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Fr Peter Tien
Parish Priest



Parish Bulletin

Third Sunday of Easter — Year A

Sunday 23 April 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14, 22-33

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

SECOND READING: Peter 1:17-21

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us,
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 24:13-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

Next week's readings: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:14, 36-41; Pet 2:20-25; Jn 10:1-10

ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH—TAHMOOR

Saturday Vigil—5.00 pm

Sunday—8.30am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

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| Tuesday - | 8.30am—Tahmoor |
| | 5.00 pm – NO ADORATION |
| | ANZAC DAY |
| Wednesday - | 8.30 am— Tahmoor |
| | St Mark, evangelist |
| Thursday - | 8.30 am— Tahmoor |
| Friday— | 8.30 am—Tahmoor |
| | St Peter Chanel, priest, martyr |

Arabic Mass 6pm, every 2nd Friday—

April dates: 28th

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 4.00 pm—4.30 pm

Baptism and Marriage

Please contact the parish office.

Adoration: Tuesday 5.00 pm—NOT THIS WEEK

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday 9am—3pm

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Companionable Breaking of Bread

This story is the story of each one of us at Mass. Each Mass is structured on the Road to Emmaus travelogue.

Two men set off on a journey of their own making. At the beginning of Mass we confess that we have gone off course.

The traveller helps the men on the road to Emmaus understand what had happened to Jesus of Nazareth by showing God's plan revealed in the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Liturgy of the Word, we hear Scriptures expounded, revealing more fully the true identity of Jesus of Nazareth. Every so often you will experience the burning sensation in your heart as something that is said hits home.

The traveller takes bread, blesses it, and gives it to them to eat. In that moment of bread-sharing, the two men recognised their travelling companion as the Risen Lord. Eat the bread consecrated at Mass, and we receive into our very being the Divine Companion for our journey through life.

We could pause for a moment to thank God for the privilege at every Mass of having our eyes opened so that we recognise Our Risen Lord Jesus Christ in the breaking of the bread.

Alleluia!

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

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

ANNIVERSARY: Sabatino Piperni

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, Margaret Brown, James McNeil, Ian Macnamara, Stephanie Macnamara, Elizabeth Linsell

READERS: THIS WEEK

VIGIL: GAIL HANGER

8.30AM: JOHN MAHER

CLEANERS: COLIN DUNN

FLOWERS: JO McELGUNN

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

MORNING TEA:

DIANA & TONY

MICHELLE HIGGS

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

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.

CATECHIST RETREAT 2023: Prayer, a journey of friendship with God - The retreat will be facilitated by Fr Aloysius Rego OCD, the regional vicar of the Discalced Carmelite Friars in Australia-Oceania and is a much loved and experienced retreat facilitator. The retreat will be held in Campbelltown on Monday, 1 May, and in Gerringong on Friday, 5 May.

Catechists will be able to register for either retreat and spouses are welcome to attend. Please register by visiting <https://www.dow.org.au/events/> and selecting the Catechist Retreat.

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) Flyers available from the racks in the church foyer.

ARE YOU UNDER 70 YEARS OF AGE?

Younger “doers” are needed to help with a working bee at St Anthony’s Tahmoor church.

WHEN? - Saturday 29/04/2023, 8am start Morning tea is provided, friendly, casual conversation included free.

Work List:

- * Completion of bollard installation
- * Weeding
- * Pile burn
- * Stump removal
- * Leveling of ruts in grassed areas
- * Collection of tree litter
- * Pressure cleaning of brick work
- * Remove Sr Cathy’s old sign
- * Painting
- * Downpipe spillage onto wall near church toilets
- (Other tasks available if time and numbers permit.)
- * Edge trimming
- * Mowing
- * Shrub pruning

AGEING WITH CONFIDENCE –

FREE INFORMATION SESSIONS 9.00AM-12.30PM

CatholicCare, with the assistance of the Committee for the Aged will be holding a **FREE** information session for Parishioners. Guest speakers will include representatives from My Aged Care, CatholicCare, local funeral director and solicitor.

When: Wednesday 10 May

Where: Campbelltown RSL, 1 Carberry Ln, Campbelltown NSW 2560

Morning tea provided.

To register, Call: 02 4227 1122

Or online: www.catholiccare.dow.org.au/events

For any other information contact Jane Hollier:

Email: janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au

Call: 0417 018 152

THE JOURNEY, 23 April 2023 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast On The Journey This Week: Fr Mike Delaney’s gospel reflection, do we want despair or hope? Mother Hilda on Jesus’ question: who do you say I am? Fr James Mellon talks about Divine Renovation, plus results from a survey of young people on their faith beliefs. The Journey podcast is available at www.jcr.org.au.

"Kindness is firm and persevering intention to always will the good of others, even the unfriendly."

"We must restore hope to young people, help the old, be open to the future, spread love. Be poor among the poor. We need to include the excluded and preach peace."

Pope Francis

FREE TECHNOLOGY TRAINING FOR SENIORS

Due to the popularity of the Cross + Generation technology program, **CatholicCare**, will again partner with St Benedict's Oran Park and **CEDoW** to help with the technology that you may be struggling with. Bring in your device, either your phone, laptop or tablet and the students will assist you with becoming more confident in downloading apps, sending messages or even using google maps.

The first day will be Tuesday 9 May from 12pm – 2.30 – this will include lunch on the day, a briefing chat followed by training.

The following dates will have afternoon tea provided.

Tuesday 16 May 1pm-2.30pm

Tuesday 23 May 1pm-2.30pm

Tuesday 30 May 1pm-2.30pm

Tuesday 6 June 1pm-2.30pm

Please join us in this unique opportunity to connect with seniors, and students for some information sharing in a fun relaxed setting at St Benedict's Catholic College Oran Park.

Places will fill quickly, so please contact Jane Hollier Parish and Community Officer **CatholicCare** on 0417018152 or janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au

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:

- Nowra - Monday 8 May
- Campbelltown - 15 May
- Wollongong - 22 May

Morning Tea will be provided.

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT: In the story of the rich man and Lazarus, Pope Francis sees the root problem of the rich man “the failure to heed God’s word. As a result, he no longer loved God and grew to despise his neighbour.” (Message for Lent 2017). According to the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, “[w]e cannot be at peace, eating our fill, in the knowledge that a sister or brother lies hungry or sick at our gate. We know that such a state of affairs is as far as it can be from the vision of God. Our God is revealed as a God of abundance and hospitality who gives life to the world, bread to the hungry and Christ as our guide and saviour. God in Jesus chooses humility, service and self-emptying as the hallmarks of a love which is everlasting, sumptuous and rich. “ (‘Lazarus at Our Gate’ ACBC Social Justice Statement 2013-2014, p12). <https://justiceandpeace.org.au/lent-easter-social-justice>



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