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Fr Peter Tien
Parish Priest



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER —YEAR A

Parish Bulletin

Sunday 19 April 2020

Hi everyone! Happy Easter!

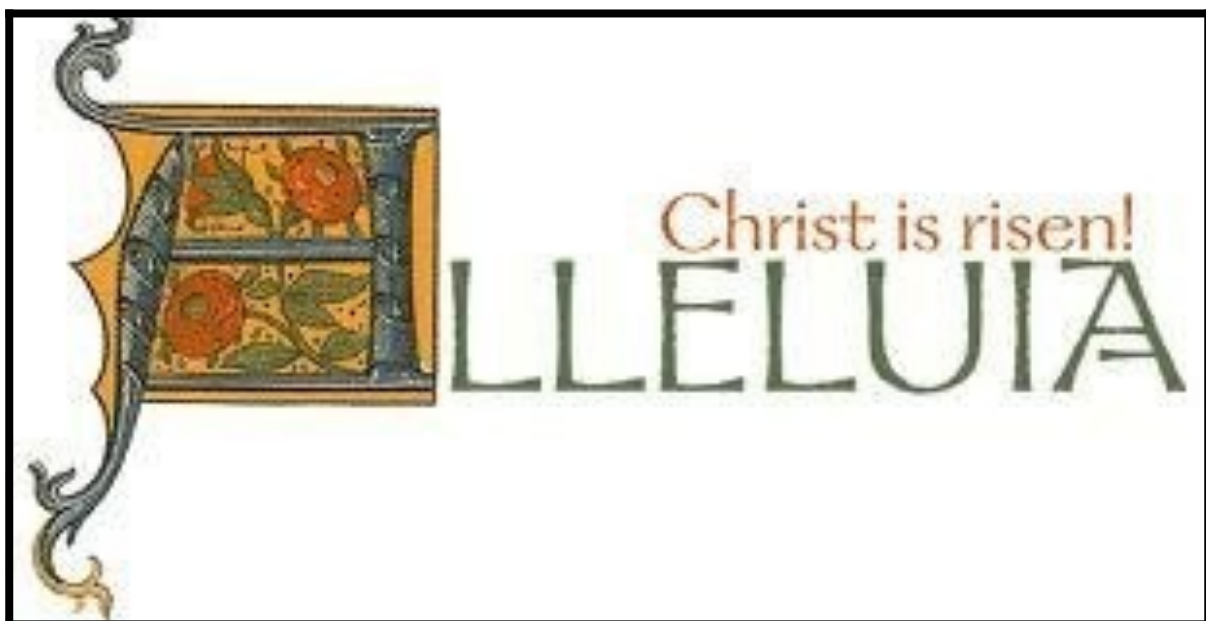
I hope that you are doing well and safe!

Easter Season lasts for 50 days from Easter Sunday to the feast of the coming of the Holy Spirit. These 50 days are given so that everyone has an opportunity to give thanks to the Creator and Redeemer for his love and mercy.

If we have died with Christ, we will have a share in his resurrection.

Cheers with Easter blessing!

Fr. Peter Tien.



PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Leo Bice, Ray Mason, John Prey

ANNIVERSARIES: Sandra Wise

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 Macnara, Jim Matthews, Elizabeth Linsell

DIocese OF WOLLONGONG MASS ONLINE AND OTHER SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

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.

Starting Sunday 29 March, we will be providing Sunday Mass online available at www.dow.org.au and on the diocese's Facebook page www.facebook.com/WollongongCatholic with Bishop Brian Mascord and other priests from the diocese.

Other Online Masses from Around the Diocese of Wollongong

For daily Masses, parishioners throughout the Diocese are encouraged to access other home worship resources including:

- Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays 12:10pm Mass from the Cathedral House at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong
- Tuesday—Sunday Masses from Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church, Rosemeadow
- Saturdays 5pm and Sundays 10am Mass from St Mary MacKillop Catholic Church, Oran Park
- Daily Mass from St John the Evangelist Catholic Parish, Campbelltown
- Daily Mass at 7am from All Saints Catholic Parish, Shellharbour City
- Daily 7pm Mass and Sunday 10am Mass from Mary Immaculate Catholic Church, Eagle Vale

Mass for You at Home is available across the Ten Network on Sundays at 6am and any time on TenPlay

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) if you need to decrease/discontinue your planned giving contribution, but mainly to let us know how we can support you. <https://www.dow.org.au/plannedgiving/>

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

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 and follow the prompts to access. Hopefully these resources will help create prayerful solidarity with our community and the whole Body of Christ.

PARISH & COMMUNITY LIAISON – CATHOLIC CARE

Jane Hollier from Catholic Care, as part of her role has offered to be available for phone contact if you would like someone to talk to during the next couple of months of social isolation. Through Catholic Care, Jane may be able to link you in with some services that might make the next couple of months a little bit easier. Feel free to contact Jane on 0417 018 152. Jane is not providing counselling, just a friendly chat.

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

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, wither 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.

Eligibility requirements:

All Sacraments: Your child should have been baptized. You should be satisfied that your child is ready to receive the sacrament.

Reconciliation: Your child should be in year 2 at school or older.

Eucharist (Holy Communion): Your child should be at least in year 3 at school or older and have made their First Reconciliation.

Confirmation: Your child should be at least in year 6 at school or older.

LETS PRAY TOGETHER

A call to commit to Prayer during the Pandemic every evening at 7pm: The faithful across the Diocese of Wollongong are urged to join with other members of the National Council of Churches, so that all Christians pray 7pm every night through until Easter Sunday during the Pandemic crisis.

PRAYERING FOR OUR WORLD, AMIDST COVID-19

Gracious God,

We give thanks anew for your providence and presence.

We prayerfully seek your grace, amidst COVID-19 here and overseas. We pray for those in need of healing.

We pray for your peace with those who are anxious or grieving. We pray you will continue to strengthen and sustain all those who are serving in response.

We pray for your Holy Spirit's discernment amidst the many choices and decisions facing our national, community and medical leaders.

We pray we each might see quickly what more we can do to help those who are vulnerable.

This prayer for our nation in the family of nations, with all that is on our hearts, we gather now and pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

2021 ENROLMENTS

Enrolment packages for Kindergarten 2021 are now available from St Anthony's school office. If you have a child who will commence school next year please collect an application package from the school office. Should you know of any new families who might be considering enrolment for next year would you please pass on this information. We have had strong demand for places in recent years.

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday

9.00a.m. - 3.00p.m.

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