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Fr Peter Tien
Parish Priest



THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT —YEAR C

Parish Bulletin

Sunday 20 March 2022

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

FIRST READING: Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

A reading from the book of Exodus

This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is kind and merciful

SECOND READING: Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Repent, says the Lord;

the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young; by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

Next week's readings: Fourth Sunday of Lent —Year C

Joshua 5:9-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk15:1-3, 11-32

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

5.00 pm—Stations of the Cross

Outside at Tahmoor

Thursday - NO MASS

Friday— NO MASS

The Annunciation of the Lord

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 5.00 pm—5.30 pm

Adoration: Tuesday— 5.00 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday

9.00a.m. - 3.00p.m.

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REFLECTION:

Have we ever wondered why our face has only one mouth? We have two eyes, two ears, two nostrils, two hands, and two feet, but only one mouth. The lesson is clear: we have to talk less, and double our efforts at listening, looking, and working. Unfortunately, many of us talk more and faster. We open our mouth more often than we look, listen and work. This is where trouble begins. And worse still, we use our eyes and ears for the wrong reasons. We look at others in order to find faults – so many of us are not only color-blind, but also goodness-blind. We use our ears not to listen to the needs and views of others, but to gather gossips and intrigues. Then such filthy information will immediately be forwarded to the mouth, and the evil news spreads like wildfire. The person who is the subject of this evil talk has no more chance to defend himself for he is already judged rashly; and his reputation is destroyed. This is what the people at the time of Jesus were doing. The victims of Pilate and the falling tower met horrible deaths, but instead of being kind to them, the people judged and condemned them as worse sinners. Destroying one's reputation is another way of murder, and it is against the commandment of God.

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

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

ANNIVERSARY: Paul Wise, Brian Mirabito

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

<u>READERS:</u>	<u>THIS WEEK</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK</u>
<u>VIGIL:</u>	TRISH LINDNER	SANDRA RYAN
8.30AM:	JENNIFER FOLDES	TRUDY HANCOCK
<u>CLEANERS:</u>	————	COLIN DUNN
<u>FLOWERS:</u>	NO FLOWERS DURING LENT	
<u>SACRISTY:</u>	GILLIAN DOBSON	MARY GILBERT

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*****The parish website has been updated with the new Mass times, for easy reference. *****

Fr Peter's Surgery—will take place on Thursday 24 March, please keep Fr Peter in your prayers for a speedy recovery. In his absence Fr John Ho will be saying Masses on 26/27 March and 2/3/ April. Please make Fr John feel welcomed.

THE ROSARY

- Wednesday 6.00 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 been resumed. If you are unwell, Sunday Mass can be watched on Channel 10 at 6am

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To all those who gave very generously to the Flood Relief Appeal—the parishioners of the parish gave \$3,000.

BISHOP BRIAN'S FLOOD RELIEF APPEAL

My prayers and thoughts are with you all as this flood disaster continues. During this week, we have had towns in our diocese cut off; a number of our schools closed, non-operational or on alert; church buildings and agency offices affected by flooding and heavy rain; and clergy, staff, families, students and friends from our extended community experiencing another trauma. *In a heartfelt [video](#) message to his flock, Greg Homeming OCD, Bishop of Lismore, said it had been “a very tragic few days”. To those who had “lost everything” in these floods, Bishop Greg said that everyone across the diocese was suffering with them. “This has all happened at a time when we were hoping that 2022 would be a year of hope, a good year,” he said. As a diocese, I would like to provide practical support for the people of Lismore. I also want to provide pastoral and practical support for the people in our own diocese who have been and will continue to be impacted by these floods. I am inviting you to donate to my **Flood Relief Appeal** <https://www.dow.org.au/giving/> an appeal I hope, with your support, will help me generously meet this goal. +BM*

PLEASE VISIT the parish website:

www.stanthonyspicton.org.au to view the pictures that were taken at the World Day of Prayer. A report of the event is also included.

WANTED — CATECHISTS

There is an urgent need for catechists. Some of the local state primary school, catholic students, will be missing out on receiving the opportunity to attend scripture classes, due to the lack of catechists. If you can give 1 hour per week, to share your faith, please contact Audrey Ferrara 0412 675 239

COMMUNITY VISITORS NEEDED: Catholic Care is seeking new volunteers to provide friendly visits to isolated older people living in Thirlmere, Picton and Tahmoor. If you are able to give 1 hour a fortnight to provide a friendly visit to someone experiencing loneliness, please contact our CVS Coordinator – Rebecca Miller m.0448 930 287 email. rebeccam@catholiccare.dow.org.au

FIRST FRIDAY LUNCH IS BACK YET AGAIN, and we are starting on **Friday 1st April in the Parish Centre at Midday.**

We know it is a Friday in Lent, so we are suggesting we each bring our own lunch with us, but please come and enjoy the good company of your fellow parishioners – there must be lots to talk about after 2 years of COVID and then the rain as well as all the good things.

SYNOD OF BISHOPS: People around the world have been participating in an international conversation about the Catholic Church. You are invited to join the discussion, helping shape a major global meeting in 2023. You have one more week to make a submission to your local consultation for the international Synod on Synodality, calling the People of God to walk together in our mission as Christians. Find out more at: <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

LIGHT TO THE NATIONS (LTTN) EASTER YOUTH PILGRIMAGE

LTTN is a bi-annual Easter Youth Pilgrimage for young people (16+) and the young at heart. From Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday young people camp under the open skies and join in celebrating the Easter liturgies, led by the Missionaries of God's love. Young people encounter Jesus vibrantly, through prayer, worship, drama, music, and personal sharing. LTTN 2022 will be held at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre in Varroville. In the year of Amoris Laetitia, families are especially encouraged to consider joining with hundreds of others for this amazing experience. DoW Youth Ministry team members will eagerly be looking to connect with young people from around the Diocese. For more information, and registration details, or simply for a day booking head to <https://ltn.dojcommunity.com/>

PART TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – Parish Secretary All Saints Catholic Parish, Shellharbour City Shellharbour parish is seeking the services of a part time secretary for 2.5 days – 13 hours per week Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. The position requires skills in administration and maintaining a database. The parish secretary needs to be a committed and practising Catholic, embracing the teachings and ethos of the Catholic Church in their daily life. If interested, please make contact via email to request an application pack for this position to frances.vanleerdam@dow.org.au Applications close 5pm Monday 21 March 2022

BINGO IS BACK

**Resuming on
Thursday 17 March,
11 am at
Tahmoor Inn
Everyone is welcome**

ST ANTHONY'S KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2023

are now open. If you have a child or know a family with a child starting school in 2023 please collect an enrolment form, from the school office. Enrolments close on Friday 1 April.

LATEST COVID DIRECTIVES

From the Diocese 24/2/22

- *Social Distancing is no longer required.*
 - *Checking in is no longer required.*
 - *Masks are no longer mandatory*
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- *If unable to attend Mass, it can be viewed on TV or online, or by other prayerful means.*
 - *Please only attend Mass if you are well.*
 - *Please leave the kneeler down when leaving Mass, to allow for easy cleaning.*
 - *Collections are still not being taken up, please place offerings in the boxes mounted on the wall or giving can be done by direct debit, please contact the office for details.*
 - *Holy water fonts still not being used.*
 - *Please do not touch any statues or icons*
 - *The sign of peace is still not by hand shaking*
 - *Holy Communion will only be given into the hand*
 - *Reconciliation is on Saturdays between 5pm – 5.30pm*
 - *Baptisms by appointment only, either on Saturday or Sunday*
 - *You are encouraged to have the COVID*



HARVEST JOURNEYS: South Coast & Country:

A Journey with Bishop Peter Ingham—12 day Catholic Roadtrip departing 23 April 2022. Brochures available in the foyer

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