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**Fr Peter Tien  
Parish Priest**



17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY —YEAR B

*Parish Bulletin*

Sunday 25 July 2021

## **FIRST READING:**

A reading from the second book of the Kings (2 Kgs 4:42-44)

*They will eat and have some left over.*

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

## **SECOND READING:**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians (Eph 4:1-6)

*There is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.*

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

## **GOSPEL**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (Jn 6:1-15)

*He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.*

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

## **WEEKEND MASS TIMES:**

**St Anthony's Church - Tahmoor**

Saturday Vigil - 5.00 pm

Sunday - 7.30 am & 9.30 am

## **WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:**

Tuesday - 5.00 pm— NO ADORATION

5.30 pm— NO MASS

Wednesday - 8.30 am— NO MASS

Thursday - 8.30 am— NO MASS

Friday - 8.30 am— NO MASS

## **Reconciliation (Confession)**

Not currently available.

**Adoration:** Tuesday: Not this week

## **OFFICE HOURS**

**Tuesday & Thursday**

9.00a.m. - 3.00p.m.

**Parish Phone** 4683 2230

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## **Responsorial Psalm**

- R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us;  
he answers all our needs.
- All your creatures shall thank you,  
O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God. (R.)
  - The eyes of all creatures look to you  
and you give them their food in due time.  
You open wide your hand,  
grant the desires of all who live. (R.)
  - The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
who call on him from their hearts. (R.)



# YEAR of SAINT JOSEPH

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

DECEMBER 8, 2020 - DECEMBER 8, 2021

## PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH (POPE FRANCIS)

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary! To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

## 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 John Bell, Leone Kirton, Marie Darlington, Christine Jupe, Graeme Menser, Ross Spirou, Lesley Thompson, Mauro Mariano, Melony Cox, Joanne McMahon, Daniel Clarke, Margaret Brown, Lesley Gardiner, James McNeil, Ian Macnamara, Stephanie Macnamara, Elizabeth Linsell

## READERS: THIS WEEK

## NEXT WEEK

VIGIL:

7.30AM:

9.30AM:

## CLEANERS:

## FLOWERS:

## SACRISTY:

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

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES are now available for collection from the foyer of the church.

(When Masses resume)

If you are not already in planned giving and would like to contribute to support the parish, please contact the parish office.

Giving can be done via the envelope system or by direct debit or credit card.

## UPDATED INFORMATION FOR CONFIRMATION 2021

For all parents of children in year six and older who wish their child to be confirmed this year— We are still hoping to have Bishop Brian confirm our children at a 3.00pm Mass at our church in Tahmoor on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August. However in the current COVID conditions and crisis it would be most unwise and illegal to have any public meetings to prepare for Confirmation in the next few weeks.

We will be sending the work booklets for the preparation program home to those parents who wish their child to be confirmed this year and it will be the work of the parents to prepare their children for the Sacrament. There will be a help sheet with the booklet and a phone number to ring if there is any difficulty. There will be a short preparation and practice session for the Sacrament on the Friday evening before 20<sup>th</sup> August at 7.00pm. Arrangements will also be made for an opportunity for Reconciliation in the week before the Sacrament.

If you do intend your child to be confirmed this year please let us know: Child's name and surname, date of birth, date of baptism, suburb and name of church of Baptism, Father's name, Mother's name and maiden name, Home Address and preferred Phone number and Email address.

Please contact Paul Wyatt 0419262774 or [paul.wyatt@iinet.net.au](mailto:paul.wyatt@iinet.net.au) for any enquiries or contact the parish office 46832230 or [picton@dow.org.au](mailto:picton@dow.org.au)

## NEXT WEEK READINGS:

**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15, Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

If you have planned giving envelope **No.68**, could you please contact the parish office or let Fr Peter know, thank you

**I AM WITH YOU  
ALWAYS**

**WORLD DAY  
FOR  
GRANDPARENTS  
AND THE  
ELDERLY**

**#IAMWITHYOUALWAYS**



### **PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY**

I thank You, Lord,  
for the comfort of Your presence:  
even in times of loneliness,

You are my hope and my confidence,  
You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth!

I thank You for having given me a family  
and for having blessed me with a long life.

I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty,  
for the dreams that have already come true in my life  
and for those that are still ahead of me.

I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness  
to which You call me.

Increase, O Lord, my faith,  
make me a channel of your peace,  
teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me,  
to never stop dreaming  
and to tell of your wonders to new generations.

Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church,  
that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the  
earth.

Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world,  
that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed,  
the poor consoled and wars ended.

Sustain me in weakness  
and help me to live life to the full  
in each moment that You give me,  
in the certainty that you are with me every day,  
even until the end of the age.

Amen.

### **URGENT EUTHANASIA PETITION**

**TAKE URGENT ACTION TODAY TO HELP SAVE VULNERABLE LIVES – RAISE YOUR VOICE TO PROTECT LIFE: SIGN THE OPEN LETTER TO THE PREMIER TODAY**

The architect of NSW's terrible abortion laws (Independent MP Alex Greenwich) has released a bill that would introduce euthanasia and assisted suicide in this state. There is never a good time to introduce laws that sanction the killing of our most vulnerable human beings. However, it seems that a pandemic, which is affecting the lives and livelihoods of millions of people is the worst time to introducing state-sanctioned killing in New South Wales. The community is currently accepting significant restrictions on our personal autonomy in order to protect those most at risk. The people of NSW have already spent a month in lockdown, with many unable to visit elderly parents at home, in hospital or in aged care facilities. The timing of the release of the bill further serves to stifle debate and public comment.

**To help stop precious parliamentary time and health resources being diverted to those with a pro-death agenda, please consider taking two important steps today:**

1. Please sign a petition to Premier Gladys Berejiklian, asking her to reject euthanasia and assisted suicide, and instead focus parliamentary time and precious health resources on repairing the social and economic cost of this latest outbreak. **To Sign the petition go to:**  
[https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/petition\\_2107\\_nsw\\_cas](https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/petition_2107_nsw_cas)
2. Please email your NSW State Member of Parliament and ask them to oppose the introduction of these dangerous laws.

### **2020-21 SIGNIFICANT MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS**

**NEW DATE:** Sunday 19 September 2021 – two Masses (12:30pm and 2:30pm) Due to covid restrictions, this event has been postponed from 8 August to Sunday 19 September 2021. If you would like an invitation to the Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord at St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow on Sunday, 19 September 2021, contact Helen Bennett at the Office of the Bishop at 4222 2403,

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

### **MASS ON T.V.**

As all Masses in the area have been cancelled due to the recent COVID restrictions—Mass can be watched every week on Sunday morning at 6.00 am on Channel 10



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