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Fr Peter Tien
Parish Priest



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT —YEAR B

Parish Bulletin

Sunday 21 March 2021

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah
The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:7-9

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
And where I am, my servant will also be.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: John 12:20-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

St Anthony's Church - Tahmoor

Saturday Vigil - 6.00 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
Thursday - 8.30 am—Tahmoor
Annunciation of the Lord
Friday - 8.30 am—Tahmoor

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 5.00—5.30pm
Please wear a face mask

Adoration: Tuesday: 5pm

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday

9.00a.m. - 3.00p.m.

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The moment of eschatological fulfilment gathers together the sense of the past ('the days when Christ was in the flesh'), the future ('the days are coming'), and the present ('the hour has come'). We live in the time when the past and the future are made present; we live in the 'already-but-not-yet' time of anticipation/fulfilment. This is a moment of great ambiguity, of fear and trepidation but of electric excitement. It is a moment of decision. We hover at the edge of dawn, weighing whether or not to step forward into the new day or to return to the darkness of night.

This 'hour' brings a new covenant, a deep interior relationship with God that is not based on law but which overflows from a commitment of the heart. It brings an abundant harvest that springs from a simple grain of wheat. It brings a promise from God's own Son that those who serve him will be honoured by God, and those who obey him will enjoy eternal life.

Although the 'hour' brings all of these blessings, it only does so with a price. The new covenant could only be written on new hearts; the abundant harvest sprang from the dying grain of wheat; eternal salvation was won at the price of Christ's blood. As challenging as the message of these readings may be, the last note is one of hope. It can overcome the demons that control us, because it is the power of the almighty God.



YEAR of SAINT JOSEPH

"Show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life"

DECEMBER 8, 2020 - DECEMBER 8, 2021

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

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

ANNIVERSARY: Paul Wise, Gregory John Cooper

RECENTLY DECEASED:

PRAY FOR THE SICK Marie Darlington, Christine Jupe, Janelle Clifton, Graeme Menser, Ross Spirou, Lesley Thompson, Mauro Mariano, John Debono, Melony Cox, Joanne McMahon, Daniel Clarke, Margaret Brown, Lesley Gardiner, James McNeil, Ian Macnamara, Stephanie Macnamara, Elizabeth Linsell

<u>READERS:</u>	<u>THIS WEEK</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK</u>
VIGIL:	SOPHIA DE ZILVA	TBA
7.30AM:	JOHN BUTLER	TBA
9.30AM:	PAUL WYATT	TBA

CLEANERS: HELEN WILLIS & JEAN LE ROUX

FLOWERS: NO FLOWERS DURING LENT

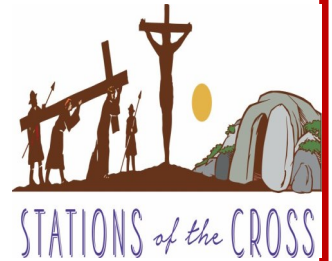
SACRISTY: GILLIAN DOBSON MARY GILBERT

SPECIAL MINISTERS will not be rostered on during the pandemic

ACOLYTES are most welcome to serve on the altar

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Will be held in the church at 6pm, weekly, from Wednesday 3 March until Wednesday 24 March



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

ST ANTHONY'S SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2022

Kindergarten enrolments for 2022 are now open. If you have a child or know a family with a child starting school in 2022 please collect an enrolment form from the school office. Enrolments close on Friday 26 March.

PALMS NEEDED: If you have any palms that could be used for Palm Sunday, please leave in the foyer of the church, by Friday afternoon, 26 March.

PARISH MAINTENANCE SATURDAY 27th MARCH 8am PLEASE HELP!

REQUIRED FOR EASTER CLEAN UP

There will be a working bee commencing at 8am to clean up around the church and grounds for the celebration of Easter.

Edging, mowing, weeding, window cleaning and web removal planned. Other maintenance jobs also available. Great working group.



BINGO IS COMING BACK!

Bingo at Tahmoor Inn will resume on Thursday 8 April, at 11am, everyone is welcome.



PROJECT COMPASSION: Virtual Immersion

Each week during this Lenten season, Caritas Australia is holding Virtual Immersion opportunities for parishes via Zoom video conferencing. These digital engagements will allow participants to focus on prayer and reflection, Catholic Social Teaching and an interview and Q&A with Caritas International Program staff.

Sessions will run Tuesdays and Thursdays for one hour across Australia. You can register here for the [Virtual Immersion Schedule](#)

Project Compassion boxes and envelopes are available from the back of the church.

NEXT WEEK: Palm Sunday —Year B
Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1—15-47

ART & WELLBEING WORKSHOPS: being run by CatholicCare— Project HeARTbeat- Connect. Create. Discover. Heal. Grow. Free workshops, materials provided, no artistic skills required. Tuesday 6 April (2 sessions) 10am-12.30pm and 1.30pm—4pm at the parish hall. Places are limited, to register call 4227 1122, enquiries catholiccare.dow.org.au

EASTER 2021 TIMETABLE

HOLY THURSDAY – MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 6.00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY – STATIONS OF THE CROSS – 10.00 am
PASSION OF THE LORD — 3.00 pm

EASTER VIGIL - MASS 6.00 pm (will start in the church)

EASTER SUNDAY – MASS 7.30 am
MASS 9.30 am



2nd RITE OF RECONCILIATION—THURSDAY 25 MARCH 2021 – 6.00 pm

Registration is required to attend services on Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday.

This must be done by contacting the parish office: picton@dow.org.au or 4683 2230

Individual names, not just number in family and a contact phone number needs to be provided. *If you have registered and unable to attend, please advise the parish, so someone on waiting list will not miss*

LENTEN NOTES

FASTING & ABSTINENCE

- ◇ All who have completed their 18th year and have not yet begun their 60th year are bound to **fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.**
- ◇ All who have completed their 14th year are bound to **abstain from meat** on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- ◇ Pastors, teachers, parents are to ensure that even those who, by reason of their age, are not bound by the law of fasting and abstinence from meat, are taught the true meaning of penance.

CURSILLO IN WOLLONGONG will be holding a Three-Day Weekend at beautiful Hartzler Park Retreat Centre (Near Moss Vale) from Thursday evening 1st July to Sunday afternoon 4th July 2021 for both women and men. Listen to talks and join in small group discussion with women or men from Wollongong Diocese and discover a way to live the Gospel in everyday life refreshed and with friends. To find out more please ring Denise on 0438254139 or email denisedamore0@gmail.com>

LIVE LOCAL ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS! LIVE

Local is coming back and we are going to be better than ever! LIVE Local is a youth group ran by CYMW in the Macarthur Region. Where? St John the Evangelist Catholic Church Hall, Campbelltown When? Every Friday night! 7pm–9pm What to expect? Food, live music, games, prayer, and community! We look forward to seeing you there :) For more information, visit @cymdw on Facebook or Instagram.

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

LATEST DIRECTIVES FROM BISHOP BRIAN

- 1) *The total number of people allowed to attend Mass is now replaced by the rules of social distancing—2 square metres of space for each person. Maximum allowed is 200*
- 2) *First time Mass goers must have their names and contact phone number recorded with the parish, prior to attending, or register on arrival 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

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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