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Fr Peter Tien
Parish Priest



Parish Bulletin

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time —YEAR C

Sunday 24 July 2022

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:20-32

A reading from the book of Genesis
Lord, do not be angry if I speak.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

SECOND READING: Colossians 2:12-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians
He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart,
And yield a harvest through perseverance.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Ask, and it will be given to you.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

Next week's readings: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C —
Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

St Anthony's Church—Tahmoor

Saturday Vigil—5.00 pm

Sunday—8.30am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Tuesday - 5.00 pm — NO ADORATION
5.30 pm — NO MASS
Sts Joachim and Anne
Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday - 8.30 am— NO MASS
Thursday - 8.30 am— NO MASS
Friday— 8.30 am— NO MASS
Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 4.00 pm—4.30 pm

Adoration: Tuesday at 5.00 pm—NOT THIS WEEK

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday

9.00a.m. - 3.00p.m.

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The readings invite us to reflect on prayer. Whether our prayer be praise, contrition, thanksgiving or petition, it always recognises our need for God. In the gospel Jesus instructs us to ask for what we need. He assures us that God is more than willing to give us what we need. However, for this to happen we must turn to God and humbly acknowledge our need.

The most obvious characteristic of prayer depicted in the readings for this Sunday is persistence. Neither Abraham nor the man in the gospel was deterred by any obstacle. They show that it is not so much that we persist in prayer in order to change God's mind as it is that we persist in order to discover what God's mind might be.

The salutariness of prayer is often found in the change that it effects in us, not in God. By persevering in genuine prayer we may come to acknowledge that all things are in God's hands, and that we can rest content to leave them there, trusting that the situation will be cared for as God sees fit. It seems trite to say that God hears all prayer and sometimes the answer is 'No!' It is better to say that God respects the freedom of people and will seldom intervene to change the way events unfold. Still, prayer can change the one who prays and also the one for whom the prayer is offered if only human need is recognised and divine solicitude is acknowledged.

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

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

ANNIVERSARY: Mario Cortis, John Farrell, Josef & Irena Cichocki, Giuseppe Garbo, Joseph Farrugia, Angela Farrugia, Felici Farrugia

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

<u>READERS:</u>	<u>THIS WEEK</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK</u>
VIGIL:	KATRINA COLLIMORE	TRISH LINDNER

8.30AM:	TRUDY HANCOCK	PAUL WYATT
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<u>CLEANERS:</u>	THERESE NEILSON CHRIS NEILSON	COLIN DUNN
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<u>FLOWERS:</u>	CHRIS CARBURY	SUE SPITERI
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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.

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

READING ROSTERS: New rosters have been emailed to those who the parish have an email address for. If the parish does not have an email address, for you, a copy can be collected from the kitchen.

RESURFACING OF THE CARPARK

The much needed resurfacing of the carpark is expected to commence on the 25 of July

It is expected to take 5 days—Monday—Friday.

THERE WILL BE NO ACCESS TO THE CHURCH GROUNDS DURING THOSE FIVE DAYS

HOLY COMMUNION SURVEY: A big thank you to those who completed the recent Holy Communion survey, we really value your feedback. Can the person who offered to help with the music please contact the parish office, as the survey was anonymous we are uncertain of who you are.

**ADVANCE NOTICE—FIRST FRIDAY LUNCH**

For the month of August only, the first Friday lunch will be held on the **second Friday - 12 August.**

Please bring your lunch and share the company of other parishioners. From 12 noon in the admin centre.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES:

The new financial year planned giving envelopes are available for collection, from the foyer.

If you would like to support the parish financially, the planned giving program is an opportunity to do so. Giving can be done via envelopes, direct debit or credit card. For more information please contact the parish office on a Tuesday or Thursday, on 4683 2230 or picton@dow.org.au

PARISH COLUMBARIUM**CREMATION AND CATHOLICS TODAY:**

The revised Code of Canon Law of 1983 helps Catholics understand that the 1963 lifting of the prohibition forbidding Catholics to cremate their deceased loved one's remains was never intended as an endorsement: "The Church earnestly recommends the pious custom of burying the bodies of the dead be observed, it does not however, forbid cremation unless it has been chosen for reasons which are contrary to Christian teaching" (*Canon 1176*). The Church now allows for cremation of the body, providing that family members making that decision are not doing so

because they fear the body is lost forever and has no future together in Christ with the immortal soul.

The parish is in the process of determining the need of a columbarium, for the internment of loved ones ashes. Please contact Vince Holloway on 0449-065875 if you require more details.

CELEBRATING A RETURN TO GLOBAL MISSION

Once again Australian Catholics are being offered deep re-engagement with our sisters and brothers globally. Covid challenged our ability to reach beyond but now you can again consider Mission opportunities abroad. If you respond to the call to share your skills; to mentor those with little other opportunity, you will be prepared and supported by Palms Australia who have engaged Australian Catholics in this mission since 1961.

Enquire online or Ph: 0422 742 567 about a placement to engage your skills and Register for a Webinar on Monday 1 August at 7:00 pm for the chance to talk directly with Palms' partner communities abroad and two Australian program participants recently posted to work with them. Invite your friends. The stories will inspire.

TO ALL PARISHIONERS IN THE WOLLONGONG DIOCESE,

you are invited to a Mass with Bishop Brian Mascord on Monday 8 August at 12 Midday, to celebrate the feast day of Saint Mary of the Cross McKillop and the 150th Anniversary of the Josephite Sisters in NSW. Following Mass Bishop Brian Mascord will bless the new Statue for the Unborn, provided by Catholic Women's League. Light lunch will be provided by Catholic Women's League in the Xavier Centre. All are welcome.

JESUS' VOICE REMAINS STRONG IN AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY RECENTLY,

the Australian Bureau of Statistics released the first data from the 2021 Census, including figures on religious affiliation, which show Catholics now make up 20% of the population—down from 22.6% in 2016. Catholics, at almost 5.1 million people, remain the largest religious group by a significant margin, followed by Anglicans at 10% The combined Christian population is now 44%. Those professing no religion comprise 39% of those who answered the question on the Census. The president of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, Archbishop Mark Coleridge, said that despite a fall in the number of people identifying as Christian, "Almost half the population still identify as Christian, which means that Jesus is very much part of the mix in the Australian soul." You can read Archbishop Coleridge's full comments at: <https://dow.sh/2021census>

INAUGURAL TIM FISCHER ORATION ON ETHICS IN PUBLIC & POLITICAL LIFE to be held on Thursday 18 August 2022 at the Great Hall Parliament House. Many from the Corporate, Education, and Political Sectors will gather for this event. This event highlights the need for leaders and future leaders to pursue honesty, fairness, and equity in interpersonal and professional relationships and activities. For more information or to purchase tickets go to: www.tfo.org.au

JOIN THE DIOCESAN CHOIR People from across the Diocese who have suitable experience are encouraged to register to participate in the Diocesan Choir for major diocesan liturgical events. To learn more, and to register, please visit the Diocesan website: www.dow.org.au/diocesan-choir/

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY:

Pope Francis established the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly last year, which is being celebrated on Sunday 24 July. The day is marked near the feast of Sts Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. The theme for this year's celebration is "*In old age they will still bear fruit*" (Psalm 92:14)

PRAYER FOR THE SECOND WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

*I give thanks to you, Lord,
For the blessing of a long life
For, to those who take refuge in You,
Grant always to bear fruit.*

*Forgive, O Lord,
Resignation and disillusionment,
But forsake me not
When my strength declines.
Teach me to look with hope
To the future you give me,
To the mission you entrust to me
And to sing your praises without end.
Make me a tender craftsman
Of Your revolution,
To guard with love my grandchildren
And all the little ones who seek shelter in You.*

*Protect, O Lord, Pope Francis
And grant Thy Church
To deliver the world from loneliness.
Direct our steps in the way of peace.
Amen*

****Prayer cards from the inaugural World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly are available at the rear of the church****

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