with God - The retreat will be facilitated by Fr Aloysius Rego OCD, the regional vicar of the Discalced Carmelite Friars in Australia-Oceania and is a much loved and experienced retreat facilitator. The retreat will be held in Campbelltown on Monday, 1 May, and in Gerringong on Friday, 5 May.

Catechists will be able to register for either retreat and spouses are welcome to attend. Please register by visiting <https://www.dow.org.au/events/> and selecting the Catechist Retreat.

**CATHOLIC FAMILY CAMPING WEEKENDS FOR 2023**

**Save these dates** and 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.



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## **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 04 17 01 81 52 or [janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au](mailto:janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au)

## **AGEING WITH CONFIDENCE –**

### **FREE INFORMATION SESSIONS 9.00AM-12.30PM**

CatholicCare, with the assistance of the Committee for the Aged will be holding a **FREE** information session for Parishioners. Guest speakers will include representatives from My Aged Care,

CatholicCare, local funeral director and solicitor.

When: Wednesday 10 May

Where: Campbelltown RSL, 1 Carberry Ln, Campbelltown NSW 2560

Morning tea provided.

To register, **Call:** 02 4227 1122

**Or online:** [www.catholiccare.dow.org.au/events](http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au/events)

For any other information contact Jane Hollier:

**Email:** [janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au](mailto:janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au)

**Call:** 0417 018 152

**THE JOURNEY**, 16 April 2023 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast On The Journey This Week: Fr John Corrigan's reflection for Divine Mercy Sunday. Mother Hilda's story on St Bede, Bishop Brian Mascord's Easter message, plus, Pete Gilmore on the faith of Thomas, the bush deacon, Josh Clayton on wilderness and some great contemporary Christian music. The Journey podcast is available at [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au).

**SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT:** The special place in God's heart for the poor necessitates our preferential option for the poor. In *Evangelii Gaudium* (n. 197 – 201), Pope Francis elaborates on the 'special place in God's heart' for the poor, explaining how we derive from it our principle of the preferential option for the poor and calling our communities to respond to the needs of the poor with insight and creativity. <https://justiceandpeace.org.au/lent-easter-social-justice>

**CATHOLICCARE** - Have you thought about becoming a foster carer? We need foster carers who provide love, care, and support to help these children thrive and reach their full potential. Carers receive comprehensive support from the Fostering Futures team to ensure they have a full range of resources and networks to nurture their forever home. Our team have over 30 years' experience helping carers give vulnerable children a loving home and a brighter future. For more information, please call 0418783956, or

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**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/>



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