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**Fr Peter Tien**

**Parish Priest**



**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER —YEAR A**

*Parish Bulletin*

Sunday 17 May 2020

*Hi everyone!*

*I hope and pray that you are all doing well!*

*It has been 8 weeks since the suspension of the weekend Masses due to the pandemic. As stage one of restrictions eased has now been in place, we hope that the weekend Masses will soon be possible.*

*Until then, I encourage you to continue nurture and nourish your faith in any way available – either by watching live streamed Mass of Bishop Brian or using the prayers I mail you or praying the Rosary. By the way, May is also the month of the Rosary in honour of Mary. Through praying the Rosary with Mary, we beg God to bring healing to our world.*

*The Gospel of St. John reminds us, that to be able to stay alive, we need to get connected to Jesus in the manner between the vine and its branches. Jesus said, 'I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing.' (Jn15.1-18)*

*Take care and stay safe!*

*Fr. Peter*

MAY IS THE MONTH OF  
MARY



### **from the perspective the disciples**

The words of Jesus in this gospel passage were addressed to the disciples at the Last Supper. They had almost no inclination of what was about to befall them, nor the heart-wrenching loss that they would feel. Yet Jesus tried to prepare them and reassure them that they would not be abandoned by him. In the days after his death, the disciples struggled to remember these words and they were caught up by despair. Even once they had witnessed the Risen Lord, he told them that he would again be leaving them. They must have been so confused and afraid.

There is a link on the front page of the parish website that goes to Diocese of Wollongong showing what Masses are on live.

[www.stanthonypicton.org.au](http://www.stanthonypicton.org.au)

### PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

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

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

### ANNIVERSARIES:

PRAY FOR THE SICK Christine Jupe, Janelle Clifton, Peter Wood, Graeme Menser, Ross Spirou, Lesley Thompson, Mauro Mariano, Mary McMahon, John Debono, Melony Cox, Joanne McMahon, Daniel Clarke, Margaret Brown, Lesley Gardiner, James McNeil, Ian Macnamara, Stephanie Macnamara, Jim Matthews, Elizabeth Linsell

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WANTED: Is there any parishioner who does small engraving jobs? If you are able to assist the parish, please phone or email the parish office.

PRAY WITH POPE FRANCIS throughout May for an end to the Pandemic.

Pope Francis has asked Catholics to make a special effort in May to pray the Rosary, knowing that by doing so they would be united with believers around the world asking for Mary's intercession in stopping the coronavirus pandemic. Pope Francis has written two prayers that can be recited at the end of the rosary, prayers he said he would be reciting "in spiritual union with all of you."

Prayer to recite at the end of the rosary

O Mary,

You shine continuously on our journey  
as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,  
who, at the foot of the cross,  
were united with Jesus' suffering,  
and persevered in your faith.

"Protectress of the Roman people",  
you know our needs,  
and we know that you will provide,  
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,  
joy and celebration may return  
after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father  
and to do what Jesus tells us.

For he took upon himself our suffering,  
and burdened himself with our sorrows  
to bring us, through the cross,  
to the joy of the Resurrection.

Amen.

*We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God; Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin*

### MASS WITH THE DIOCESE:

During this period of time where Masses in the diocese are suspended, it is important to know that you have not been abandoned by the Church. Members of the faithful are urged to keep holy the Lord's Day by making an act of Spiritual Communion, a well-established devotional practice of uniting one's self in prayer with Christ's sacrifice when circumstances prevent one from receiving holy Communion.

Sunday Mass online available at [www.dow.org.au](http://www.dow.org.au) and on the diocese's Facebook page [www.facebook.com/WollongongCatholic](https://www.facebook.com/WollongongCatholic) with Bishop Brian Mascord and other priests from the diocese.

### BOOKS

Need some new reading material? There are books available in the shack. Some books also for those schooling from home. Please take what you require and leave tidy and covered up.

### THE EUCHARIST - EXPLORING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH: -

Mondays 1st – 22nd June or Fridays 5th – 26th June all at 4pm via Zoom Video Conferencing We're all missing the Eucharist - but what does this mean? What are we missing? In this four-part online series we'll refresh and deepen our understanding of the Eucharist and its relevance for our lives using online video material from Bishop Robert Barron. We will explore Eucharist as Real Presence, as Sacrifice and as Meal and look at how we can prepare and get more out of our participation in this celebration. To register go to <https://www.dow.org.au/news-andevents/> For further information email [darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au](mailto:darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au)

### THE DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG WEEKLY PODCAST – 'THE JOURNEY' – 17 May 2020

Listen in this week for as we hear again in the Easter Series of Gospel reflections from Fr Mike Delaney, Mother Hilda Scott from the Abbey and other short talks from some of Australia's best Catholic presenters as we celebrate the Easter season in isolation. Uploaded every Friday for free download – go to [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au)

### A VOCATION VIEW

Sixth Sunday of Easter (17/5/20)

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments." The Holy Spirit gives us the courage to embrace our Faith with a whole heart, but we must receive this gift in humility. (John 14:15) If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez at [vocations@dow.org.au](mailto:vocations@dow.org.au) or our new Vocations video at <https://www.dow.org.au/covid-19/sunday-mass-online-withbishop-brian/>

### **ADORATION LIVESTREAMED** Wednesday nights

The NET Team will be hosting a Holy Hour every Wednesday at 6:30pm. This will be a time set aside for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

This will be broadcast via This will be broadcast via:  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/cymdow/> Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/wollongongnetteam/>

**YOUTH ADULT ONLINE SMALL GROUPS** In the incoming weeks, the NET Team will be inviting all young adults ages 18-35 to join our Faith Circles on Zoom. Faith Circles is a weekly young adult small group that brings together people of faith whether you just started your journey or one who is open to an encounter with Jesus Christ, this is done by sharing of the Gospel and reflecting upon in it. This is a great way to build not only your faith but to build lasting friendships. To get in touch with the NET team and be part of this, simply follow the "CYMW" CYMW facebook page or by Instagram at "wollongongnetteam"

### **PRAYER RESOURCES FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES**

During this time of social isolation, it is important that we pray and stay connected to our community. A range of online resources are available to assist with this. These include daily prayers and readings, prayer services, the Sunday Office, commentaries, homilies and reflections as well as Gospel based activities and resources to support personal and family prayer. Go to: [liturgyhelp.com/aus/woll/pray](http://liturgyhelp.com/aus/woll/pray) and follow the prompts to access. Hopefully these resources will help create prayerful solidarity with our community and the whole Body of Christ.

**CATHFAMILY** brings you a selection of activities, prayer rituals, crafts and recipes for free from their website. Don't miss CathKids <https://cathfamily.org/cathkids-faith-unlimited/> : A weekly interactive experience with a two-minute animated reflection on the Sunday reading, questions to stimulate discussion, a simple activity and prayer.

Families in the diocese are encouraged to utilise these resources at home to share faith with kids. Visit [www.cathfamily.org](http://www.cathfamily.org) especially during this time of COVID-19 social distancing especially if children are unable to attend school.

### **CATHOLIC CARE:**

We're always here, if you ever need...

These are challenging times for everyone and CatholicCare are here to support you and your family to navigate the uncertainty. We offer confidential online and phone counselling to support you with the frustration of managing family emotions, relationship pressures and employment changes. To find out more about CatholicCare's counselling service call us on 4254 9395 or email [intakeservice@catholiccare.dow.org.au](mailto:intakeservice@catholiccare.dow.org.au)

### **ELECTRONIC PARISH PLANNED GIVING**

Given that all non-essential travel has been cancelled, some parishioners who support our parish planned giving envelope program have asked how they can continue to financially support the parish. So, we respectfully encourage all parishioners to join our electronic parish planned giving program to help us ensure that we limit the financial pressure this current situation will impose on our parish.

Importantly, we are mindful that some of our parishioners will sadly be experiencing a change in their financial circumstances. Please contact the Parish Office (4683 2230 or [picton@dow.org.au](mailto:picton@dow.org.au)) if you need to decrease/discontinue your planned giving contribution, but mainly to let us know how we can support you.

If you would like to commence giving by direct debit or via credit card, new forms are available for you to complete, they are available in the racks in the foyer of the church, or they can be emailed to you.

### **ALTERNATIVE:**

2nd collection—(all parish expenses)

Picton Parish

BSB 066-711

Account number: 001783

1st collection— (Priests & their living expenses)

Picton Presbytery

BSB: 066711

Account number: 002196

*If you are giving electronically, please use your name or envelope number as a reference, so the contributions can be allocated to you.*

### **PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2020:**

The sacramental has been suspended. But we would like to be ready to run the programs later this year if it becomes possible. So, we are asking anyone, who has children that they wish to attend a Parish Sacramental Program this year, to contact the parish office, either by phone or email (preferably email) to register your interest in having your child or children attend a Parish Sacramental Preparation program (Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation) this year. It is important that you register, as there may not be a great deal of time for preparation programs later in the year and if we do not already have your child's name they may miss out.

### **OFFICE HOURS**

**Tuesday & Thursday**

9.00a.m. - 3.00p.m.

**Parish Phone** 4683 2230

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

**Website:** [www.stanthonyispicton.org.au](http://www.stanthonyispicton.org.au)



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