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Fr Peter Tien
Parish Priest



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER —YEAR A

Parish Bulletin

Sunday 26 April 2020

Easter greetings!

I hope this email find you well!

I feel encouraged by your example of patience and resilience in faith and devotion to the risen Lord. At this stage, let us remember the words of Jesus for Nicodemus a learned person and also a leader of the Jewish community at the time, 'God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that those who believe in his name may not be lost, but be saved by believing in the name of God's son.'

Stay safe and take care of each other.

Kind regards,

Fr. Peter Tien.



ANZAC DAY for the Faithful in the Diocese of Wollongong

Bishop Mascord has made available an online service that enables the faithful around the Diocese to appropriately and prayerfully mark the occasion of Anzac Day this weekend.

The material is available via www.dow.org.au

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Leo Bice, Ray Mason, John Prey
ANNIVERSARIES:

PRAY FOR THE SICK Christine Jupe, Janelle Clifton, Peter Wood, Graeme Menser, Ross Spirou, Lesley Thompson, Mauro Mariano, Mary McMahon, John Debono, Melony Cox, Joanne McMahon, Daniel Clarke, Margaret Brown, Lesley Gardiner, James McNeil, Ian Macnamara, Stephanie Macnamara, Jim Matthews, Elizabeth Linsell

WANTED: Is there any parishioner who does small engraving jobs? If you are able to assist the parish, please phone or email the parish office.

PROJECT COMPASSION Do you have a Project Compassion Box, Envelope or Cash that you need to hand in so we can help others at this difficult time? We know that many of you may not be able to hand in your Project Compassion boxes, envelopes or cash, to parishes at this time.

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BOOKS

Need some new reading material? There are books available in the shack. Some books also for those schooling from home. Please take what you require and leave tidy and covered up.

DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG MASS ONLINE AND OTHER SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

During this period of time where Masses in the diocese are suspended, it is important to know that you have not been abandoned by the Church. Members of the faithful are urged to keep holy the Lord's Day by making an act of Spiritual Communion, a well-established devotional practice of uniting one's self in prayer with Christ's sacrifice when circumstances prevent one from receiving holy Communion.

Starting Sunday 29 March, we will be providing Sunday Mass online available at www.dow.org.au and on the diocese's Facebook page www.facebook.com/WollongongCatholic with Bishop Brian Mascord and other priests from the diocese.

Other Online Masses from Around the Diocese of Wollongong

For daily Masses, parishioners throughout the Diocese are encouraged to access other home worship resources including:

- Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays 12:10pm Mass from the Cathedral House at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong
- Tuesday—Sunday Masses from Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church, Rosemeadow
- Saturdays 5pm and Sundays 10am Mass from St Mary MacKillop Catholic Church, Oran Park
- Daily Mass from St John the Evangelist Catholic Parish, Campbelltown
- Daily Mass at 7am from All Saints Catholic Parish, Shellharbour City
- Daily 7pm Mass and Sunday 10am Mass from Mary Immaculate Catholic Church, Eagle Vale

Mass for You at Home is available across the Ten Network on Sundays at 6am and any time on TenPlay

ELECTRONIC PARISH PLANNED GIVING

Given that all non-essential travel has been cancelled, some parishioners who support our parish planned giving envelope program have asked how they can continue to financially support the parish. So, we respectfully encourage all parishioners to join our electronic parish planned giving program to help us ensure that we limit the financial pressure this current situation will impose on our parish.

Importantly, we are mindful that some of our parishioners will sadly be experiencing a change in their financial circumstances. Please contact the Parish Office (4683 2230 or picton@dow.org.au) if you need to decrease/discontinue your planned giving contribu-

tion, but mainly to let us know how we can support you. <https://www.dow.org.au/plannedgiving/>

If you would like to commence giving by direct debit or via credit card, new forms are available for you to complete, they are available in the racks in the foyer of the church, or they can be emailed to you.

ALTERNATIVE:

2nd collection—(all parish expenses)

Picton Parish

BSB 066-711

Account number: 001783

1st collection— (Priests & their living expenses)

Picton Presbytery

BSB: 066711

Account number: 002196

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

The Church encourages frequent, even daily, Holy Communion, but if at any time we cannot go to Mass in or out of this season of the coronavirus, we can still unite ourselves to the Eucharist through making a spiritual Communion.

By making an Act of Spiritual Communion, we express our faith in Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist and ask him to unite himself with us. Here is the Act of Spiritual Communion written by St. Alphonsus de Liguori:

My Jesus,

I believe that You

are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment

receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and

unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen

OFFICE HOURS

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LETS PRAY TOGETHER

A call to commit to Prayer during the Pandemic every evening at 7pm: The faithful across the Diocese of Wollongong are urged to join with other members of the National Council of Churches, so that all Christians pray 7pm every night through until Easter Sunday during the Pandemic crisis.

**PRAYERING FOR OUR WORLD,
AMIDST COVID-19**

Gracious God,

We give thanks anew for your providence and presence.

We prayerfully seek your grace, amidst COVID-19 here and overseas. We pray for those in need of healing.

We pray for your peace with those who are anxious or grieving. We pray you will continue to strengthen and sustain all those who are serving in response.

We pray for your Holy Spirit's discernment amidst the many choices and decisions facing our national, community and medical leaders.

We pray we each might see quickly what more we can do to help those who are vulnerable.

This prayer for our nation in the family of nations, with all that is on our hearts, we gather now and pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2020:

The sacramental has been suspended. But we would like to be ready to run the programs later this year if it becomes possible. So, we are asking anyone, who has children that they wish to attend a Parish Sacramental Program this year, to contact the parish office, wither by phone or email (preferably email) to register your interest in having your child or children attend a Parish Sacramental Preparation program (Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation) this year. It is important that you register, as there may not be a great deal of time for preparation programs later in the year and if we do not already have your child's name they may miss out.

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