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**Fr Peter Tien**  
Parish Priest



### SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER —YEAR C

*Parish Bulletin*

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday 24 April 2022

#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

#### FIRST READING: Acts 5:12-16

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

#### SECOND READING: Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

*I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.*

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;

Happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them..*

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

**Next week's readings:** Third Sunday of Easter —Year C

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19

#### 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

St Mark, evangelist

Wednesday - 8.30 am—Tahmoor

Thursday - 8.30 am—Tahmoor

St Peter Chanel, priest, martyr

Friday— 8.30 am—Tahmoor

St Catherine of Siena, virgin, doctor

#### Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 4.00 pm—4.30 pm

Adoration: Tuesday at 5.00 pm

#### OFFICE HOURS

**Tuesday & Thursday**

9.00a.m. - 3.00p.m.

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### REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The disciples did not purge their group of 'doubting Thomas'. They remained his companions, waiting for something or Someone to be revealed to him with them.

Doubt and questioning are a normal and proper part of being human. We should allow for this within the community of the Church. A point may come where a person may no longer remain in the Church with any integrity. But a dismissive, excluding Church is not the Church of this gospel story.

Within the companionship of the Church a doubter may hear the words: 'Peace be with you.' What sort of peace? It is that inner assurance that, in the midst of all the tribulations and the turmoil and the myriad precursor deaths which we suffer on all sorts of levels, the Conqueror of Death wants to be with us.

How can the Risen Lord be with us? In Holy Communion, and in those counted as least in the world. According to Matthew 25, He is those without the necessities of life: food, shelter, medical care, comfort in distress.

We could pause for a moment to savour that Peace which comes from faith in the Conqueror of Death and in his Real Presence in Holy Communion and in those in dire need.

**PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:**

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

**ANNIVERSARY:** Cost & Helen Axiak

**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

<b><u>READERS:</u></b>	<b><u>THIS WEEK</u></b>	<b><u>NEXT WEEK</u></b>
VIGIL:	GAIL HANGER	KATRINA COLLIMORE

8.30AM:	GEOFF BROWN	JOHN BROWN
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<b><u>CLEANERS:</u></b>	<b>MORE CLEANERS URGENTLY NEEDED</b>	COLIN DUNN
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<b><u>FLOWERS:</u></b>	JO McELGUNN	MURIELLE AZZI
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<b><u>SACRISTY:</u></b>	MARY GILBERT	GILLIAN DOBSON
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**DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG MASS ONLINE** For all of the online Mass options- please visit the DoW website <https://dow.sh/onlinemass>

**THE ROSARY**

- Wednesday 5.00 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.

**THE JOURNEY, 24 APRIL 2022** – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast On The Journey This Week: Celebrate the joy of the Easter season with some of the most dynamic catholic speakers in the Catholic Church in Australia on this week's show, not to mention some amazing music that will wake you up to the profound reality of the good news of the resurrection! The Journey podcast available at [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au)

**MASS ON T.V.**

All Masses in the area have resumed. If you are unwell, Sunday Mass can be watched on Channel 10 at 6am

**PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES/ENVELOPES**

Please ensure that all boxes and envelopes for Project Compassion are returned as soon as possible, so the money can be forwarded quickly to Caritas.

**2022 PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM**

The Parish Sacramental Program is starting soon. Details will be distributed through the schools and will be available in the racks in The Foyer outside the Church. Please keep an eye out for them. The program starts with Eucharist (First Holy Communion) and there will be Parent ONLY meetings at 1.00pm OR 7.00pm on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May OR 7.00pm on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May

**DIACONATE ORDINATION OF JAMES ARBLASTER**

30 April 2022 Limited spaces remain available for the ordination of James Arblaster to the Diaconate on Saturday 30 April at 10.30 am at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong. You are invited to consider joining James' family, friends, fellow seminarians and the faithful of the diocese, in praying for James on this special day. You must register to attend in person at [rsvp.dow.org.au](http://rsvp.dow.org.au) Alternatively, please you are encouraged to join with the faithful from around the Diocese who will prayerfully view the ordination online <http://livestream.lumenchristi.org.au/>

**LIVE LOCAL MACARTHUR CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY WOLLONGONG (CYMW)**

is back with LIVE Local in the Macarthur, running every Sunday night in the school term from 6:15pm–8:15pm, at St John the Evangelist Parish Campbelltown. This regional youth group is for all Parishes and is open to young people aged 13–17 who want to make new friends and grow in their faith. Come along for snacks, games, formation, prayer, and music. For more information, please contact our deanery youth group coordinator, Luke Vail at [luke.vail@dow.org.au](mailto:luke.vail@dow.org.au) For more details on youth groups, visit <https://www.dow.org.au/cymw/>

**ePETITION TO ABOLISH THE DEATH BILL** Bishop Mascord urges you to take a stand to ABOLISH Alex Greenwich's Death Bill. It is imperative that all our supporters of life sign this ePetition—WITHOUT DELAY—encouraging others to do the same. To do so, please click [here](http://www.dow.org.au/abolishdeathbill/) or go to [www.dow.org.au/abolishdeathbill/](http://www.dow.org.au/abolishdeathbill/)

**MORNING TEA after 8.30am Mass—** has recommenced. A sheet will be available in the kitchen for you to add your name, if you would like to be part of the roster to serve on this special ministry.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT** Social Justice Statement The Church's social doctrine is an integral part of her evangelizing ministry. – Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church - Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace

**FAITH EDUCATION OFFICER – Catholic Diocese of Wollongong - CCD** Suitably experienced and qualified persons are encouraged to apply for the role of Faith Education Officer for the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. Commencing in May/June 2022, this role supports the important work of Catholic Special Religious Education for over 8000 young Catholics in approximately 140 state schools. Based in Campbelltown, with hybrid working location arrangements, the successful applicant will be primarily involved in supporting the recruitment, training, and authorisation of volunteers throughout the diocese. Proficiency in teaching/presenting and sound administrative skills are essential. The position comes with an attractive remuneration package including salary, superannuation, fully maintained vehicle, IT equipment and phone.

Applicants must submit a cover letter and a resume detailing relevant qualifications and experience. Applications can be emailed to [hel-bennett@dow.org.au](mailto:hel-bennett@dow.org.au)

For more information and a detailed role description go to [www.dow.org.au/jobs](http://www.dow.org.au/jobs)

For all enquiries, call Helen on (02) 4222 2403 Applications close Friday 29 April 2022.

*Employment with the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong is conditional upon a successful referee check, National Criminal History Record check and Working with Children check.*

**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>

**AMORIS LAETITIA (THE JOY OF LOVE)** Pope Francis' post-synodal apostolic exhortation, Amoris Laetitia (“The Joy of Love”) on love in the family was published after the conclusion of a two-year synod process discussing both the beauty and challenges of family life today. The 2015 Synod's theme was the vocation and mission of the family in the Church and the modern world. Fr Bernard Gordon and James Arblaster will be presenting a nine-week course on Amoris Laetitia commencing Wednesday 27 April 2022, 7pm at St Francis Xavier Cathedral in the Monsignor Rigney Meeting Room. To follow the talk, please purchase a copy of Amoris Laetitia from St Pauls Publications or from the parish office. To register please contact Lumen Christi Parish Office on 4211 0500 or go to: [www.lumenchristi.org.au/AmorisLaetitia](http://www.lumenchristi.org.au/AmorisLaetitia)

**FIRST FRIDAY LUNCH** Friday 6 May - in the Parish Centre at Midday.

Bring your own lunch and please come and enjoy the good company of your fellow parishioners

### **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*
- *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 Vaccination and booster*



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