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Fr Peter Tien
Parish Priest



Parish Bulletin

The ASCENSION of the LORD—Year A

21 May 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians
He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel,
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

Next week's readings: PENTECOST SUNDAY

Acts 2:1-11; Cor 12:3-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH—TAHMOOR

Saturday Vigil—5.00 pm

Sunday—8.30am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Tuesday -	5.00 pm – ADORATION
	5.30 pm— Tahmoor
Wednesday -	8.30 am— Tahmoor
	Our Lady, Help of Christians
Thursday -	8.30 am— Tahmoor
Friday—	8.30 am—Tahmoor
	St Philip Neri, priest

*Arabic Mass 6pm, every 2nd Friday—
May dates: 26th*

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 4.00 pm—4.30 pm

Baptism and Marriage

Please contact the parish office.

Adoration: Tuesday 5.00 pm—

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday 9am—3pm

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The feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times, a moment when we have left one place in our journey but have not yet arrived at a second. The glory of the Risen Christ has already been revealed in us, but not yet totally. The feast itself celebrates the exaltation of Jesus. Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at the right hand of God. Today we are overwhelmed by the reality of the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity. Like the conquering creator-god, he has overcome his enemy (death) and now reigns over his new creation (the church).

Christ who ascended into heaven in his body carries on what he began on earth through his new body, the church. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists. He ministers through its prophets and pastors. In and through the church, Jesus continues to heal and to comfort; to forgive and to include. We have not been left alone; we have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have not been left alone; we have each other. Together we make up the new body of Christ. Together we await the fullness of this body. It is this new body that stands in between the times, secure in what we have, confident of what we will be given.

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

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

ANNIVERSARY:

RECENTLY DECEASED :

PRAY FOR THE SICK Eva Bastac, Florence Hinton, Debbie James, Jean Le Roux, Marie Darlington, Christine Jupe, Graeme Menser, Ross Spirou, Mauro Mariano, Melony Cox, Joanne McMahon, Daniel Clarke, James McNeil, Ian Macnamara, Stephanie Macnamara, Elizabeth Linsell

<u>READERS:</u>	<u>THIS WEEK</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK</u>
VIGIL:	GAIL HANGER	SOPHIA DE ZILVA

8.30AM:	DON TURVEY	TRUDY HANCOCK
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<u>CLEANERS:</u>	COLIN DUNN	HELEN WILLIS LISA BRUFFER
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<u>FLOWERS:</u>	MONIQUE SMITH VANESSA BOYD	JO McELGUNN
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SACRISTY: M A R Y G I L B E R T

MORNING TEA:
SUE & PAUL SPITERI MARY GILBERT

CATHOLIC FAMILY CAMPING WEEKEND FOR 2023

Join us for a good time with great people. October 27-29 2023 - Fridays 4pm till Sunday 3pm, Wooglemai Catholic Camping Facility/Environmental Centre, Sheehys Creek Road, Oakdale (15 minutes from Picton)

Flyers available from the racks in the church foyer.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A READER??

If you would like to become a reader and join the Mass reading roster, please contact the parish office. Training will be given.

READERS' COURSE: Current readers will be receiving an invitation (by email) this week, from Fr Peter and the Liturgy committee, to do an online course for Readers by Liturgy Brisbane (Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane). The course is free of charge (paid by the parish) and each one can do it at home, and in their own time frame. No stress. Assistance will be available from the Liturgy Committee members.

PRAYER BREAKFAST BOOK LAUNCH - Fr Tony Percy 27 May 7:30am-9am Cost \$10 Micah House Evangelisation Centre, 35a Cordeaux Street, Campbelltown Join us for a Prayer Breakfast, commencing with morning prayer of the Church, followed by breakfast and a Q & A with Fr Tony Percy about his new book entitled Australia - What went right, what went wrong? Fr Percy investigates the liberal intellectual roots of Australia's democracy and shows that, by any reasonable measure, the last 120-odd years prove the roots of this nation are strong. Signed copies of the book will be available for purchase for \$25. To learn more about the book click here. Spots are limited for what will be an engaging morning including a hot breakfast. Register now to secure your spot by clicking here RSVP by Wednesday 24 May. Any enquiries: cindy.oliver@dow.org.au

May 21-28 is the WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2023 in Australia. There will be an Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast held at Shellharbour City Council on Friday 26 May, hosted by Together for the Illawarra, with the Diocese having a table at the event, with local parishes invited to send a representative. Resources for use by Parishes can be found at <https://www.ncca.org.au/faith-and-unityresources/wopcu23>

NEW MICAH HOUSE RESOURCE CENTRE is open for everyone. Apart from having great resources for Catechists, the Micah House Resource Centre has resources to borrow for your own faith formation or that of your family including books, music, videos, CD's and now even items you can buy from Parousia Media. Come in and browse, read, have a free cuppa tea / coffee, even pray in our small chapel space. We are open from 9-3pm Mon-Thursday at 35a Cordeaux St, Campbelltown. (Entry is from the rear of the building) Please contact Cindy Oliver cindy.oliver@dow.org.au or Ph 4640 8550 for any enquiries

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - WALK FOR LIFE

Friday 26 May 2023 Annual walk for life to raise PRAYERS for Australia for all life issues - the elimination of abortion, euthanasia, family breakdown, and to pray for Australia's Government. We unite our prayer with sacrifice and entrust everything to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

You are warmly welcome to join us praying along the Kiama Coastal Walk to Gerringong (13km). BYO Lunch, snacks, water, and hat. Support vehicle provided all the way, shuttle cars return pilgrims to Kiama.

CENTENARY CELEBRATION FOR ST MICHAEL'S PARISH, THIRROUL - St Michael's parish Thirroul will be celebrating the parish centenary on 28 October 2023 at 5.30pm. Mass with Bishop Brian Mascord followed by community picnic/BBQ in school grounds. Seeking parish stories and photos for a centenary publication. Please contact Judy Bull judy.bull@bigpond.com, 0407672417.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (NSW) - Employment Opportunity SVDP have a role in Warrawong Mission Directorate for a Mission/Pastoral person covering the dioceses of Wollongong and Wagga <https://applynow.net.au/jobs/VIN3069-pastoral-care-regionalpartner>

PRAYER RALLY FOR LIFE: Please join us in prayer for the end to abortion as we gather near a health clinic in Wollongong which performs pregnancy terminations. **Where:** grass area across the road from Kings st Medical centre, on King St, Warrawong NSW 2502 (150 metres from medical Centre, as legally required). **When:** Saturday 8th July, 10-11am **What:** intercessory prayer, Rosaries, chaplets, etc **Contact:** Amy Vieira [0423289320](tel:0423289320)

MISSION: TRANSFORM LIVES - THEIRS...AND YOURS Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills and knowledge with those who have few other chances for training. Build enduring global relationships while assisting sustainable, self-reliant, community development. Explore 35 positions by scanning the QR code below. On our website you can also see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand. Please enquire further about potential assignments for you or someone you know: RING: 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567. WEB: www.palms.org.au Palms Australia.

MEN'S ROSARY GROUP - an Invitation to all Men Men from the Parish of Rosemeadow invite other men from around the Diocese to join with them on the last Tuesday of the Month to pray the Rosary, commencing at 7pm in Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church, Rosemeadow. Such men's groups are, at this time, springing up around the world to honour Our Lady and to pray for the Church and the World. Mass is celebrated at 6:30pm on Tuesday evening's and you are welcome to also attend this prior to the Rosary if you wish. For more information, please contact David at djbarrett85@gmail.com or phone: 0410 487 630.

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>

UNDERSTANDING ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY Come for an introduction in Aboriginal Catholic Spirituality. Designed as an in-service for SRE Catechists, the talk will be open to all parishioners interested about learning more about Aboriginal Spirituality, and in particular the beautiful Aboriginal Art Resource: Sacrament Series by artist Donna Marie Sadler.

There are three options for attending the course, which will run at each location from 9:30am - 1:30pm:

- Wollongong - 22 May Morning Tea will be provided.

To register: <https://www.dow.org.au/events/understanding-aboriginal-catholic-spirituality/>

THE JOURNEY, 21 MAY 2023 - Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast On The Journey This Week: Fr Mark De Battista and the Great Commission: go and make disciples. This is not an optional extra for us as Christians. Mother Hilda on doing a little exercise called: I wish God knew. Plus, Fr Mike Delaney, Trish McCarthy, and Fr Dave Callaghan. The Journey podcast is available at www.jcr.org.au.

THE ILLAWARRA CHORAL SOCIETY is sending out a Call to Peace with a new and truly moving concert at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Saturday 27 May 2023, 2pm. The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace by Welsh composer Karl Jenkins, draws on texts from various sources and includes the Christian Mass and the Islamic Call to Prayer. It was originally written in 1999 and dedicated to the victims of the Kosovo conflict. Its message is as relevant today as when it was first commissioned, and it continues to inspire and move audiences around the world. The event will be held at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Harbour Street Wollongong. The performance will commence at 2pm on Saturday 27th May. All are welcome to attend. For further details and tickets please visit the Illawarra Choral Society's website illawarrachoralsociety.com

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