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Fr Peter Tien
Parish Priest



Parish Bulletin

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time —YEAR C

Sunday 17 July 2022

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord,
for it is good.

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:1-10

A reading from the book of Genesis
Lord, do not bypass your servant.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:24-28

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians
The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart,
And yield a harvest through perseverance.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 10:38-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

Next week's readings: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C —
Gen 18:20-32; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

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
St Mary, Magdalene

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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Today we see the people of God offering the hospitality rather than receiving it, first Abraham and then Martha. What lessons of discipleship can be learned from these readings?

First and foremost we see how important openness is, for in each case those to whom the hospitality was offered were divine visitors in human form. We can never be sure under what guise God will come to us. It could be the person on the street who asks for directions, or the one who comes to our place of work to engage the service that we provide. It may be the friend who comes to dinner or the co-worker who acts in a way we did not expect. God comes into our lives in unexpected ways and we must have an open attitude of hospitality if we are to receive the blessings that might come with such visits.

We know that we cannot lay aside the responsibilities of our lives in order to sit with Mary at the feet of Jesus. However, we cannot allow ourselves to be held captive by these responsibilities, regardless of how legitimate they may be. And so we continue to struggle; to carry the burdens that are ours for the sake of the people that we serve; to serve the people in our care realising that we will probably not be able to accomplish all of our tasks or at least as well as we would like. It is in this way that the reign of God struggles to be born.

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

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

ANNIVERSARY: Mario Cortis, John Farrell, Josef & Irena Cichocki, Giuseppe Garbo, Joseph Farrugia, Angela Farrugia, Felici Farrugia

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

READERS: THIS WEEK

VIGIL: GAIL HANGER

8.30AM: JENNIFER FOLDES

CLEANERS: PAULINE BUTTIGIEG

MARY ANNE BUTTIGIEG

FLOWERS: MONIQUE SMITH
VANESSA BOYD

SACRISTY: M A R Y G I L B E R T

MORNING TEA:

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

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

READING ROSTERS: New rosters have been emailed to those who the parish have an email address for. If the parish does not have an email address, for you, a copy can be collected from the kitchen.

RESURFACING OF THE CARPARK

The much needed resurfacing of the carpark is expected to commence in the last week of July (to be confirmed)

It is expected to take 5 days—Monday—Friday.

THERE WILL BE NO ACCESS TO THE CHURCH GROUNDS DURING THOSE FIVE DAYS

Please watch this space for a confirmed start date.



SOCIAL OPPORTUNITY!

You are cordially invited to be a part of **St Anthony's Friendly Parish Working Bee Saturday 23/07/2022, 8am start**

Morning tea is provided,

casual conversation included free.

The task is Parish property maintenance activities to choose from include clearing a fallen tree, weed poisoning, weeding, pile burn, concreting, grass cutting, edge trimming and fallen stick removal. Other tasks available if numbers permit.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES:

The new financial year planned giving envelopes are available for collection, from the foyer.

If you would like to support the parish financially, the planned giving program is an opportunity to do so. Giving can be done via envelopes, direct debit or credit card. For more information please contact the parish office on a Tuesday or Thursday, on 4683 2230 or picton@dow.org.au

PARISH COLUMBARIUM

CREMATION AND CATHOLICS TODAY:

The revised Code of Canon Law of 1983 helps Catholics understand that the 1963 lifting of the prohibition forbidding Catholics to cremate their deceased loved one's remains was never intended as an endorsement: "The Church earnestly recommends the pious custom of burying the bodies of the dead be observed, it does not however, forbid cremation unless it has been chosen for reasons which are contrary to Christian teaching" (*Canon 1176*). The Church now allows for cremation of the body, providing that family members making that decision are not doing so because they fear the body is lost forever and has no future together in Christ with the immortal soul.

The parish is in the process of determining the need of a columbarium, for the interment of loved ones ashes. Please contact Vince Holloway on 0449-065875 if you require more details.

TO ALL PARISHIONERS IN THE WOLLONGONG DIOCESE, you are invited to a Mass with Bishop Brian Mascord on Monday 8 August at 12 Middy, to celebrate the feast day of Saint Mary of the Cross McKillop and the 150th Anniversary of the Josephite Sisters in NSW. Following Mass Bishop Brian Mascord will bless the new Statue for the Unborn, provided by Catholic Women's League. Light lunch will be provided by Catholic Women's League in the Xavier Centre. All are welcome.

DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG | CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER THE CATHOLIC DEVELOPMENT FUND,

Diocese of Wollongong is seeking an experienced client service officer with financial institution experience. A full-time appointment is desirable. However, suitably qualified candidates looking for part-time or job share should apply. Applications close Friday 22 July 2022. For a role description please email tony.sanderson@dow.org.au

JESUS' VOICE REMAINS STRONG IN AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY RECENTLY,

the Australian Bureau of Statistics released the first data from the 2021 Census, including figures on religious affiliation, which show Catholics now make up 20% of the population—down from 22.6% in 2016. Catholics, at almost 5.1 million people, remain the largest religious group by a significant margin, followed by Anglicans at 10%. The combined Christian population is now 44%. Those professing no religion comprise 39% of those who answered the question on the Census. The president of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, Archbishop Mark Coleridge, said that despite a fall in the number of people identifying as Christian, "Almost half the population still identify as Christian, which means that Jesus is very much part of the mix in the Australian soul." You can read Archbishop Coleridge's full comments at: <https://dow.sh/2021census>

INAUGURAL TIM FISCHER ORATION ON ETHICS IN PUBLIC & POLITICAL LIFE

to be held on Thursday 18 August 2022 at the Great Hall Parliament House. Many from the Corporate, Education, and Political Sectors will gather for this event. This event highlights the need for leaders and future leaders to pursue honesty, fairness, and equity in interpersonal and professional relationships and activities. For more information or to purchase tickets go to: www.tfo.org.au

THE JOURNEY, 17 JULY 2022 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast On The Journey This Week: Fr Stephen Drum says true hospitality is

spending time talking to and listening to Jesus. Plus, Mother Hilda on telling the never-ending story of our life, Fr Mike Delaney, Trish McCarthy, and Pete Gilmore. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au

ONLINE RETREAT: Be refreshed and renewed! (28-30 July 2022) Do you sometimes feel like you're just trying to survive? Priests and active parishioners across Australasia are passionate about answering the Church's call to mission. The problem is that with the usual demands of parish ministry, it can be easy to feel discouraged and burnt out. Do you sometimes feel like you're just trying to get by spiritually? Join us at the Refreshed & Renewed Online Retreat on 28-30 July 2022. With fantastic keynote speakers and retreat leaders, such as Fr James Mallon from Divine Renovation and renowned Catholic author Dr Edward Sri, take this opportunity to be re-energised, pray and worship, and spend time with other Catholics. Register here: dow.sh/Refreshed

CATECHIST DIPLOMA COURSE 2022 Mondays (Campbelltown) Fridays (Wollongong) Taught by a variety of presenters, the Level 3 course takes us on a journey through the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Please don't miss the opportunity to come along and invite others in our Church communities to join us as we delve into a deeper understanding of our Catholic Faith.

ALL parishioners are welcome! Even non catechists.

This year the presenters for the Level 3 course are: Fr Richard Healey, Seminarian Darren McDowell, Bernadette Toohey MGL, Deacon James Arblaster, Katherine Stone MGL and Fr Bernard Gordon VG.

Dates and Locations: • Campbelltown Catholic Club on Monday 1 August, 8 August, 15 August, 22 August, 29 August, and 5 September • Xavier Centre (38 Harbour Street, Wollongong) on Friday 5 August, 12 August, 19 August, 26 August, 2 September, and 9 September. • Joining with Zoom is possible at the Friday sessions.

Time: 9:30am - 1:30pm Morning Tea is provided.

To register contact Frances Fairs 0427 475 339 or frances.fairs@dow.org.au

More details are available in the foyer of the church

JOIN THE DIOCESAN CHOIR People from across the Diocese who have suitable experience are encouraged to register to participate in the Diocesan Choir for major diocesan liturgical events. To learn more, and to register, please visit the Diocesan website: www.dow.org.au/diocesan-choir/

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