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Fr Peter Tien
Parish Priest



Parish Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Lent — Year A

Sunday 19 March 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

FIRST READING: Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

A reading from the book of Samuel

Is the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

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

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Ephesians
Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: John 9:1-41

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.

Next week's readings: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ezek 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH—TAHMOOR

Saturday Vigil—6.00 pm

Sunday—8.30am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Tuesday - 5.00 pm – ADORATION

5.30 pm— Tahmoor

Wednesday - 8.30 am— Tahmoor

5.30 pm **Stations of the Cross**

Thursday - 8.30 am—Tahmoor

Friday— 8.30 am—Tahmoor

Saturday - 8.30am—Tahmoor

The Annunciation of the Lord

Arabic Mass 6pm, every 2nd Friday—

March dates: 17th and 31st

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 5.00 pm—5.30 pm

Baptism and Marriage

Please contact the parish office.

Adoration: Tuesday 5.00 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday 9am—3pm

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Humans see and judge by appearances, but God looks into the heart, and there finds the real person. God's standards are not superficial, as are so many of the standards of the world. It is not age, beauty or physical strength that is important; it is not social position or religious role that is preferred. God chooses whom God chooses. God saw in David, the insignificant shepherd, the potential for being the chief shepherd of his people. The man who was born blind became the one through whom others would see the mighty works of God. Yet, neither young David nor the man in the gospel made the initial step; each simply responded with openness to God's choice of him.

By what criteria do we judge others? Do we consider some people too insignificant for greatness? Are we overly concerned with status? Do we categorise people according to the disease or physical limitation that they must endure? Do we sometimes blame them for their disability? Do our eyes perceive life in accord with the standards of a materialistic, body-orientated, pleasure-seeking society? Or do we look into the other's heart, as God does?

As with the other scrutiny Sundays, catechumens and long-standing members alike are exhorted to make a choice. Jesus is the one who gives sight to blind eyes and religious insight to those open to receive it. However, there is a price to pay. Will it be the standards of the world, or the power of God in Jesus Christ?

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

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

ANNIVERSARY: Paul Wise

RECENTLY DECEASED :

PRAY FOR THE SICK Florence Hinton, Debbie James, Jean Le Roux, 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

<u>READERS:</u>	<u>THIS WEEK</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK</u>
VIGIL:	TRISH LINDNER	SOPHIA DE ZILVA

8.30AM:	TRUDY HANCOCK	PAUL WYATT
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<u>CLEANERS:</u>	PAULINE BUTTIGIEG & MARY ANN BUTTIGIEG	COLIN DUNN
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FLOWERS: NO FLOWERS DURING LENT

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

<u>MORNING TEA:</u>	MARY GILBERT	NICOLE NEWTON & PAULA
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ROSARY RECITED: The Rosary is being said prior to weekday morning Mass at 8am, including Sundays. Everyone is invited to come and prayer for world peace.

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.

CLEANING ROSTER: More cleaners are always needed. If you can spare a few hours, once every 4-5 weeks, please contact the parish office

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD—There will be a Mass on Saturday 25 March at 8.30am, to celebrate this Solemnity

STATIONS OF THE CROSS— will be held on Wednesdays at 5.30 pm, in Tahmoor church.

ARABIC MASS—is held every 2nd Friday at 6pm. March Mass dates are: 17th and 31st.

ADVERTISING ON THE BACK PAGE OF THE PARISH BULLETIN—If you or someone you know have a business or service you would like to advertise, please contact the parish office.

PALMS REQUIRED: If you have any palms suitable for Palm Sunday, could you please deliver them to the foyer of the church by Friday 31st March.



PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES/ENVELOPES: Could these all be returned at Easter please

LITURGY TRAINING WORKSHOP Saturday 1 April 2023. Ingleburn Parish is hosting a Ministry Workshop, specifically for Readers, Ministers of Communion and Acolytes, both for existing ministers and those interested in joining these ministries. The day will begin with mass at 9am, followed by the workshop at 9.30am and conclude with a light lunch at approximately 1pm. A contribution to the lunch would be appreciated. If you would like to register for this Workshop please ring Sr Monica Barlow on 0417881001

CATHOLIC FAMILY CAMPING WEEKENDS FOR 2023 Save these dates and join us for a good time with great people. May 19-21 & October 27-29, 2023 - Fridays 4pm till Sunday 3pm, Wooglemai Catholic Camping Facility/Environmental Centre, Sheehys Creek Road, Oakdale (15 minutes from Picton)



Fourth Sunday of Lent 18 & 19 March



Thu lost his leg after stepping on a land mine in Vietnam. With the support of the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development, Thu can now earn extra income and care for his wife as she recovers from a stroke.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

EASTER TIME TABLE

2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION—Friday 31 March at 5.00pm

PALM SUNDAY—1/2 April Vigil 6.00pm, Sunday 8.30am

CHRISM MASS—Tuesday 4 April, 7.00pm at Wollongong Cathedral

HOLY THURSDAY (LAST SUPPER) - Thursday 6 April at 7.00pm

GOOD FRIDAY—STATIONS OF THE CROSS—Friday 7 April—10.00am (outdoors)

GOOD FRIDAY—Veneration of the Cross - 3.00pm

GOOD FRIDAY IS A DAY OF FASTING

EASTER VIGIL—Saturday 6.00pm

EASTER DAY—Sunday 8.30am



THE JOURNEY, 19 March 2023 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast On The Journey This Week: Fr Mark De Battista says this Gospel takes us on a journey into true spiritual insight. Mother Hilda says it is not what we see that has its lasting effects, it is how we see it. The Triumph Lenten series continues with Sr Anastasia Reeves and Ken Bryant. Plus, Fr Mike Delaney and God in the Everyday. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au

JOELLE MARYN: Master of the Pieces Book Tour. We would like to invite all those interested in adult faith formation to join us for a very special evening on Monday 20 March 2023 at 7pm. Award winning Actress, Speaker and TV Host, Joelle Maryn will be speaking at the new CCD and Evangelisation Resource Centre in Campbelltown and sharing her message of God's healing love as a part of her "Master of the Pieces" book tour. The event will include refreshments, good company, as well as the opportunity for Q and A and books to purchase. To register: www.dow.org.au/events

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT A key element of this journey is examining our relationship to poverty. We can start by considering what the Apostle Paul said of Jesus Christ: "For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich." This seeming contradiction, Pope Francis explains is a way of loving that ultimately enriches us. <https://justiceandpeace.org.au/lent-easter-social-justice>

CATHOLICCARE - Have you thought about becoming a foster carer? We need foster carers who provide love, care, and support to help these children thrive and reach their full potential. Carers receive comprehensive support from the Fostering Futures team to ensure they have a full range of resources and networks to nurture their forever home. Our team have over 30 years' experience helping carers give vulnerable children a loving home and a brighter future. For more information, please call 0418783956, or

Email: fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au or go to www.catholiccare.dow.org.au

menALIVE's — reFUEL Weekly Sharing and Journaling Sessions— Every Tuesday 7.30pm reFUEL is a weekly hour-long gathering of men every Tuesday evening on Zoom providing the chance to: break open the Sunday reading using a Lectio Divina style exercise "catch up" with great men from across Australia and New Zealand. gain strength and inspiration by the witness of other men. pray as a group for individual needs and the needs of others. Join via this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88436558468>

THE CHOSEN – A TV Series about Jesus The Chosen is a new 'free to view', series, now in its third season, that beautifully and creatively presents the life of Christ and his followers. The shows are of the highest quality and are receiving acclaim around the world across denominations. Go to watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen to watch or get the free app for use on your phone / laptop via The Chosen app (download) or for your Smart TV. Watch it on your own, or better still with family and friends.

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