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Fr Peter Tien
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16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY —YEAR B

Parish Bulletin

Sunday 18 July 2021

FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah (23:1-6)

The remnant of the flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.

‘Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

‘See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.’

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians (2:13-18)

Christ, our peace, has made us one.

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (6:30-34)

They were as sheep without a shepherd.

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, ‘You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while’; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

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— NO ADORATION

5.30 pm— NO MASS

Wednesday - 8.30 am— NO MASS

Thursday - 8.30 am— NO MASS

Friday - 8.30 am— NO MASS

Reconciliation (Confession)

Not currently available.

Adoration: Tuesday: Not this week

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday

9.00a.m. - 3.00p.m.

Parish Phone 4683 2230

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Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff, with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R.)



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:

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

NEXT WEEK

VIGIL:

7.30AM:

9.30AM:

CLEANERS:

FLOWERS:

SACRISTY:

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

NEXT WEEK READINGS:

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kg 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES are now available for collection from the foyer of the church.

(When Masses resume)

If you are not already in planned giving and would like to contribute to support the parish, please contact the parish office.

Giving can be done via the envelope system or by direct debit or credit card.

UPDATED INFORMATION FOR CONFIRMATION 2021

For all parents of children in year six and older who wish their child to be confirmed this year— We are still hoping to have Bishop Brian confirm our children at a 3.00pm Mass at our church in Tahmoor on Saturday 21st August. However in the current COVID conditions and crisis it would be most unwise and illegal to have any public meetings to prepare for Confirmation in the next few weeks.

We will be sending the work booklets for the preparation program home to those parents who wish their child to be confirmed this year and it will be the work of the parents to prepare their children for the Sacrament. There will be a help sheet with the booklet and a phone number to ring if there is any difficulty. There will be a short preparation and practice session for the Sacrament on the Friday evening before 20th August at 7.00pm. Arrangements will also be made for an opportunity for Reconciliation in the week before the Sacrament.

If you do intend your child to be confirmed this year please let us know: Child's name and surname, date of birth, date of baptism, suburb and name of church of Baptism, Father's name, Mother's name and maiden name, Home Address and preferred Phone number and Email address.

Please contact Paul Wyatt 0419262774 or paul.wyatt@iinet.net.au for any enquiries or contact the parish office 46832230 or picton@dow.org.au

FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND ELDERLY

25 July 2021 Sunday, 25 July 2021, has been designated by Pope Francis, as the First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, to coincide with the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, Jesus' grandparents. It is occurring in the Year of Amoris Laetitia Family 2021-22 with the theme, 'I am with you always'.

If you have planned giving envelope No.68, could you please contact the parish office or let Fr Peter know, thank you

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT - WELCOMING AND INFORMATION - CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG

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2021 SIGNIFICANT MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS

If you are celebrating 25, 40, 50 or 60 years of marriage this year, and would like an invitation to the Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord at St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow on Sunday, 8 August 2021 at 2pm, please register online at www.dow.org.au/events/, or contact Helen Bennett at the Office of the Bishop at 4222 2403, or via email helen.bennett@dow.org.au by no later than Monday 12 July. Once you have done so, an invitation and official online registration procedures can be sent to you.

For those who missed out in 2020 In this year of St Joseph and the Family, we are exploring the possibility of hosting two (2) sessions to enable as many couples as possible, and some limited members of their family, to attend the Significant Marriage Anniversaries Mass. Furthermore, this also enables us to invite couples who reached one of these significant milestones in 2020 to contact Helen Bennett and register their interest.

As you would appreciate, due to the possibility of heightened COVID-19 restrictions, our plans are subject to change and even cancellation. We kindly urge you to register as soon as possible in order to receive an invitation and enable appropriate planning for this important celebration.

GO DEEPER IN FAITH! FREE 6-week course in the Catholic Faith This course is designed for any Catholic who is looking to discover more about their Catholic Faith. Over six consecutive Mondays or Fridays, we will explore the following topics with great guest speakers: Morality: Life in the Spirit (Mr Seth Harsh), Church: Mission of the Holy Spirit (Sr Susanna Edmunds OP), Christ: Heart of Catechesis (Fr Bernard Gordon VG), Creation: Work of the Trinity (Sr Bernadette Toohey MGL), Reconciliation: Forgiveness of Sins, Healing (Sr Therese Mills MGL), Communion: Eucharist - Source & Summit (Fr Mark De Battista) In the past, this course was only available to Catechists,

but we have now opened it up to all interested people. We hope that you can join us. There are two opportunities to attend: Mondays: Commencing Monday 19 July 9:30am-1:30pm CCD Regional Centre, Micah House 35A Cordeaux St, Campbelltown (Dates: July 19, 26, August 2, 9, 16, 23) Fridays: Commencing Friday 23 July 9:30am-1:30pm Xavier Conference Centre 38 Harbour St, Wollongong (Dates: July 23, 30, August 6, 13, 20, 27) If you would like to attend please register by clicking here, RSVP by Friday 16 July.

CALL TO CONNECT - CATHOLIC WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Are you looking for an avenue of prayer and sharing the faith journey with a group of female friends, online or face to face? "Call to Connect" Catholic women's ministry is a ministry that offers prayer, hospitality and sharing the faith journey for women through its prayer/sharing group structure. Their aim is to strengthen the relationship between women and facilitate a deepening walk with God. There are Starter Kits available with all you need to form prayer/sharing groups. For more information contact Bronnie Schlager on calltoconnect.ministry@gmail.com

THE JOURNEY, 18 JULY 2021 - YOUR DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG WEEKLY PODCAST

In this time of lockdown for so many in the Diocese, be encouraged in your journey of discipleship by this Diocese of Wollongong weekly podcast. Great short talks and uplifting worship music. Be encouraged in difficult times by the Journey - Listen at jcr.org.au or your local Christian Radio station.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT - The transformation of the world is a fundamental requirement of our time. To this need the Church's social Magisterium intends to offer the responses called for by the signs of the times, pointing above all to the mutual love between human beings, in the sight of God, as the most powerful instrument of change, on the personal and social levels. - Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church - Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace

**Diocese of Wollongong church buildings are NOT OPEN for private prayer
Churches can be opened only for:
Masses, Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms and Reconciliation**

MASS ON T.V.

As all Masses in the area have been cancelled due to the recent COVID restrictions—Mass can be watched every week on Sunday morning at 6.00 am on Channel 10

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