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**Fr Peter Tien**  
Parish Priest



The ASCENSION of the LORD —YEAR B

*Parish Bulletin*

Sunday 16 May 2021

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

### FIRST READING: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

### SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

*He made Jesus sit at his right hand in heaven.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: Mark 16:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.*

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

Next week Readings: **Pentecost Sunday— Year B**

**Acts 2:1-11; Gal 5:16-25; Jn 15:26-27, 16:12-15**

### 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

Wednesday - 8.30 am—Tahmoor

Thursday - 8.30 am—Tahmoor

Friday - 8.30 am—Tahmoor

### Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 4.00—4.30pm

*Please wear a face mask*

**Adoration:** Tuesday: 5pm

### OFFICE HOURS

**Tuesday & Thursday**

9.00a.m. - 3.00p.m.

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## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The Feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times; a moment when we have left one place in our journey, but have not yet arrived at a second. While the narratives that describe the Ascension fit well into the unfolding story of redemption, the feast itself celebrates one aspect of the resurrection itself, namely, the exaltation of Jesus. The readings help us through this paradox. They allow us to focus on this theological point while we commemorate a turning point in the life of the church. We do this by considering both the enthronement of Christ in the heavens and the new body of Christ on earth.

Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at God's right hand. Today we are overwhelmed by the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity. Amidst shouts of joy and exaltation, Christ is enthroned in heaven in both his divinity and his glorified humanity. Now he is present with us in a new way, in a new body, in the church. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists; he ministers through its prophets and pastors. Through us he continues to heal and to comfort; to forgive and to include. We have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have each other; together we make up the new body of Christ.



# YEAR of SAINT JOSEPH

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

DECEMBER 8, 2020 - DECEMBER 8, 2021

## PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH (POPE FRANCIS)

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary! To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

## PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

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

## ANNIVERSARY:

RECENTLY DECEASED: John Debono

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

READERS: **THIS WEEK**  
VIGIL: SOPHIA DE ZILVA  
7.30AM: DON TURVEY  
9.30AM: TRUDY HANCOCK

**NEXT WEEK**  
GAIL HANGER  
JOHN MAHER  
MAREE GALEA  
PAULINE BUTTIGIEG  
MARYANNE BUTTIGIEG

CLEANERS: COLIN DUNN

FLOWERS: CHRIS CARBURY

SANDRA RYAN

SACRISTY: GILLIAN DOBSON

MARY GILBERT

**SPECIAL MINISTERS** will not be rostered on during the pandemic

**ACOLYTES** are most welcome to serve on the altar

**AS DIRECTED BY NSW HEALTH— FROM 5PM THURSDAY 6 MAY TO MIDNIGHT MONDAY 17 MAY—MASKS ARE COMPULSARY WHEN IN-DOORS AND NO SINGING IS ALLOWED.**

**ALL WELCOME!!!**

## **PARISH MAINTENANCE MEETING.**

A meeting will be held Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> My commencing at 7:00 pm in the Admin meeting room to plan maintenance and projects for the Parish.

This is your opportunity to make suggestions, raise issues or contribute advice and assistance. Friendly group, relaxed format.



**DATE FOR DIARY:** Saturday 12 June, following 5pm Vigil Mass— Soup and Damper to celebrate feast of St Anthony (13/6/21)



**THE 5TH NATIONAL COUNT OF ATTENDANCE AT MASS** and Sunday Assemblies will be conducted in May 2021. All Catholic dioceses and parishes are urged to take part.

It is intended that the 2021 count will be conducted in all parishes and other Mass centres, such as migrant community centres, throughout Australia. The count will be as comprehensive as possible and include people of all ages at Mass (including babies), and other types of Sunday Assemblies. This year, parishes will also be asked to provide estimates of the age and sex of those who attend Mass and Sunday assemblies.

Week 1 & 2 - number of attendees

Week 3 - number and sex of attendees

Week 4 - number and age brackets of attendees

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

## **BINGO IS BACK!**

Bingo at Tahmoor Inn is on every Thursday at 11am, everyone is welcome.

**POSITION VACANT:** Senior Executive Assistant to the Bishop- Catholic Diocese of Wollongong Suitably experienced and qualified persons are encouraged to apply for the role of Senior Executive Assistant to the Bishop in the Diocese of Wollongong. For more information and a detailed role description, please go to <http://dow.sh/execbishop> or for enquiries contact [helen.bennett@dow.org.au](mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au)

**CURSILLO IN WOLLONGONG** will be holding a Three-Day Weekend at beautiful Hartzler Park Retreat Centre (Near Moss Vale) from Thursday evening 1<sup>st</sup> July to Sunday afternoon 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:denisedamore0@gmail.com)

**NATIONAL FAMILIES WEEK** Webinar Series To celebrate National Families Week, CatholicCare are running a Five-part webinar series to help you grow as a family and get the most out of family life. Topic covered: Family Resilience, Family Values, Family Connection, Family Self Care and Family Mindfulness. Webinars run between Monday 17 to Friday 22 May, 10am - 10:30am each day. Visit the events calendar of the CatholicCare website for more information and to register: <https://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au/get-involved/events-calendar/>

**THE CHOSEN** - A TV Series about Jesus. The Chosen is a new 'free to view', television program that creatively presents the life of Christ and his followers. The shows are of the highest quality and is receiving acclaim around the world across denominations. Go to <https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen> to watch or get the free app for use on your phone / laptop via *The Chosen* app

**CALLING ALL BUSINESS People Catholic Business Connections (CBC)** is an opportunity for business-women and men in our diocese (active and retired) who share common values, to network and engage with each other and leaders representing the diocese. CBC gathers four times a year for lunch and to listen to guest speakers chosen to inspire with their unique story and share how they relate their work and spiritual life experience to the context of living in a modern world. The second luncheon for 2021 will be held on Thursday 27 May at City Beach Function Room, Wollongong (11.45am - 2pm). Guest Speaker - Damien Leith, first captured everyone's attention when he won Australian Idol in 2006. Since then, he has made

his mark as a singer, songwriter, producer, author, playwright and tv/radio host personality and now calls the Illawarra home. Damien's topic will be connecting through creativity and music. For more information on Damien and CBC visit [www.cbc.dow.org.au](http://www.cbc.dow.org.au) or contact Debbie Gates, Diocesan Director of Development and Community Engagement (02) 4222 2446. RSVP for May luncheon is Thursday 20 May.

**MENALIVE MEN'S WEEKEND** Rediscover God's Presence and Purpose for your Life 12-13 June 2021, St Patrick's Church Catholic Church (Hall) 42 O'Donnell Street, Port Kembla The menALIVE Men's Weekend is an opportunity for all men from 18 years of age to explore what makes them feel fully alive. The experience of the weekend is powerful and dynamic, and many men are inspired and encouraged with a new sense of purpose and mission. Experienced leaders from menALIVE Team will be running the weekend. Register via brochure or online [www.dow.org.au/events](http://www.dow.org.au/events) Enquiries: Helen Bennett (Diocesan Contact) 4222 2403; Anthony Rewak (Parish Contact) 0488 233 078 or Ian Boorman (menALIVE Contact) 0427 006 021

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### **LATEST COVID DIRECTIVES**

- *The total number of people allowed to attend Mass is 200 at St Anthony's Tahmoor*
- *Use of QR code is the preferred method of registering for each Mass.*
- *If unable to attend Mass, it can be viewed on line, or other prayerful means.*
- *Please only attend Mass if you are well.*
- *Please leave the kneeler down when leaving Mass, to allow for easy cleaning.*
- *Collections are still not being taken up, please place offerings in the boxes mounted on the wall or giving can be done by direct debit, please contact the office for details.*
- *Holy water fonts still not being used.*
- *Please do not touch any statues or icons*
- *The sign of peace is still not by hand shaking*
- *Holy Communion will only be given into the hand*
- *Reconciliation is via appointment with Fr Peter (his phone: 0406001540) or on Saturdays between 5pm - 5.30pm*
- *Baptisms by appointment only either on Saturday or Sunday*
- *You are encouraged to install the COVID-19 App onto your mobile phone.*

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