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Fr Peter Tien
Parish Priest



Parish Bulletin

First Sunday of Lent — Year A

Sunday 26 February 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

A reading from the book of Genesis

Creation of our first parents and sin.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-19

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Romans

Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Next week's readings: Second Sunday of Lent

Gen 12:1-4; Tim 1:8-10; Mt 17:1-9

ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH—TAHMOOR

Saturday Vigil—6.00 pm

Sunday—8.30am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Tuesday - 5.00 pm – ADORATION

5.30 pm— Tahmoor

Wednesday - 8.30 am— Tahmoor

Thursday - 8.30 am— Tahmoor

Friday— 8.30 am—Tahmoor

6.00 pm—Tahmoor

Stations of the Cross

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 5.00 pm—5.30 pm

Baptism and Marriage

Please contact the parish office.

Adoration: Tuesday 5.00 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday 9am—3pm

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It is Written

Jesus was offered three shortcuts for his ministry. Firstly, exceptional powers to satisfy his own needs (bread out of stones). Secondly, when he needed to take risks, angels to keep him safe. Thirdly, when he wanted to change the world, absolute political power.

These were the Temptations of Christ, but also for us. If you or I are tempted to sin, we will find the marks of this threefold pattern. We want the whole world to change to satisfy us, or we want to take stupid risks and come out unscathed, or we want to exercise total power over others.

How can we try to follow Jesus without the shortcuts of the fantasy world which the Devil may offer? Note that Jesus resisted each temptation with: 'It is written'. The forty days of Lent are a perfect opportunity to read what 'is written' in the Gospels about the episodes and pattern of the life of Jesus Christ.

We could pause for a moment to find what is written and to imitate what we find. That is how the Devil is defeated.

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

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

ANNIVERSARY:

RECENTLY DECEASED : Peter Radecki, Pat McCauley

PRAY FOR THE SICK 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: KATRINA COLLIMORE

8.30AM: MAREE GALEA

NEXT WEEK

TRISH LINDNER

MARG FOLDES

CLEANERS: COLIN DUNN

HELEN WILLIS &
LISA BRUFFER

FLOWERS:

NO FLOWERS DURING LENT

SACRISTY:

M A R Y G I L B E R T

MORNING TEA:

MICHELLE HIGGS

SUE SPITERI

ROSARY RECITED: The Rosary is being said prior to weekday morning Mass at 8am, including Sundays. Everyone is invited to come and prayer for world peace.

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.

CLEANING ROSTER: More cleaners are always needed. If you can spare a few hours, once every 4-5 weeks, please contact the parish office

MORNING TEA ROSTER: The roster for morning tea, following 8.30am Mass on Sundays requires more people. Please contact Diana Ingreys—4684 1057, or the parish office.

PASCHAL PRECEPT: Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between Ash Wednesday (22 February 2023) and Trinity Sunday (4 June 2023) unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year. All the faithful are obliged to **confess** their grave sins at least once a year.

Fr George Condookala can be contacted on 0400 228 295, if you require a priest.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Will be held on Fridays, 24 February
and 3 March at 6pm

TRIUMPH—Lenten Program 2023 Now available from the piety stall. Books are \$4.50 each, there is a limited supply

PROJECT COMPASSION: Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and ***For All Future Generations.***

As St Pope John Paul II said, “The future starts today, not tomorrow.”

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow ***For All Future Generations.***

2023 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 3rd March

“I have heard about your faith”

The focus country this year is Taiwan.

Wollondilly Presbyterian Church, Cnr Progress & Abelia Sts, Tahmoor, at 10.30am. Lunch to follow.

SUPPORTING ADULT SURVIVORS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE WORKSHOP—further information can be found on the noticeboard in the foyer.

EXPLORE MAGDALENE—more details on flyer on the noticeboard in the foyer.

“DOERS” NEEDED!

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ANY AND ALL WELCOME!

Saturday 04/03/2023, 8am start

Morning tea is provided, friendly, casual conversation included free.

Work List:

Completion of bollard installation

Window cleaning

Edge trimming

Weeding

Leveling of ruts in grassed areas

Collection of tree litter

Pressure cleaning of brickwork

Other tasks available if time and numbers permit.

Mowing

Painting

Pressure cleaning

Shrub cleaning

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