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**Fr Peter Tien**  
Parish Priest



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME —YEAR A

*Parish Bulletin*

Sunday 20 September 2020

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

In the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 55:6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah  
*My thoughts are not your thoughts.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

The Lord is near to all who call him.

**SECOND READING:** Philippians 1:20-24, 27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians  
*For me to live is Christ*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Open our hearts, O Lord,  
To listen to the words of your Son.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 20:1-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
*Why are you jealous because I am generous?*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

**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 Adoration  
5.30 pm - Tahmoor  
Wednesday - 8.30 am—Tahmoor  
St Pius of Pietrelcina, priest  
Thursday - 8.30 am—Tahmoor  
Friday - 8.30 am—Tahmoor

**Reconciliation (Confession)**

By appointment only

**Adoration:** Tuesday: 5pm

**OFFICE HOURS**

**Tuesday & Thursday**

9.00a.m. - 3.00p.m.

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## **HISTORICAL** **CONTEXT**

### **Labourers for hire**

Jesus' parable describes a situation that would have been very familiar to his audience. At the time, there were many quite wealthy landowners who controlled large vineyards, orchards and crop fields. They would have employed a certain number of permanent workers but come harvest time there was a need for more workers and, much like today, they sought to employ part time workers for a short period of time until the rush was over. Men looking for work would gather in the marketplace of a village and landowners would select workers and send them to their property to work.

**NEXT WEEK:** 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A  
Ezek 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32

**DIRECT DEPOSITS:** - can you please ensure that you use your name OR Planned Giving envelope number as a reference, so monies given can be recorded against your name.  
Some have COVID19 as a reference, which does not allow proper recording of monies given.

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

### PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

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

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

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

### READERS: THIS WEEK

Vigil: Beth Nolan  
7.30am: Don Turvey  
9.30am: Jeff Brown

### NEXT WEEK

Sandra Ryan  
John Maher  
Maree Galea

### CLEANERS: Colin Dunn

Helen Willis  
Jean Le Roux

### SACRISTY: Gillian Dobson

Mary Gilbert

SPECIAL MINISTERS will not be rostered on during the pandemic

ACOLYTES are most welcome to serve on the altar



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Given that we are still limited to the number of people who can attend Mass and collections are being conducted differently, this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal has moved to an ONLINE format. Find out more at [www.dow.org.au/giving](http://www.dow.org.au/giving)

There are no envelopes this year for the Bishops Appeal, a leaving collection/basket is available for those who wish to give, using cash.

“Our faith calls us to help one another through prayer and action. Your donation to this appeal will enable me to provide a dignified retirement for our diocesan clergy and ensure that our parish communities stay connected during this time of pandemic. While I acknowledge the pressure that some households are facing at this time, if you are in a financial position to give, I would be very grateful if you would consider giving generously to this appeal.”  
+ Bishop Brian Mascord

### WEARING OF FACE MASKS—MESSAGE FROM BISHOP BRIAN:

“I encourage parishioners that whilst it is not mandatory to wear them, it is highly recommended to use masks when attending Mass.”

“Attendance Monitors should also be encouraged to use masks for the protection of themselves and parishioners, as physical distancing cannot always be maintained when carrying out their duties.”

FACE MASKS—ST VINCENT DE PAUL: Fabric face masks are available for \$5 each, all proceeds to St Vincent de Paul, please phone Maura 0414856365

BLESSING OF ANIMALS – Monday 5 October 9:30a.m. The annual Blessing of Animals will be held on the long weekend in October, from 9:30a.m. onwards to 11:00a.m. on Monday, 5 October at St Michael's Church, 325 Lawrence Hargrave Drive, Thirroul. All animals are welcome. This year, because of social distancing regulations, all animals must keep two paws apart. You may bring your pets anytime between 9:30a.m. and 11:00a.m. so as to maintain social distancing [especially between the lions and sheep].

On 4 October, people all over the world will be celebrating the feast day of the Patron Saint of Animals, Saint Francis of Assisi. It is customary that in remembrance of St Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures, animals are led to churches for a special ceremony called the “Blessing of the Animals.” Every year, millions of animals are blessed by priests/friars in a ceremony that touches the hearts of most of those in attendance.

HEALING AFTER ABORTION Rachel's Vineyard Ministries Weekend Retreat offers women and men a sanctuary in which to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion in a safe, supportive, confidential, and non-judgmental environment. The next healing retreat will be held 4-6 December 2020. Join in an Online Reflection - Called to Life - a confidential free online individually guided reflection at a time to suit you. Please enquire about these programs at Rachel's Vineyard Ministries on their confidential number (voice mail): 0400 092 555 – more info at [www.rachelsvineyard.org.au](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org.au)

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## LATEST DIRECTIVES FROM BISHOP BRIAN

- 1) *The total number of people allowed to attend Mass is now replaced by the rules of social distancing—4 square metres of space for each person. Maximum allowed is 100*
- 2) *First time Mass goers must have their names and contact phone number recorded with the parish, prior to attending. After that please have your named checked off when entering the church, on each occasion, that you attend.*

*You are not required to pre register for weekday Mass.*

*Those who cannot attend Mass, can continue to nurture their faith through watching Mass on line or other prayerful means.*

*+ If you are 65years+ and have underlying health concerns or 70+ years please consider staying at home for your safety*

*+ Mass attendants must prove well and must use sanitizer when entering the Church.*

*+ When leaving please leave your kneeler down, so those areas can be cleaned.*

*+ Offering (Sunday Mass only) is to be placed in boxes provided (mounted on wall) at the entrances, as you enter the Church or after Mass, or ideally given through direct debit.*

*Collection plates will no longer be passed around to avoid spread of germs/viruses.*

*+ No longer holy water in the bowl at the entrance door.*

*+ Please do not touch any statues/paintings/icons*

*+ Not to shake hand at any event.*

*+ Holy Communion given into the hand only and in one line.*

- 3) *Reconciliation/Confession: by appointment with Fr. Peter (his phone: 0406001540.)*
- 4) *Baptism: by appointment either on Saturday or Sunday*
- 5) *You are encouraged to install the COVID-19 App onto your mobile phone.*

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**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES** are now available for collection from the back of the church. If you would like to join the planned giving with envelopes, please leave your name with the parish office.

**They can also be collected on a Tuesday or Thursday, please call into the parish office, between 9am—3.00pm**

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

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**LIVESTREAM HOLY HOUR** Join the NET Team for online Holy Hour! Every Wednesday from 6:30pm on Instagram @wollongongnetteam or Facebook @CYMDOW (Catholic Youth Ministry Wollongong). Witness adoration, join in for praise and worship, and hear the Gospel as well as a reflection written by one of our team members! All from the safety of your home!

**DATES LOCKED IN FOR PLENARY COUNCIL ASSEMBLIES** The two assemblies for the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia will be held in Adelaide from 3-10 October 2021, and in Sydney from 4 – 9 July 2022. The new dates mean that the celebration of the Plenary Council has effectively moved 12 months from the original plan of a first assembly in October 2020 and a second assembly in June/July 2021.

**THE DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG WEEKLY PODCAST – ‘THE JOURNEY’** – 20 September 2020 The Journey this week – A Catholic version of Q&A – Mother Hilda asks how many times has God put an act of kindness into your life after a rugged day? Fr Mike Delaney asks how do we react to the Johnny come lately getting the same deal as those there from the beginning? And, Darren McDowell looks at Jesus’ leadership style and asks do we let Jesus empower us through His Spirit to be the same type of leader? The Journey available every Friday for free download – go to [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au)

### **ELECTRONIC PARISH PLANNED GIVING**

Given that some parishioners are unable to attend Mass in our church, many 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.

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

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